

We Gather to Worship God

In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 77 *How Great Thou Art*
How Great Thou Art

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

* 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

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* 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 8:26-39 NT Pg. 158

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 105:1-8 *Azmon*

*Give thanks to God, make known his Name,
His deeds, to everyone;
Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell
The wonders he has done.*

*Rejoice in him, all hearts that seek
To know his Name and grace;
Search for the Lord and all his strength,
And ever seek his face.*

*Recall the marvels God has done,
The judgments of his mouth,
O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,
Whom he has chosen out.*

*The Lord is God, throughout the world
His righteous laws prevail;
His covenant and promises
He keeps and will not fail.*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 NT Pgs. 14-15

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

When I Feel...

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.

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

Small Seeds, Big Impact!

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

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 405 *Seek Ye*
Seek Ye First

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 480 *St. Margaret*
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my grandmother, Mollie Lovell on her birthday July 27 and in memory of my mother, Anne Marsh for her birthday July 28 by Glenda Sweet.

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

Billy Fallaw is away in celebration of his son's wedding.

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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:

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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 29

Altar Guild: Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Kimberley Wright, Glenda Sweet, Betty Huggins

Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Jade Edwards, Erin Todd

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Charles Dusenbury, Hunter Jenkins
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

Children's Church: Kathy Hucks

Trustee Duty: Janet Martin, Jill Nelson

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Richard Jordan (Co-Chairman)
Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

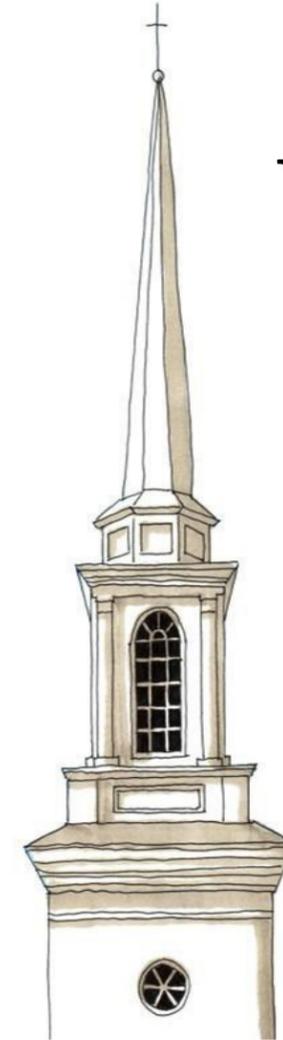
This Week at FUMC

Sunday, July 29

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 30

9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making / FLC
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2014
11:00 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.