

First Church at Worship

The 10:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live via Facebook. Links to the broadcast can be found on the church's web page. www.fumcconway.org

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Ah, Dearest Jesus* Gerald Near

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 660

God Is Here
vs. 1, 3, 4

Abbot's Leigh

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to be believe and adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive, we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

* GREETING

God who created all, who bore the cross,
and who dwells in us, be with you all.
And also with you.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.
The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 107:1-3

St. Anne

**Give thanks to God for he is good,
His mercy ever stands;
Proclaim that God has saved his own
From their oppressor's hands.**

**From every land the Lord has called
His own, gathered them out
From eastern lands, and from the west,
The north, and from the south.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL No. 2255

Bread of Peace

In the Singing

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant,
open, in the blessing, in the breaking,
in the Presence at this table.

Refrain:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of
acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people. **Refrain**

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.)

Rev. Kyle

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM

And Can It Be
Will Brown, *baritone*

Dan Forrest

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy *Kriewald Kyrie*
Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then by all
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

No. 881

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.

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 206

Houston

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
vs 1&2

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to follow Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C minor*

J. S. Bach

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our dad,
George H. Jenkins, Jr. for his birthday, March 17,
by Lynn, Hunter, Bobbitt and families.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 14

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5th Ave. Parking Lot
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC)
9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Facebook
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meetings / FLC

Monday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Commons & Zoom
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study / Zoom
6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC
3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
6:00 p.m. Midweek Holy Communion and Reflection / Sanctuary

Thursday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
2:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Recording / Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

Friday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

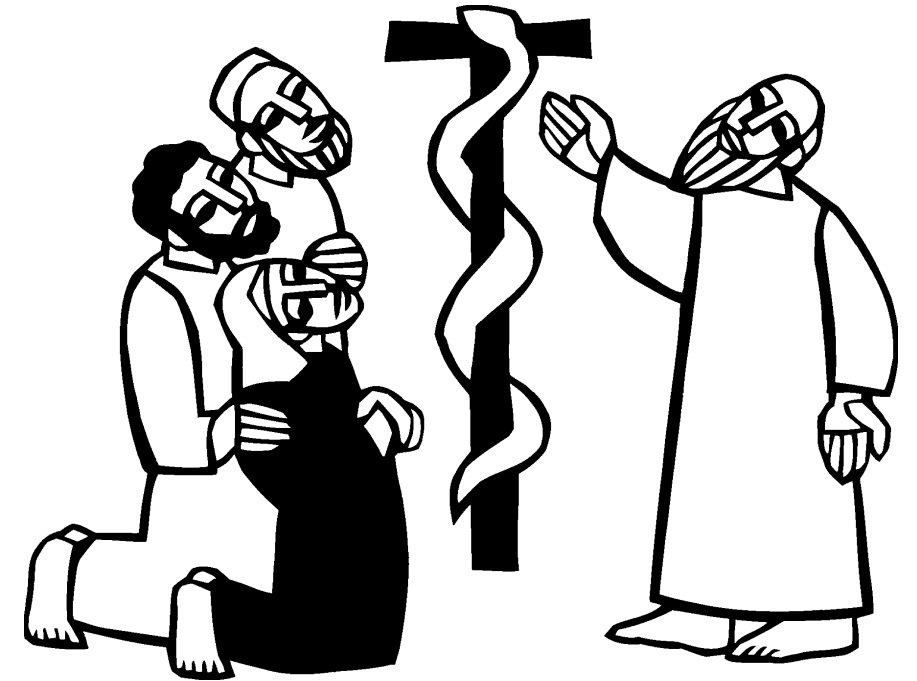
Saturday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Handbell Room
1:00 p.m. United Way / FLC

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.

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