

We Gather to Worship God

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. He spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Albin Whitworth
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 381 Bradbury
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

* EASTER GREETING

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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of life,
by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus’ name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. Amen.

* ALLELUIA RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia
Choir will sing first, then congregation and choir will repeat twice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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.”

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 2:42-47 NT Pg. 120

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 23 Land of Rest

*The Lord’s my shepherd, all my need
 Through him will be supplied;
 By quiet streams and through green fields
 The Lord will be my guide.*

*The Lord revives me, guides my feet
 On pathways that are right,
 And I shall fear no evil though
 I walk through darkest hour.*

*Your rod and staff, they comfort me;
 In presence of my foes
 You feed me; you anoint my head
 And my cup overflows.*

*Your goodness and your mercy, Lord,
 Shall surely follow me,
 And I will dwell in God’s own house
 For all eternity.*

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25 NT Pgs. 233-234

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ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* John Ness Beck

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10 NT Pg. 103

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Delan Stevens

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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

Opening the Gate

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
Let Us Break Bread Together

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation*

*We believe in God the Father,
 infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
 whose mercy is over all his works,
 and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Son of man
 the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
 the ground of our hope,
 and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit
 as the divine presence in our lives,
 whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
 of the truth of Christ,
 and find strength and help in time of need.*

*We believe that this faith should manifest itself
 in the service of love
 as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
 to the end
 that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

*THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, please respond

*Lord in your mercy,
 Hear our prayer.*

OFFERTORY Charles Callahan

Meditation on Kum Ba Yah

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 13

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION

Today Holy Communion will be celebrated by Intinction. Ushers will direct congregants to one of three stations to receive the bread to be dipped into the Cup. All are invited to kneel and pray following receiving the elements. The Offering left upon the Chancel Rail will be used to support Epworth Children’s Home.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 557 *Dennis*
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Improvisation*
Recessional on Amazing Grace

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all mothers who are living and in memory of those who have passed away.

Guest Organist: We welcome Ann Miles as our guest organist today. Ms. Miles is a staff accompanist at Coastal Carolina University.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING 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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed.)
- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

A Prayer for Our Church

The Capital Campaign Prayer Team asks you to pray this prayer in your daily prayers

Almighty God, perfect and holy in every way, as you led the Israelites out of Egypt lead us from our own bondage. Teach us not to grumble, but to be thankful, never wanting to retreat, but always moving forward to what you have in store for your people. All things work in your time. Let us continue to have faith in all that you do through your Church. We pray God that you will lead the people of First UMC to your promised land. We love you God and we need your perfect love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Serving This Sunday, May 11

Altar Guild: Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward
Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Jade Edwards, Erin Todd
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
Children's Church: Ann Stegall
Trustee Duty: Ernie Turnes, Justin Roof
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Mike Thomas (Chairman), Carl Purvis (Co-Chairman) Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Tom Overby Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Toby White

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 11

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, May 12

10:30 a.m. Coffee Talk / FLC Senior Room
 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Service / The Hut
 12:00 p.m. Young at Heart Group Picnic / Riverwalk Park
 2:30 p.m. Cooking at The Shepherd's Table
 4:15 p.m. Serving at The Shepherd's Table
 9:00 p.m. FUMC vs. Conway Church of God / Field A

Tuesday, May 13

Yard Sale Collection / Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Senior Room

Wednesday, May 14

Yard Sale Collection / Fellowship Hall
 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
 4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, May 15

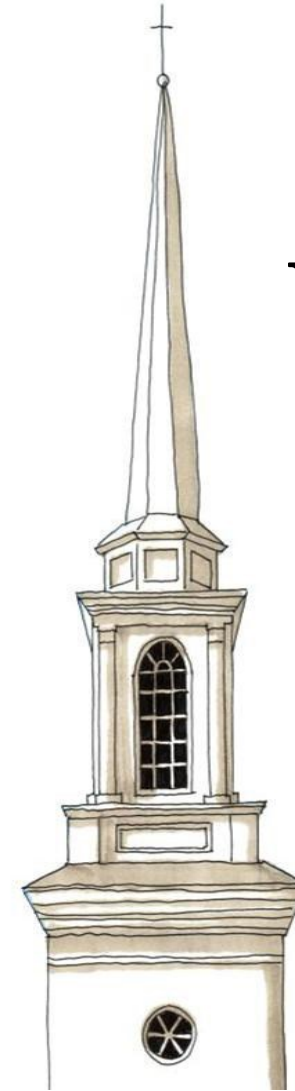
Yard Sale Collection / Fellowship Hall
 10:00 a.m. "The Inheritance" Ladies Bible Study / FLC
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC
 8:00 p.m. FUMC vs. Christ UMC / Field A

Friday, May 16

Yard Sale Collection / Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 17

7:00 a.m. to Noon Yard and Bake Sale / Fellowship Hall



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
 May 11, 2014
 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.

Stewardship and Attendance

Operating	13,106.50	Sunday School	151
Mission Society	25.00	Morning Worship	187
CAP	100.00	Taize Service	15
Epworth	270.00	Wonderful Wednesday	60
Building Fund	2,483.00	Cap Items	6
Capital Campaign	200.00	Help4Kids Items	128
Total	16,484.50		