

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Loves Me
Melody Bell Choir

Anna Bartlett Warner

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One
who shows the salvation of God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
¹³ bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,

plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 50:1-6

Duke Street

**The Lord has spoken, God of gods,
He calls the earth from east to west;
From Zion, perfect in its grace,
He makes his glory manifest.**

**Our God will come with raging storm,
Consuming flame, and not be still;
He calls the heavens and earth to see
As now his people hear his will.**

**“Assemble all my followers
Who sealed the bond with sacrifice;”
For God the Lord himself is judge;
Let heaven declare his cause is right**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, You Are Near Me

Mark Patterson

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”
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

Faith and Trust

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 369

Assurance

Blessed Assurance

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

The Apostles’ Creed

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

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,

let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

and against one another.

We are worried and distracted by many things,

and we fail to love you above all else.

We store up treasures for ourselves

and turn away from our neighbors in need.

Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 11

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet with Rev. Kyle / Family Life Center (FLC)
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 13

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Wednesday / Family Life Center (FLC)
6:00 p.m. Bell Canto Handbell Choir / Handbell Room 205

Thursday, August 15

1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle Meeting / Freda Jones' Waterway House

Friday, August 16

10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

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.

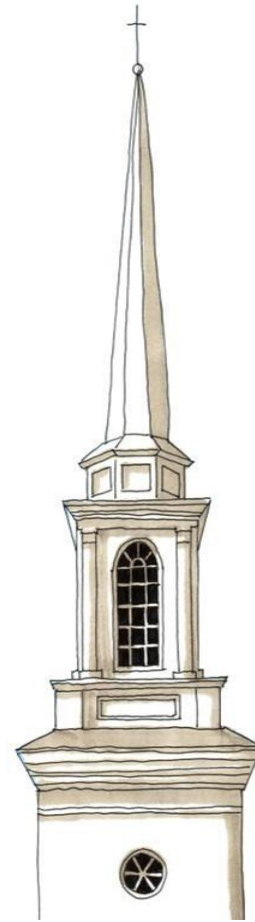
The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

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.

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 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.

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

OFFERTORY *O Sacred Banquet* Gerald Near
The ushers will pass offering plates.
You may also give by texting "firstconway" to 73256

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION** ~

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 13
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
All persons who desire forgiveness of sins and renewal of faith are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion will be shared by Intinction as worshippers come forward and kneel along the Chancel Rail.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Thee We Adore* Ralph Johnson
COMMUNION HYMNS
No. 2269 (TFWS) *Come, Share the Lord* Divernon
No. 407 *Close to Thee* *Close to Thee*

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

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 589 *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* Germany

* BLESSING

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Psalm XIX* Benedetto Marcello

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mack N. Carroll, Sr.
August 17, 1917- April 16, 1999
by Elizabeth F. Carroll