

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Song of the Cross* Arnold Sherman
Carillon Choir

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 127 *CWM Rhondda*
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed**

in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM *Jesus Loves Even Me* P.P. Bliss
Chime Choir

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 95 *Duke Street*

**Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise,
Come with thanksgiving to his courts
And joyful psalms before him raise.**

**For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in his hand;
He made the sea and it is his,
His hands have molded the dry land.**

**Bow down and let us worship him
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are his people and his sheep;
Today, then, hearken to his Word.**

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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ANTHEM *There Is a Time* Craig Courtney

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have

now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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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.*

SERMON *Water in the Desert* Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2216 *Kingsfold*
When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

* 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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

**that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive the good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All you sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is the free and unbounding gift of God’s grace for you. **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gloria!

Cynthia Dobrinski

Chime Ensemble and Voices in Bronze

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *CWM Rhondda*

Paul Manz

* CONGREGATION STANDING

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

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 15

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. FUMC Chamber Orchestra / Room 105 Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 205
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / FLC

Monday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC 1Room 102

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children’s Activities / Education Wing
3:30 p.m. Children’s Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 205
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / **Chili Cook-Off** / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Fast Track Adult Bible Study / Room 218
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-fil-A Conway
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / St. Paul’s Anglican Church
2:30 p.m. Master Gardener Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104

Friday, March 20

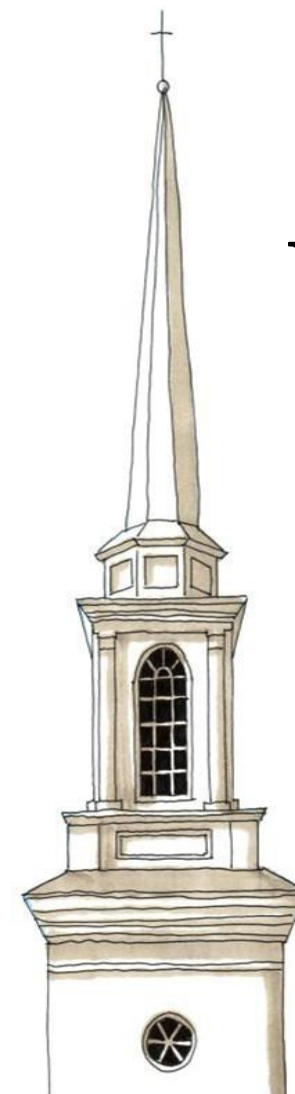
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

UMYF will be on retreat to St. Simons Island, GA
March 20-22. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020
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.