

# We Gather to Worship God

*In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given 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 Georg Friedrich Handel  
*Organ Concerto No. 1 in G Minor*  
*Larghetto e Staccato*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116 Leoni  
*The God of Abraham Praise*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Holy God,*  
***we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

RESPONSE No. 482 Kriewald Kyrie  
*Lord, Have Mercy*  
*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 Genesis 12: 1-4a OT Pg. 10

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 121 Arlington

*I lift up my eyes to the hills,  
 From where shall I find aid?  
 My help will come from God himself  
 By whom the world was made.*

*He will not let your foot be moved,  
 He watches day and night;  
 He does not sleep, for Israel  
 Is always in his sight.*

*The Lord keeps watch above his own,  
 And gives you shade at noon;  
 The sun shall not strike you by day  
 Not yet, at night, the moon.*

*The Lord shall save you from all harm,  
 Preserve your life in peace;  
 He watches as you come and go,  
 His care will never cease.*

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

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Jesus, I Am Resting Benjamin Harlan

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

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

### Journeys

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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

### Letting Go

## ~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 369 Assurance  
*Blessed Assurance*

\* 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.*

CALL TO PRAYER Herbert Colvin

### Surely the Lord Is in This Place

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

*Lord in your mercy,*  
**Hear our prayers.**

OFFERTORY Gerald Near

### From Depths of Woe

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 159 Crucifer  
*Lift High the Cross*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore Dubois  
*Toccata in G*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
 Sonny Stilley for his birthday on March 23  
 by Bobby, Frank, Carol, Margo  
 and families.



### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, 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.

### 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)
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- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

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

### Stewardship and Attendance

<b>Operating</b>	<b>7,194.25</b>	Sunday School	158
Good Samaritan	10.00	Worship	207
Lynnwood Fund	20.00	Mid-Day Prayer	7
Lenten Offering	308.00	Children's Pottery	7
Music Discretionary	1,185.84	Organ Meditation	37
Building Fund	782.00	Wonderful Wednesday	71
Total	9,500.09	Shrove Tuesday (3/4/14)	84
		CAP Items	15
		Help4Kids	
		Pork & Beans	2
		Vienna Sausages	36
		Crackers	107

### Serving This Sunday, March 16

**Altar Guild:** Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Caroline and Erin Todd, Savannah Seremet  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens  
 (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson  
**Children's Church:** Sammy and Debbie Johnson  
**Trustee Duty :** Jim Edwards  
**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman  
**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)  
 Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught.

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, March 16

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  
 5:00 p.m. UMYF: Chili Cook-off / FLC

#### Monday, March 17

10:30 a.m. Bible Study & Discussion / FLC Senior Room  
 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Service / The Hut  
 3:15 p.m. Children's Pottery Class / FLC  
 4:15 p.m. Children's Pottery Class / FLC

#### Wednesday, March 19

12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary  
 12:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Luncheon / FLC  
 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
 3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
 4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 211  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study: Rm. 122  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

#### Thursday, March 20

10:00 a.m. "The Inheritance" Ladies Bible Study / FLC  
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / First Baptist  
 5:45 p.m. Hammond Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC

#### Saturday, March 22

Hammond/Hudson Wedding



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Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014  
 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.