

# We Gather to Worship God

*In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days. Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
*Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals*

## INTROIT

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 315 St. Kevin  
*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!*

***Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!***

*Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.*

***Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!***

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

*O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

\* 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."

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Noah Joseph Hardwick  
son of William and Robin Hardwick

*Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.*

*I present Noah Joseph Hardwick for baptism,*

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:*

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?*

*I do.*

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?*

*I do.*

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?*

*I do.*

*Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that through your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?*

*We will.*

*Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?*

***We do.***

*Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?*

***With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Noah with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.***

*Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.*

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.***

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

***I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

***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.***

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.*

*When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.*

***Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.***

*In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.*

***Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.***

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and one who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.*

***All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.***

*Noah Joseph Hardwick, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.*

***Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.***

\* BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 2051 (TFWS) Waterlife  
*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 5:27-32 NT Pgs. 123

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

***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM *Lift High the Cross* Carl Schalck

THE SECOND LESSON Revelation 1:4-8 NT Pg. 244

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\* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 NT Pg. 115

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

*Favorite Things*

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 D. Randle

*Head and Heart*

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2196 (TFWS) *Martrydom*

*We Walk by Faith*  
stanzas 2 & 3

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

- OFFERTORY *Alleluia!* W. A. Mozart
- \* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94
- THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13
- \* Taking the Bread and Cup
- \* The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to *Imagine No Malaria*.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- No. 599 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* *Bread of Life*
- No. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* *Trentham*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

- \* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2114 (TFWS) *Lauda Anima*  
*At the Font We Start Our Journey*
- \* BENEDECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
- \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
- \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Walton  
*Coronation March*
- \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and with the fondest memories of Keith, always in our hearts. Jan Gawith and Family



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

Serving This Sunday, April 3

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Johnson, Libby Saville, Christi Edwards  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Lila Myers, Savannah Seremet,  
Emma Chanaca  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin / Delan Stevens  
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty:** Justin Roof, Anna Levy  
**Bus Duty:** Kent Bitting  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Spivey Hood (Chairman), Charles Timbes (Co-Chairman)  
Bob Butler, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Hunnicutt, Doug Roof,  
Scott Sayre, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Jim Ward, Randy Wood

This Week at FUMC

**Sunday, April 3**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. Church Family Picnic / Courtyard  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

**Monday, April 4**

- 5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room

**Tuesday, April 5**

- 8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins / FLC Senior Room  
2:00 p.m. UDC Meeting / FLC  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 6**

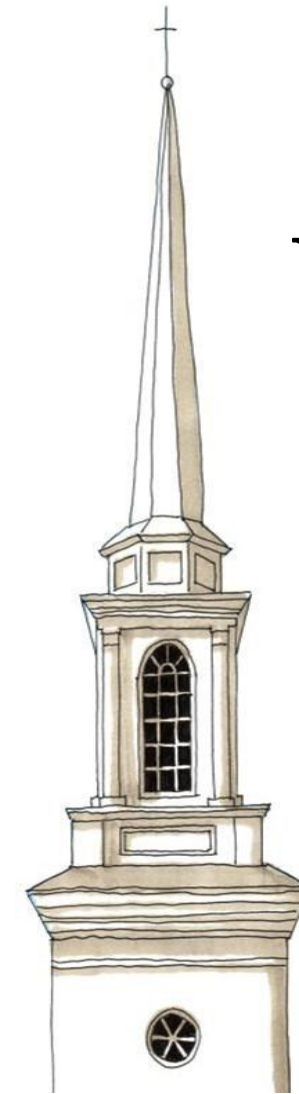
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study / Rm. 216  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

**Thursday, April 7**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120

**Friday, April 8**

- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Second Sunday of Easter  
April 3, 2016  
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.