

# First Church at Worship

*When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach  
*Largo e Spiccato (from Concerto in D)*

## INTROIT

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 159 Crucifer  
*Lift High the Cross*

\* THE GREETING

*God has a dream, a great uniting dream where all God’s people know we are one in Christ.*

***God has a vision, a cosmic vision of reconciliation on earth and in heaven.***

*As Christ’s church we are called to be bearers of the vision, dream catchers for God.*

***But we dimly see what God sees. We need our vision sharpened, our minds enlightened, and our hearts enlarged.***

*Let us be open to the moving of God among us as we sing, pray, and listen for God’s living word on this day.*

\* 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

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

***God and Father of all, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.***

*In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

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\* 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 Amos 7:7-15 OT Pgs. 855-856

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

***Thanks be to God.***

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 85:7-13 Truro

*Show us, O Lord, your steadfast love,  
 And let your saving grace be near;  
 To those who turn their hearts to him  
 The Lord speaks peace and I will hear.*

*To everyone who worships him  
 His saving help is very near;  
 His purpose is that in our land  
 His radiant glory may appear.*

*Mercy and truth at last have met,  
 Justice and peace are reconciled;  
 Truth has arisen from the earth,  
 Justice looked down from heaven and smiled.*

*The Lord will grant prosperity,  
 Our land will yield its full increase;  
 Justice shall go before the Lord,  
 The pathway for his feet is peace.*

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14 NT. Pgs. 192

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

***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM Blessed are They David Haas

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:14-29 NT Pg. 40-41

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***Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Standing Straight 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 *Living in Paradoxes* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 525 By and By  
*We’ll Understand It Better*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Johannes Brahms

*O How Blessed Are Ye*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 577 CWM Rhondda  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
 in honor of Ben and Amanda Yenicek’s  
 Eighth Wedding Anniversary!

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## NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter 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.

## 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:

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

## Serving This Sunday July 12, 2015

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Betty Huggins, Glenda Sweet, Kimberley Wright  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Alex and Evan Von Herrmann, Jacob Johnson  
**Greeters:** Blake and Janet Martin  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Hunter Jenkins  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty :** Janet Martin  
**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Children's Church:** Amy Hickman  
**Bus Duty:** Duc Watts  
**Ushers:** Phil Thompson (Chairman), Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly  
Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

### Monday, July 13

9:00 a.m. All Star Sports Summer Camp / Education Wing

### Tuesday, July 14

9:00 a.m. All Star Sports Summer Camp / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA)/ FLC

### Wednesday, July 15

9:00 a.m. All Star Sports Summer Camp / Education Wing  
9:00 a.m. Sandwich Wednesday / FLC  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

### Thursday, July 16

9:00 a.m. All Star Sports Summer Camp / Education Wing  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

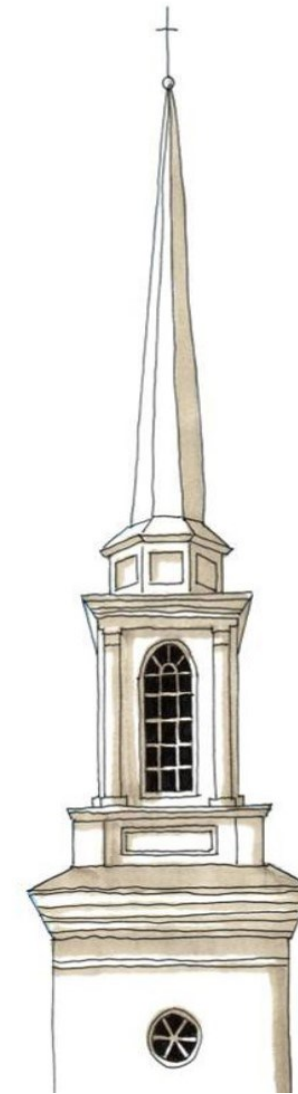
### Friday, July 17

9:00 a.m. All Star Sports Summer Camp / Education Wing  
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

## Prayer Concerns

**MUSC:** McNealy Pate Fallaw; **Medstar:** Joann Ray  
**Assisted Living Facilities:** **Emeritus:** Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

**At Home:** Betty Woodward, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.



# First United Methodist Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

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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.