

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Kevin McChesney
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Bell Canto Choir

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 731 Austria
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Come, praise the eternal God!
**Let us sing songs from a grateful heart,
and remember all that He has done for us.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 261 Lord of the Dance
Lord of the Dance
Sts. 1-3

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students with their backpacks along with all teachers and other school personnel are invited to come forward and kneel along the Chancel Rail for the Blessing.

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here. These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.**

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
⁶ Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am
only a boy.'
⁷ But the LORD said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'
⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the LORD said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalms 71:1-6

Land of Rest

**I find my refuge in you, Lord;
Let me not be dismayed;
But in your justice set me free;
Hear me, come to my aid.**
**Be my strong rock, my stronghold, crag,
My castle safe, secure;
Deliver me from wicked hands
And from the evildoer.**
**You are my confidence, Lord God,
My hope since I was young;
And from the womb, since I was born,
Your praise has been my song.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created

things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.
This the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Holy City Seen of John

Robert Powell

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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.

Mr. Josh

SERMON

What Remains...

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

* 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.*

CALL TO PRAYER *Calming Peace* Cathy Moklebust
Bell Canto Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Maurice Bevan
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 593 *Here I Am, Lord*

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Improvisation on *Nun Danket Alle Gott*

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in
honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary,
by Phil and Cherry Thompson.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 25

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
11:30 a.m. Back To School Lunch / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Hardwick/Todd Wedding / Hut Chapel
4:30 p.m. Hardwick/Todd Reception / Family Life Center

Monday, August 26

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, August 27

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 103
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Thursday, August 29

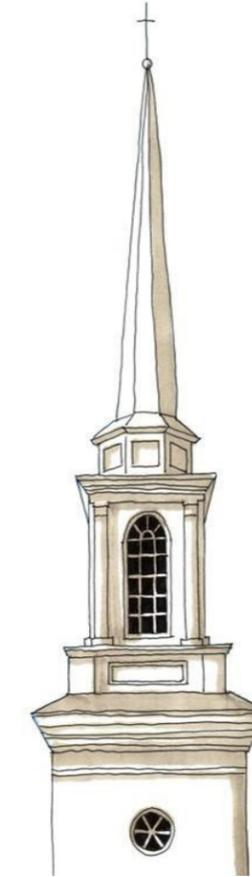
6:00 p.m. Preschool Orientation / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC Room 101

Friday, August 30

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday, August 31

Cavallini Family / Fellowship Hall



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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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.

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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.