

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *From Depths of Woe* Gerald Near

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 384 *Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling* Beecher

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of God,
**who created us,
who holds us and the whole world in his hands**

In the name of the Son
**who came into the world,
who reconciles us with God.**

In the name of the Holy Spirit
**who fills us with eternal life,
who links us with all Christians
and incites us to peace,
we come together to offer our thanks and praise.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins
Cherub Choir

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 32 *St. Agnes*

**How happy they the Lord forgives,
Whose sin is put away;
To whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
In whom no guile holds sway!**

**I held my tongue, my bones dried up,
I groaned day in, day out;
Your hand weighed down, my flesh was dry,
As in mid-Summer drought.**

**Then I acknowledged all my sin,
Confessed it openly;
I said, "I will admit my sin,"
And you, Lord, set me free.**

**The faithful all will make their prayers
To you in time of woe;
The water-floods will not reach them
Although they overflow.**

**You hid me and preserve me, Lord,
In all adversity;
You strengthen me on every side
With shouts of victory.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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ANTHEM Harry Rowe Shelley
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: . . . ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the

fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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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.*

* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 579 *St. Catherine*
Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

SERMON *Reconcilers* Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 383 *Beginnings*
This Is a Day of New Beginnings

* 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 your 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.**

This Week at FUMC

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. 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 *Air in G* J.S. Bach

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 160 *Marion*
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Chaconne* Theodore Dubois

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of George H. Jenkins, Jr.
by the John McCutcheon Sunday School Class.

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.

Sunday, March 31

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

Monday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Room 101
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / Leaving the FLC to Conway Manor
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. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, April 3

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, April 4

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, April 5

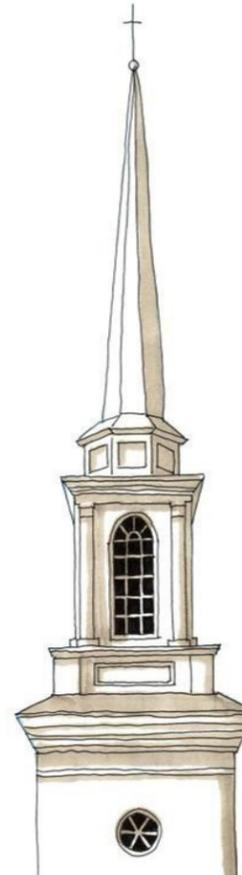
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Confirmation Retreat at Asbury Hills

Friday, April 5 ~ Sunday, April 7

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday
March 31, 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.