

First Church at Worship

The psalm sets the tone for this day: “Happy are they 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 we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus sake: Rejoice!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“I Cry to Thee, O Lord”

Lind

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Beecher

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey. *Amen.*

Merciful God,
*we have sinned against heaven and before you.
We do not fully live as you 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.
Once dead in sin, we are alive to God.
Once lost, we are now found.
God clothes you in the finest robe of all,
the righteousness of † Jesus Christ,
forgiving all your sins
and making you a new creation.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

New World

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

The 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*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

OT. Pg. 197

Joshua 5:1-9

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

THE PSALTER No. 766

Gary A. Smith

Psalm 32: 1-11 *with Response*

THE EPISTLE LESSON

NT Pg. 181

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NT Pgs. 78-79

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Mr. Blake

“A Loving Family”

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

SERMON

The Honorable Blake Martin

“The Far Country”

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 381

Bradbury

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

CALL TO PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY

New Britain

“Amazing Grace ”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Mac Wilberg

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 294

Martyrdom

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Benedetto Marcello

“Psalm XIX”

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Leonard and Diana Rodwell.

Evening Service in the Hut

6:00 p.m.

Blake Martin, speaker

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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.



Christian sympathy is given to Duc Watts and family on the death of his father, Henry "Don" Watts, Jr. Mr. Watts passed away on Thursday, March 7 in Murrells Inlet.

Today we welcome the Honorable Blake Martin to lead us in worship. Blake is our Lay Leader at First Church and serves North Myrtle Beach as a municipal judge. Rev. Kyle and Tim Whitten are away this weekend on a Confirmation Retreat with our confirmands at Epworth-by-the-Sea Retreat Center in St. Simons Island, Georgia. Please give Blake a warm welcome and lift him up in your prayers this day along with the eighteen youth and adults who are on retreat this weekend. The confirmands will return this afternoon.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING 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:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed.)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

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

Serving This Sunday, March 10

- Lector:** Kathleen McCracken
- Crucifer and Acolyte:** Ann Morgan Fallaw, Emmelyn Hood, Jacob Johnson
- Altar Guild:** Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson
- Trustee Duty:** Jim Edwards
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
- Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)
Jim Edwards, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, William Goldfinch
- Nursery Volunteers:** Cathy Senn, Elizabeth Senn, Caroline Todd
- Children's Church:** Jan Gawith

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating	13,350.50	Sunday School	147
Music Scholarship	1.00	Morning Worship	240
Missionary Fund	25.00	Evening Worship	10
Epworth	150.00	Wonderful Wednesday	91
Salkehatchie	860.00	Lenten Luncheon	127
Lily	60.00	CAP Items	21
Lily Child	90.00		
Confirmation Retreat	775.00		
Shepherd's Table	299.00		
Building Fund	4,902.00		
Total	20,512.50		

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 10

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Tuesday, March 12

- 1:00 p.m. Stilley/Walsh Circle / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, March 13

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Gathering: Snacks, Homework, Playtime / Room 119
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Learning/Crafts/Activities / Room119
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Wesley Chimes / Handbell Room 211
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. Cherub & Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room 105
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Second Floor Commons
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, March 14

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / First Baptist Church



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2013
11:00 a.m.



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.