

We Gather to Worship God

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. We are sent forth to bear fruit in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach
Toccata in D minor

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 100 *Lauda Anima*
God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of new life, by your burning mercy melt away all that would block us from experiencing your Spirit of revival and renewal in our world, and in our hearts.

God of resurrection, by your power open our lives to hopeful living, to love set not simply to creed but to deed.

God of the risen Christ,

Raise us to courageous action, to joyful celebration, and to abiding and transforming love.

* 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 our strength, we confess that we thwart your being alive through the Spirit of Jesus in our hearts. Where we have been lax, steady us. Where we have chosen badly, give us another chance. Where we have settled for the mundane and earthly, forgive us. Remind us that to live with bitterness, strife, and malice are ways of resisting your breathings of life in us through Jesus in us. Empower us to choose to honor your breath, and live in new refreshing ways. Amen.

Hear the good news: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Amen.

* 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 Romans 8:1-11 NT Pgs. 157-158

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 119:1-8, 33-48 No. 840
Response 3

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NT Pgs. 13-14

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Tim

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 Tim Whitten

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 600 *Words of Life*
Wonderful Words of Life

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Theme (from Toccata in D minor)* J.S. Bach

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 733 *Marching to Zion*
Marching to Zion

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Gordon Young
Voluntary in Classic Style

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Alec Black, celebrating his 79th birthday today by Jamie Black and Family

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Collins Catherine Hewitt born on July 7 to proud parents Catherine and Blake; and grandparents, June and Jimmy Brown.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Tucker Joseph Frye born on June 18 to proud parents, Brad and Jessica, with big brother, Tanner. Grandparents, Pam and Charlie Frye and Great Grandparents, Billy Joe and Irene Calhoun



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, July 13

- Altar Guild:** Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Kimberley Wright, Glenda Sweet, Betty Huggins
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Savannah Seremet, Caroline Todd
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Charles Dusenbury, Hunter Jenkins (Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner
- Children's Church:** Debby and Julia Brooks
- Trustee Duty:** Janet Martin, Jill Nelson
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
- Ushers:** Phil Thompson (Chairman), Richard Jordan (Co-Chairman) Kevin Cox, Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

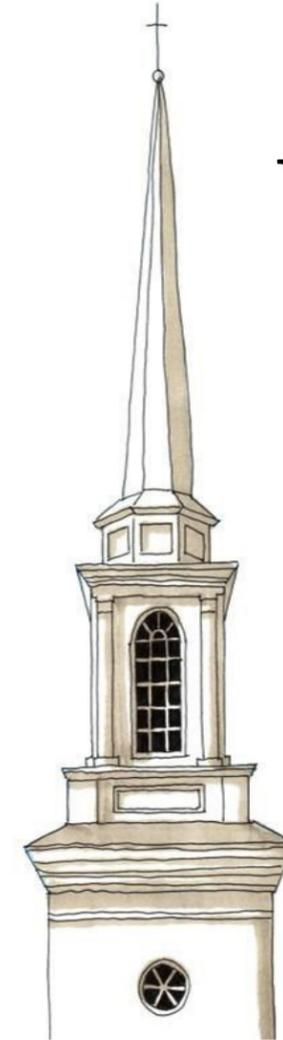
This Week at FUMC

Sunday, July 13

- 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

Wednesday, July 16

- 9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesday / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105



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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 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.