

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 126 *Mit Freuden Zart*
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *see insert*

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

ANTHEM *Love Grew Where the Blood Fell* John Stallings
Jack McCutcheon, *tenor*

THE FIRST LESSON Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
²The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
⁶The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
⁷My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
¹⁰They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 107:1-3 *Azmon*

**Give thanks to God for he is good,
His mercy ever stands;
Proclaim that God has saved his own
From their oppressor's hands.**

**Let them give thanks for God's great love,
The wonders he displays;
Let congregations, councils, all
Exalt him, give him praise.**

THE SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things
that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your
life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is
revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication,
impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of
these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are
the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now
you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and
abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that
you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed
yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer
Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave
and free; but Christ is all and in all!
This the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All* Bob Burroughs

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide
the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me
to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care!
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist
in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land
of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What
should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will
do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will
store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you
have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be
merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is

being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will
they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but
are not rich toward God."
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mr. Josh
*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 *Stuck in the Middle* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2126 *Holy Manna*
All Who Hunger

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. All pray in silence**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

* 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
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Interlude (from Water Music)* G.F. Handel

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 181 *Ye Servants of God* Hanover

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Rondeau (from Abdelazer)* Henry Purcell

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor
of Laurel Edwards in celebration of her 15th birthday,
by her grandparents Sammy & Debbie Johnson, Mom Christi and Jade.

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.

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This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
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 Destination Unknown / Leaving the FLC

Monday, August 5

Piano Maintenance in the Hut Chapel
7:00 a.m. UMYF Carowinds Day Trip / Leaving the FLC
8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
11:00 p.m. UMYF Returns / Pick up at FLC

Tuesday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / Room 223
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 102
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:00 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesdays / FLC Gathering Room
6:00 p.m. Handbell Canto / Handbell Room 205

Thursday, August 8

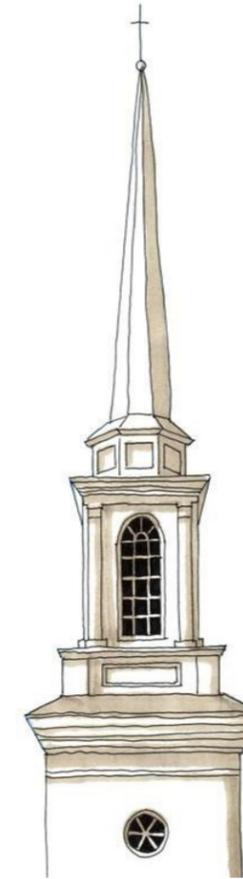
8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / Freda Jones Waterway Home

Friday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Gideons Meeting / FLC Room 101



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 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.