

# First Church at Worship

The service is being broadcast live and will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Louis Clerambault  
*Trumpet in Dialogue*

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 400 *Nettleton*  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
*vs 1 & 3*

\* THE GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
The risen Christ is with us.  
**Praise the Lord!**

\* THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 1:8-2:10

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

<sup>2</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she

said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." This is the word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 124

*Kingsfold*

**If God had not been on our side,  
Let Israel always say;  
If God had not been on our side,  
With foes in fierce array,  
They would have swallowed us alive  
While thirsting for our blood;  
The torrent would have overwhelmed  
And drowned us in the flood.**

**The raging waters surely would  
Have buried us beneath;  
Praise God who has not let us be  
A victim for their teeth.  
Like birds from broken nets, O Lord,  
We have escaped from death;  
Our help is in the Name of God  
Who made heaven and earth.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you

the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 399

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
*vs. 1 & 3*

*Messiah*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move 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.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER  
Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY *Passacaglia* Andre Raison

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 559 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* vs. 1, 2 & 4  
Regent Square

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Rondo* Henry Purcell

\* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of our church staff for all they have done over the past months to continue worship, mission, communication, care and love for the First UMC family, given by the Emma Thompson Class.

 **Youth Lunch**  
**Wednesdays @ 12:30 p.m.**  
**in the Courtyard**

**Courtyard Communion**

Meet in the Courtyard Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Communion, prayer and fellowship.

Our Courtyard Communion will be an opportunity to engage in community in a safe and meaningful experience. Elements will be distributed individually.

Please wear a mask.  
Bring a bag of food to share with CAP!



**FUMC Staff**

Reverend Kyle Randle, Pastor  
Billy Fallaw, MM, Dir. of Music & Organist  
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**Preschool Open House**

Thursday, August 27 / 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Registration and Orientation  
Commons

**Birthdays This Week**

**August 23:** William Goldfinch, Molly Whitten  
**August 24:** Judy Gladson  
**August 25:** Duc Watts  
**August 26:** Zach Senn  
**August 27:** Smith Hyman  
**August 28:** Jackson Hagen  
**August 29:** Kim Wright, Adrienne Jennings

**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16**

<b>Operating Fund</b>	10,472.50	CAP Items	42 bags
<b>Designated Giving</b>	300.00		
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	665.00		

As the generous people of FUMC, we ask that you continue your giving via online <https://onrealm.org/fumconway/give/operatingfund>, Text Firstconway to 73256 or by mailing your offering to the church, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Our Promises to God are a vital part of continuing the mission and ministry that supports the community, staff leadership, and the total ministry of FUMC. **Your continued financial support is critical** in helping the church continue to be the church, especially in times like this.

For now, the staff continues to be present on the FUMC campus during the week. They are working very hard to ensure FUMC has the opportunity to respond to community mission needs as they occur, maintain the FUMC campus, and be available to you during this challenging time.

**Prayer Concerns:** Cheryl Rollins, Dave Grimes, George & Jan Kyzer, Jim Mishoe, Phillip Thompson, Bob Miller, Wendall Long, Val Dunham,  
**At Home:** Joann Wiegand, Louise Goodwin, Woodie Woodward, Bobby Stilley, Sammy Johnson, Julia Land, Virginia Buck, Sue Dusenbury, Janet Von Deck, Frances Reaman, Virginia Hardwick, Sylvia Avant, Rebecca Howell, Eugenia Benton, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

**Dear Church Family:** Thank you for the bouquet of flowers you dropped off for me. It was such a nice gesture and I really enjoyed the lovely flowers for days. *Love, Eugenia Benton*

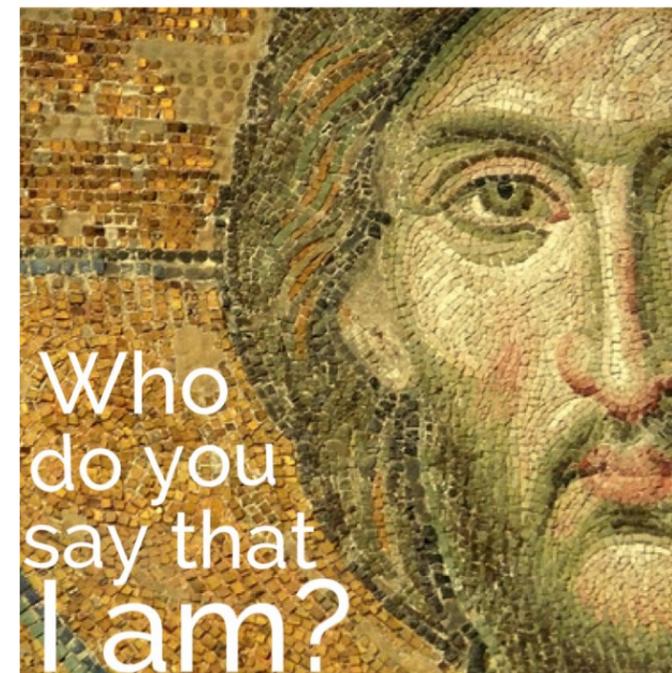
**Help4Kids is collecting** bags of dry pinto beans and one pound or two pound bags of rice. They will accept bulk bags too. There is a drop off container at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave entrance of the FLC.



**CAP needs:** Grits, Cereal, Pasta and Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Dried Beans, Canned Soups, Instant Potatoes, Toilet Paper. Drop off container is at the 5<sup>th</sup> avenue entrance of the FLC.

**First United Methodist Church**

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020  
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.