

We Gather to Worship God

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Helman

*Prayer for Peace
Carillon Choir*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 157 Duke Street
Jesus Shall Reign

* OPENING DIALOGUE

*Holy One, dwell within us.
Whisper in our ears;
Glimmer in our vision;
Write upon our hearts.
We wait
with open ears, open eyes, open hearts.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

During this season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We fail in love, neglect justice,
and ignore your truth.
Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.
Create in us clean hearts
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 eternal 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.*

* THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
All may exchange signs of peace.

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 51 Olive’s Brow

*Have mercy in your goodness, Lord,
And in your grace, forgive my sin;
Wash me from evil through and through,
Cleanse me, O Lord, without, within.*

*All my transgressions, Lord, I know,
I see my sin both day and night;
Against you only have I sinned,
Done what is evil in your sight.*

*So when you speak, Lord, it is just;
Your judgements all reveal the truth;
I have been wicked from my birth,
A sinner even from my youth.*

*For deep within you look for truth,
In secrets make me understand;
Purge out my sin and I shall be
Pure as your holy laws demand.*

*Tell me of joy and gladness that
My broken body may have ease;
Lord, hide your face from all my sin,
Blot out all my iniquities.*

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:5-10

*So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;
as he says also in another place,
‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek’.*

*In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM Sandra Ford

O Lord, You Know My Heart

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33

*Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.
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Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Mr. Josh

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. Kyle Randle

Claimed by God Forever

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 383 Beginnings

This Is the Day of New Beginnings (Sts. 1-4)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Gabriel’s Oboe Ennio Morricone

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2129 (TFWS) Assam

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY B.M. Cernohorsky

Fugue in A minor

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Mamie Churchill Jenkins for her birthday, today, March 18th
by Churchill Jenkins and George H. Jenkins, Jr. and Families

In Memoriam

Bobbie Watts Davis
2/5/1933 ~ 3/2/2018

A Service of Death and Resurrection
Was Held on March 4, 2018.

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 worshipers 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.

Serving This Sunday, March 18

Altar Guild: Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes
Acolytes and Crucifer: Cooper Thomas, Anna Claire Roof, Emma Chanaca
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: Kent Bitting, Joe Hunter Hyman
Bus Duty: Jack McCutcheon
Children's Church: Joy Tietje
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Mark Brooks (Chairman), Kent Bitting, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught, Mark Woodward.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 18

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Come To the Water Baptism Study / FLC
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Ministries / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, March 19

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, March 21

Last Day for Easter Basket Donations
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Ladies Study: *Daniel~Lives of Integrity* / Room 216
6:15 p.m. *Being Disciples* / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, March 22

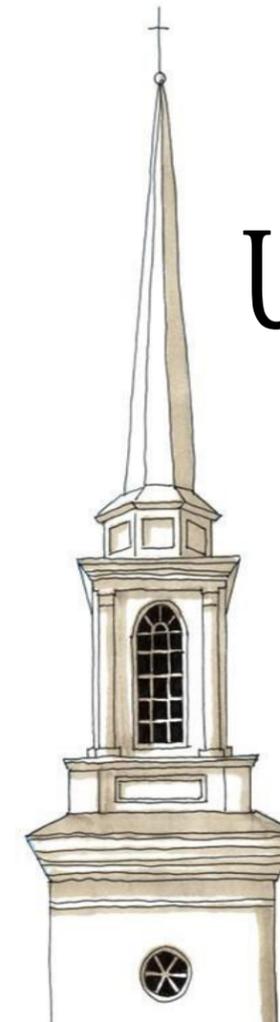
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / Trinity UMC
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

9:30 a.m. Handbell Camp / Room 211



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Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018
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.