

We Gather to Worship God

In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and the Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
I Come, My Lord, and Seek Thee Now

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 159 Crucifer
Lift High the Cross

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Behold, now is the acceptable time;
Now is the day of salvation.
May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God, forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.
Silence.
We were silent when we should have said something.
Silence.
We acted when we knew better.
Silence.
We were still when we know we should have moved.
Silence.
For the wrong we have done, for the mercy we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

* RESPONSE No. 482 Lord, Have Mercy Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then my 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Emma Quinn Nelson,
infant daughter of William and Jill Nelson

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Emma Quinn Nelson for baptism,

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that through your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

Leader Address the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Emma with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and the one who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Emma Quinn Nelson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a OT Pg.10

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

ANTHEM Lionel Bourne

Thou Art God

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 NT Pgs. 154-155

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

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17 NT Pgs. 93-94

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Questions 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.

SERMON Rev. Randle

Sent to Save

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2166 (TFWS) *Bunessan*
Christ Beside Me

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our Prayer.

OFFERTORY *Friedrich Zachau*
Jesus, Thou My Life Art Ever

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Doxology No. 95*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 129 *Festal Song*
Give to the Winds Thy Fears

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Felix Mendelssohn*
Allegro Molto (from Sonata VI)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and to all the lay people of First UMC who work hard each week to minister to all of us. We thank you for being faithful servants, by Johnny and Margaret Ann Vaught



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.

Serving This Sunday, March 12

Altar Guild: Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jade Edwards, Nathan Nelson, Ben Chanaca
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Bus Duty: Mike Saville
Trustee Duty: Kent Bitting and Johnny Vaught
Children's Church: David & Ginger Jordan, William & Robin Hardwick
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Mark Brooks (Chairman) Kent Bitting, Will Bitting, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Methodist Study / Family Life Center - Senior Room
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / Family Life Center

Monday, March 13

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC)

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Parlor

Wednesday, March 15

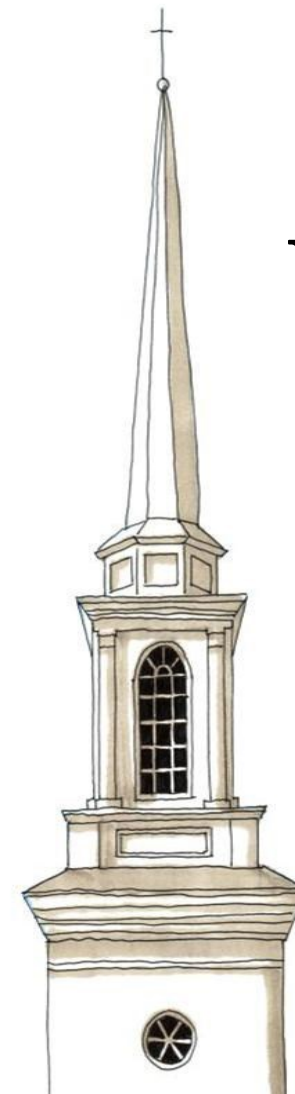
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
11:00 a.m. Can-Am Tour / The Hut Chapel
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Program / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:05 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
6:15 p.m. Draw All Things Study / Room 224
6:15 p.m. Death & Resurrection of the Messiah Study / Room 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine Class / Commons

Thursday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
11:00 a.m. Can-Am Tour / The Hut Chapel
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / First Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. Nurture Committee Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center



First United Methodist Church

1001 Fifth Avenue
Conway, South Carolina 29526
(843) 488-4251
www.fumcconway.org

Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017
10:30 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.