

We Gather to Worship God

“Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away...the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are they whose sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
All People Are Living But Mortal

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 339 Hursley
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*In the name of God,
**who created us,
 who holds us and the whole world in his hands.**
 In the name of the Son
**who came into the world,
 who reconciles us with God.**
 In the name of the Holy Spirit
**who fills us with eternal life,
 who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace,
 we come together to offer our thanks and praise.***

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried,
 the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
 shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful Father, we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving all your sins and making of you a new creation. Amen.

* RESPONSE No. 482 *Lord, Have Mercy* *Kriewald Kyrie*

*Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.
 And also with you.*

* All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ’s peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, “Peace be with you.”

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Joshua 5:9-12 OT. Pg. 197

*This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.*

ACT OF PRAISE Tim Lawrence

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 NT Pg. 181

*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM Harry Rowe Shelley

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NT Pgs.78-79

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

*Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children’s Church in room 123.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 292 *Wondrous Love*

What Wondrous Love Is This
 Stanzas 1 & 2

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle

From a Distance...

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2214 (TFWS) *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Lead Me, Guide Me
 Sing twice

OFFERTORY Gerald Near

The Glory of These Forty Days

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

*Taking the Bread and Cup
 *The Great Thanksgiving
 The Lord’s Prayer
 Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord’s Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to One Great Hour of Sharing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 2197 (TFWS) *Lord of All Hopefulness* *Slane*
 No. 2126 *All Who Hunger* *Holy Manna*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 384 *Beecher*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
Fugue in C Minor

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of Mamie Jenkins for her March birthday
 by Churchill Jenkins & family and
 George Jenkins, Jr. & family

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING AT FIRST UMC

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Prayer Concerns

Assisted Living Facilities: Brookdale: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault

At Home: Catherine Causey, Irby Koon, Ross Edwards, Don and Bonita Smoak, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.



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Serving This Sunday, March 6

Altar Guild: Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Kim Wright
Peggy Turnes
Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Emma Chanaca,
John Kelly Thompkins
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Blake Martin / Delan Stevens
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner
Trustee Duty: Randy Wood, Brian Stewart
Bus Duty: Tim Whitten
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)
William Goldfinch, Tucker Gore, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 6

9:30 a.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, March 7

5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room

Tuesday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
1:00 p.m. Stilley/Walsh Circle / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting (Cocaine Anonymous) / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting / Parlor

Wednesday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Lunch / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Room 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, March 10

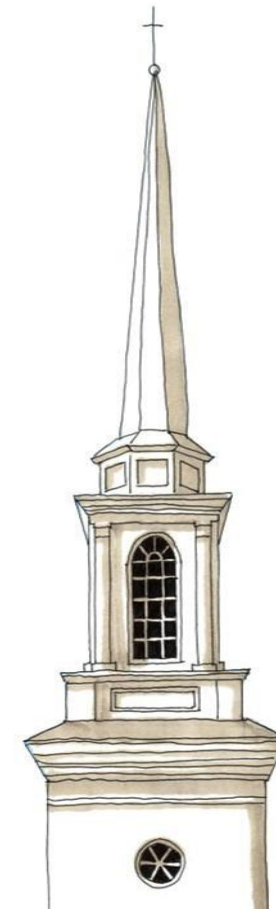
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

Friday, March 11

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, March 12

12:00 p.m. Brenwald Family / FLC



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016
11:00 a.m.

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Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.