

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 G. F. Handel
Allegro Vivace (from Water Music Suite)

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 577 CWM Rhondda
God of Grace and God of Glory

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather together to worship,
 knowing that God is already here among us;
 knowing that there is nothing that separates us
 from the presence of our Lord.*

***Wherever we are, wherever we go,
 God is near.***

*So let us enter into this service of worship
 with confidence and hope,
 knowing that God is already with us,
 and that he stands eager to meet us
 and bless us with His love.*

* 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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Eternal God, our creator, in you we live and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. 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 Genesis 29:15-28 OT Pg. 26

*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 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 SECOND LESSON Romans 8:26-39 NT Pg. 158

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

ANTHEM *O Lord, You Know My Heart* Sandra Ford

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 NT Pgs. 14-15
"Many will come east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven." Matt 8:11

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Popcorn Stories* 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 *Expectations* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2243 (TFWS) Kuortane
We All Are One in Mission

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY J. S. Bach
Largo e spiccato (from Concerto in D Minor)

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2241 (TFWS) Land of Rest
The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Handel
Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music Suite)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in honor of Sallie Goldfinch, Melinda Hyman,
 Janet Lawrence, and Lib Wellons. These ladies give graciously of their
 time and musical talents for the Hut Bible Class.

The rose bud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of
 Hollis Grace Jordan!
 Congratulations to David, Ginger, David Paul and Patrick!



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

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

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.

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)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
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- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
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Serving This Sunday, July 30

- Altar Guild:** Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Betty Huggins, Glenda Sweet, Kim Wright
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Collin Huckes, Jackson Hagen, Caroline Daly
- Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
- Trustee Duty:** Dawne Clonts, Randy Wood
- Bus Duty:** Kelly Cooper
- Children's Church:** John and Lauren Sawyer
- Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Huckes
- Ushers:** Phil Thompson (Chairman) Will Chappell, Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, July 30

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Lemonade Under the Portico

Monday, July 31

- 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

Tuesday, August 1

- 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, August 2

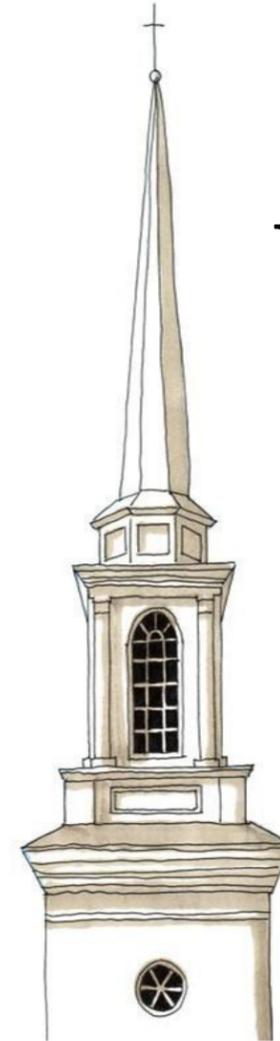
- 7:00 a.m. Youth Leaving FLC for Carowinds Day Trip
- 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
- 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Making / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, August 3

- 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

Friday, August 4

- 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
 July 30, 2017
 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.

TEXT to GIVE

Text "firstconway" to 73256
And follow the prompts!



Scan the QR code to give online through our secure database, REALM.