

# FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY George Bohm  
*All Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 154 Coronation  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

## \* THE 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!**

## \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

**We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 2008 *The Ash Grove*  
*Let All Things Now Living*

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE** ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;<sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"<sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to

know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."<sup>12</sup> This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 47

*Festal Song*

**All peoples, clap your hands,  
And shout with joy and sing,  
The Lord Most High is to be feared  
He is the earth's great King.**

**He brings the nations down  
And peoples in our sight;  
He chooses our inheritance;  
His love is Jacob's might.**

**God has gone up on high  
With shout and trumpet's voice;  
Sing praise, sing praise to God our King,  
Sing praise to him, rejoice**

**For God is King of all,  
Sing praise with all your skill;  
He sits upon his holy throne  
And rules all nations still.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone*  
Lila Myers, *soprano*

Getty/Townsend

\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Celtic Alleluia*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God..

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**Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*God's Love*

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

*Be My Witnesses*

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2282 (TFWS)

*I'll Fly Away*

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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

\* 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*

\* 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

*Pastorale*

J.K. Kuchar

*The ushers will pass offering plates.  
You may also give by texting "firstconway" to 73256*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

\* The Great Thanksgiving No. 13

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

All persons who desire forgiveness of sins and renewal of faith are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion will be shared by Intinction as worshippers come forward and kneel along the Chancel Rail.

Communion Anthem Plainsong Chant  
Adore Te Devote (Thee We Adore)

Communion Hymns

No. 2077 You Alone Are Holy Querétaro  
No. 156 I Love to Tell the Story Hankey

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 559 Regent Square  
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

\* BLESSING

\* DISMISSAL

You will be my witnesses!  
**In Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!**  
Go in peace; witness to the truth.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of our Class of 2019 Graduates!  
Congratulations!

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This Week at FUMC

Sunday, June 2

SC Annual Conference / Greenville Convention Center  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Graduates Family Breakfast / Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Destination Unknown / Leaving the FLC

Monday, June 3

SC Annual Conference / Greenville Convention Center  
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / Eggs Up Grill (2676 Church Street in Conway)

Tuesday, June 4

SC Annual Conference / Greenville Convention Center  
9:00 a.m. Organ Tuning / Sanctuary  
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, June 5

SC Annual Conference / Greenville Convention Center  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, June 6

SC Annual Conference / Greenville Convention Center  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, June 7

Organ Reserved  
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, June 8

Organ Reserved

**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 worshipers 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.

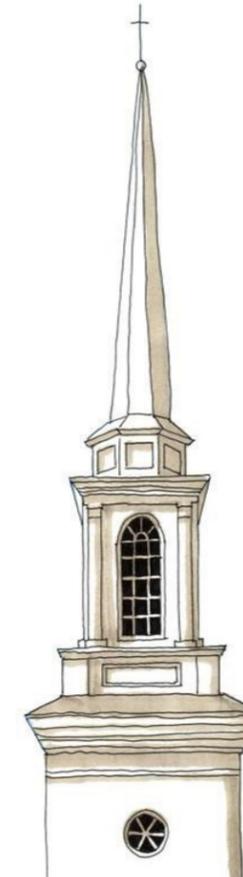
The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you 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.



# First United Methodist Church

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Ascension Sunday  
June 2, 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.