

We Gather to Worship God

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings life to us. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ah Holy Jesus

Gerard Near

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

* OPENING DIALOGUE

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!

* 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.

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs

Jacques Berthier

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come to into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

(silence is kept for reflection)

God of grace and glory,

you have brought us through the night of sin

into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,

renew us in grace,

and restore us to living in your holiness,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ

put to flight all evil deeds,

washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you

and frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Amen.

* 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

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people

and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to

someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it

be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is

standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of

Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This

Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven

given among mortals by which we must be saved.' This is the word of God

for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come and Sing

Wesley Treble Choir

Gordon King

THE SECOND LESSON

I John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to

lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone

who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet

refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in

truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and

will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for

God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our

hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive

from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do

what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in

the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has

commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he

abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that

he has given us.

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Harry Rowe Shelley

* THE GOSPLE ACCLAMATION No. 2043

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the

wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches

them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does

not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own

know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down

my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must

bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock,

one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my

own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father.'

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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 Cornerstone

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 408

The Gift of Love

Gift of Love

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze

Kim Carey, *flute*; Amelia Wood, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

J. S. Bach

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 94

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Lauda Anima

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Paul Manz

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

and in honor of Grace Yenicek's 4th birthday

by Mommy, Daddy, and Griffin.

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.

Serving This Sunday, April 22

Altar Guild: Christi Edwards, Jade Edwards, Debbie Johnson
Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Charley Levy, Matthew Daly
Children's Church: Phil and Penny Davis
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Bus Duty: Duc Watts
Trustee Duty: Debbie Jenkins, Anna Barnhill
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Spivey Hood (Chairman), Bob Butler, Matt Daly, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Hunnicutt, James Mau, Doug Roof, Ben Smith, Randy Wood.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, April 22

9:15 a.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearse / Sanctuary
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. FUMC Chamber Orchestra / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Ministries / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, April 23

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men Meeting / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, April 24

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, April 25

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
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 / Sanctuary
6:15 p.m. Ladies Study: *Daniel~Lives of Integrity* / Room 216
6:15 p.m. *The Gospel of Mark Study* / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, April 26

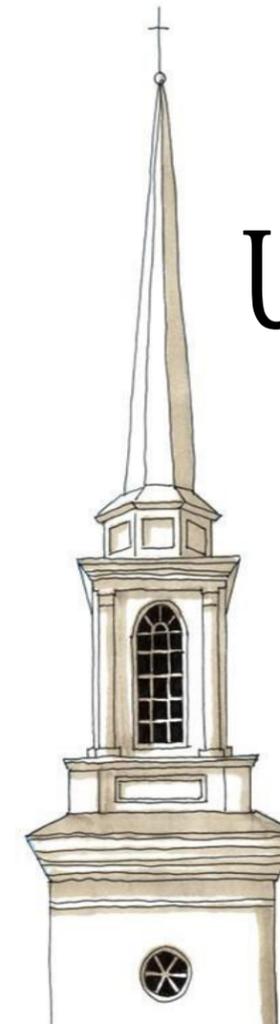
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting / Commons

Friday, April 27

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

Saturday, April 28

7:00 p.m. Carolina Master Chorale / Sanctuary



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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.