

# We Gather to Worship God

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach  
*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 152 Forest Green  
*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

## \* 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 17:22-31 NT Pgs. 137-138

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

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 66:1-8

*Azmon*

*Be joyful, all you lands, in God,  
 Sing honor, glory, praise;  
 Let all together say to God,  
 "How awesome are your ways.*

*Because of your great strength, O God,  
 Your enemies bow down;  
 Before you all the earth bows down  
 And sings your great renown."*

*Come now and see the works of God,  
 How wonderful his hand;  
 He led this people through the sea  
 Rejoicing on dry land.*

*His eyes keep watch above the world,  
 He rules in his great might;  
 Let rebel hosts behold and fear,  
 Nor rise to test his might.*

*Bless God, you peoples, make his praise  
 To be heard joyfully;  
 He guides our feet and holds our souls  
 In life and liberty.*

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22 NT Pg. 234

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM American Spiritual  
*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*  
 Frankie Hardwick, baritone

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 NT Pg. 109

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**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Comfort* 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.

## THE MESSAGE

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

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 393 Living God  
*Spirit of the Living God*  
 Repeat three times

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

*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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 After each petition, please respond  
*Lord in your mercy,*  
**Hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY Bach  
*Help Us, O Lord, to Praise Thee*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Buyrl Red  
*Let the People Praise Thee*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94  
 ~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 384 Beecher  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Bach  
 Fugue in C

## \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 and with warm memories of  
 Les Ives,  
 beloved husband and father on his birthday  
 by the Ives Family



### 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 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.

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)
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- 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.

### Serving This Sunday, May 25

- Altar Guild:** Debbie Johnson, Libby Saville, Christi Edwards
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Alex and Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
- Children's Church:** Jenny and Mark Chanaca
- Trustee Duty:** Ernie Turnes and 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 25

- 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 26

Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

#### Tuesday, May 27

- 7:00 p.m. FUMC vs. Trinity UMC / Field C

#### Wednesday, May 28

- 3:00 p.m. End of the Year Swim Party / Conway Rec. Center
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

#### Thursday, May 29

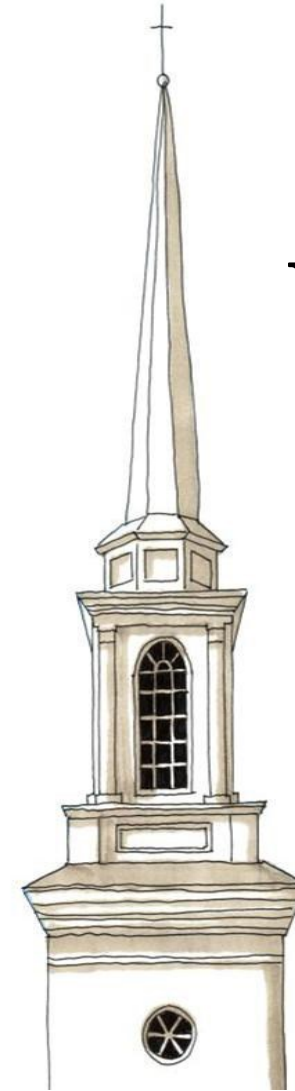
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC
- 9:00 p.m. FUMC vs. Crossway Baptist / Field C

#### Saturday, May 31

- Cecil / Hyman Wedding

### Stewardship and Attendance

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| <b>Operating</b> | <b>7,870.03</b> | Sunday School   | 137 |
| Hut Radio        | 20.00           | Morning Worship | 167 |
| Epworth          | 120.00          |                 |     |
| Red Bird Mission | 50.00           | CAP Items       | 7   |
| Building Fund    | 697.00          | Help4Kids       |     |
| Capital Campaign | 30,594.51       | Vienna Sausages | 6   |
| Total            | 39,351.54       | Juice Boxes     | 140 |
|                  |                 | Fruit Cups      | 3   |



# First United Methodist Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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.