

We Gather to Worship God

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in worship, we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses.” In the word, we are invited yet again to look at Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach
 “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

INTROIT

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 529 Foundation
 “How Firm a Foundation”

* THE GREETING

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 Just and gracious God,

We come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

“Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you. *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 Isaiah 5:1-7 OT. Pg. 634
 This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 80:7-14 Duke Street
*Restore us, and we shall be saved;
 O God of hosts, show us your light;
 From Egypt you brought up a vine
 And planted it with your great might.*

*You, Lord, prepared the ground for it;
 It put down roots, spread far and wide;
 Its shadow covered mountain peaks,
 Beneath its boughs tall cedars hide.*

*You stretched its arms and tendrils out
 From Sea to River far away;
 Why, then, do strangers pluck its grapes?
 Why have you let its walls decay?*

*Your vine is ravaged by wild boars,
 Beasts graze on what your hand has sown;
 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down,
 Preserve and tend what is your own.*

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2 NT Pg. 226
 This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:49-56 NT Pg. 75
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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
 “Do You Know?”
 Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children’s Church in room 123.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle
 “A Cloud of Witnesses”

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 710 St. Catherine
 “Faith of Our Fathers”

* 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, please respond
 Lord in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY “Offertory” John Campbell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Martin Shaw
 “With A Voice of Singing”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 580 Lancashire

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY David German
 “Festive Trumpet Tune”

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
 Alison Marable Hammond on her 25th birthday today
 by Jimmy, Lynn and James Hammond!

In Memoriam
Mary Wofford Sellers Baker
October 1, 1921-August 10, 2013

A Graveside Service was held on
Wednesday, August 14 at
Southern Palms Memorial Gardens.
Rev. Kyle Randle officiated.



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, August 18

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Suzanne Owen, Amelia Wood
Liturgist: Tim Whitten
Acolyte and Crucifer: Avery Carter, Graham Carter
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Hunter Jenkins, Kelly Cooper
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson
Trustee Duty: Jack Driggers, George Martin
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Duc Watts (Chairman), Phillip Thompson (Co-Chairman)
Jack Driggers, Chris Johnson, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin,
George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes
Nursery Volunteers: Cathy Senn, Elizabeth Senn, Emily Thompkins
Children's Church: Debby and Julia Brooks

Serving Next Sunday, August 25

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Suzanne Owen, Amelia Wood
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, Savannah Seremet, Sydney Stegall
Liturgist: Tim Whitten
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Hunter Jenkins, Kelly Cooper
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Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Duc Watts (Chairman), Phillip Thompson (Co-Chairman)
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George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes
Nursery Volunteers: Jill Watts, Caroline Todd, Erin Todd
Children's Church: Libby Saville

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 20

10:30 a.m. Bible Study / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, August 21

9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesday / FLC



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2013
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.