

First Church at Worship

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we are born through baptism, return to the font every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
Praise to the Lord the Almighty

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 605 Beach Spring
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

* THE GREETING

What does God seek of those who seek the Lord?

To walk with a clear conscience and do the right thing;

To speak truth from the heart and do no harm to neighbors;

To stand by one's word even when waffling might be advantageous

To not make another's misfortune a cause for one's own profit;

To not use words as weapons;

To not put one's judgment up to the highest bidder.

Those who do these words will be found in the One they seek.

* 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.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Forgive us, O God, when your words and ways seem difficult. Soften us
when we harden our views about you and about others into rigid
opinions inflexible to the Spirit's movement. Refresh us when we
parch ourselves and others dry with formulas instead of relationships,
with offense taken instead of understanding granted. Remind us*

*through your Spirit that even when we stumble, you are there to renew
our spirits, to enlighten our minds, to cast away that which deadens us
and others, and to take on that which leads to life in Jesus Christ. We
choose to follow Christ, not because we must but because we may.
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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 OT. Pg. 160

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

Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 15 *Land of Rest*

Lord, who may dwell within your house

Or on your holy hill?

Those who do good and speak the truth,

Whose lives are blameless still;

Who have no guile upon their tongues

Nor harm their neighbors life,

But honor those who fear the Lord

And turn away from strife;

Who do no wrong, but keep their word

And seek no bribe or gain;

All those who do such things shall live

And safe from harm remain.

THE SECOND LESSON James 1:17-27 NT. Pg. 229

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Fannie Crosby

To God Be the Glory

Frankie Hardwick, *tenor*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NT. Pg. 42

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *A Letter from James* Rev. Kyle

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 Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 408 *Gift of Love*
The Gift of Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY J.S. Bach
Partita III in G

OFFERTORY ANTHEM John Ness Beck
Lord, Here Am I

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 402 *I Want to Be a Christian*
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in D* Dietrich Buxtehude

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dale Gladson, in celebration of his birthday on September 7, by Judy Gladson and Family.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

Prayer Concerns

MUSC: McNealy Pate Fallow

Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Myron and Maxine Dunn, Joann Ray, Joey Jones, Ken Senn, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, August 30

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Suzanne Owen, Amelia Wood
Acolytes and Crucifer: Caroline and Erin Todd, Alex Von Herrmann
Greeter: Bobby Stilley
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Hunter Jenkins, Kelly Cooper
(Monday) Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner
Trustee Duty : Dawne Clonts
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Children's Church: David and Ginger Jordan
Bus Duty: Delan Stevens
Ushers: Duc Watts (Chairman), Phillip Thompson (Co-Chairman)
Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 30

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class Meeting / Rm. 219
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Backyard Bible Study (grades 6-12) / FLC

Monday, August 31

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters Meeting / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Senior Room
2:00 p.m. UDC Meeting / FLC
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA)/ FLC

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
6:15 p.m. Thursday Sabbath Service / The Hut Chapel
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / FLC

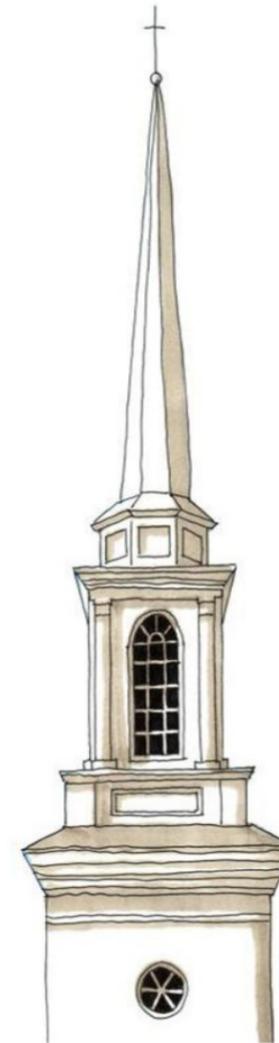
Friday, September 4

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



We encourage you to make use of our online giving option especially during the summer travel season. Please scan the QR code with any smart phone or iPhone to navigate to the *secure* ACS account for FUMC and make your donation. You may also visit the website at: www.fumconway.org and follow the **"online giving"** link to make a donation.

- ◆ Should you prefer to swipe your credit/debit card, Sarah Staub is available at the Sunday School Desk in the Commons to help you with your donation.



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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2015
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.