

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Kim Carey; *flute* Amelia Wood; *flute*, Melinda Hyman; *piano*

John Wilson

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The race is set before us.

We journey with Jesus to places unknown

Soon we will arrive in Jerusalem

But Jerusalem is noted for killing the prophets and those whom God sends.

Fear not! God is with us and will guide us on this journey of faith.

We place ourselves completely in God's care.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE** ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 27

Hamburg

**One thing alone I ask of God:
To dwell in his most holy place,
To seek him in his sacred courts
And see his beauty face to face.**

**For he, when times of trouble come,
Shall hide me in his secret place
And set me high upon a rock
Above my foes and keep me safe.**

**He lifts my head above my foes,
Therefore I make my offering;
With sounds of gladness I will come,
Make music to the Lord and sing.**

**Hearken, my Savior, when I call;
Have mercy on me, answer me;
You say, "Seek me," within my heart;
Your face will I seek constantly**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ⁴Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Amy Parker

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

The Fox and the Hen

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from you home;
again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.
We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows. 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.
Glory to God. 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.**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

** All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Harold Burgmayer
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2001 (TFWS) *Darwall's 148th*
We Sing to You, O God

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Burgmayer
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

*** CONGREGATION STANDING**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of George H. Jenkins, Jr. in celebration of his birthday
by Lynn, Hunter, Bobbitt and their families.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! 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 worshippers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 17

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
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

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 20

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditations / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Luncheon / FLC Gathering Room
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study / Room 218
6:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, March 21

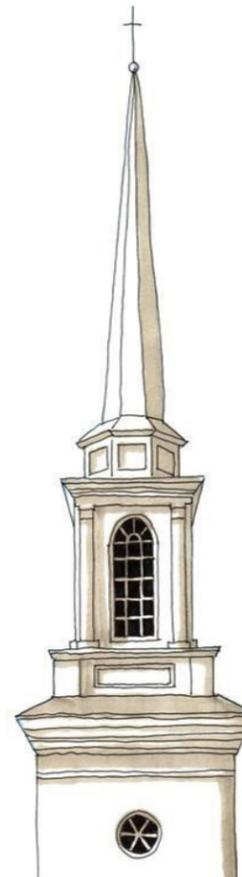
7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / First Baptist Fellowship Hall
2:30 p.m. Conway Area Master Gardeners / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

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Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019
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.