

We Gather to Worship God

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer: Refresh my heart in Christ. May we all be strengthened by the forgiveness of Christ received in the Holy Meal and recalling God's grace offered to us in baptism, may we be strengthened to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own..

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Aaron Copeland
Fanfare for the Common Man

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139 *Lobe Den Herren*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

So we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Let us worship God with joy!

* 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

God of overflowing grace, we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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!

* 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 Jeremiah 18:1-11 OT Pg. 720

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 139 *Land of Rest*

Lord, you have searched me out and known

All that your hands have wrought;

My rising up and sitting down,

You know my every thought.

You trace my journeys and my rests,

And everything I do;

There is no word upon my lips

Which is not known to you.

Behind, before, you press on me

And on me lay your hand;

Such knowledge is too wonderful

For me to understand.

If I should take the wings of dawn

And reach the farthest sea,

Yet even there your hand holds fast,

Your right hand still leads me.

If I say, "Surely darkness hides,

And light will turn to night."

The darkness is not dark, to you

Both day and night are bright.

THE SECOND LESSON Philemon 1-21 NT Pgs. 215-216

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

Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:25-33 NT Pg. 78

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Rules!* 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

Following Jesus Is Complicated

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 382 *Adelaide*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

OFFERTORY Anonymous

To God the Father of All Love

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

*Taking the Bread and Cup

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. Today we will kneel at the Chancel Rail and the bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to UMCOR for Flood Recovery in Louisiana.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Fred Mallory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 295 *Rathbun*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Mark Thewes

Voluntary on National Hymn

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our of 13th Anniversary on September 5th by Matt and Sarah Staub.

My Sermon Notes

- _____
- _____
- _____



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 worshippers 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:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

Prayer Concerns

MUSC: Karlene Rudolph
Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: **Agape:** Mary Hucks, **Conway Manor:** Bobbie Davis, Edith Lewis; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault

At Home: Linda Wolfe, Bob Sherry, Tommy Jordan, Irby Koon, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe and Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

Serving This Sunday, September 4

- Altar Guild:** Frances Driggers, Sue Dusenbury, Lois Sayre Sylvia Richardson
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Samuel Hickman, Alston Tew, Ross Fallaw
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Spivey Hood, Jan Bitting (Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
- Trustee Duty:** Justin Roof and Anna Levy
- Bus Duty:** Kent Bitting
- Children's Church:** Jan Gawith
- Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
- Ushers:** Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman), Kent Bitting, Will Bitting, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 4

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, September 5

Labor Day-Church Office is Closed

Tuesday, September 6

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
- 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 7

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
- 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Program / FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Fellowship Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, September 8

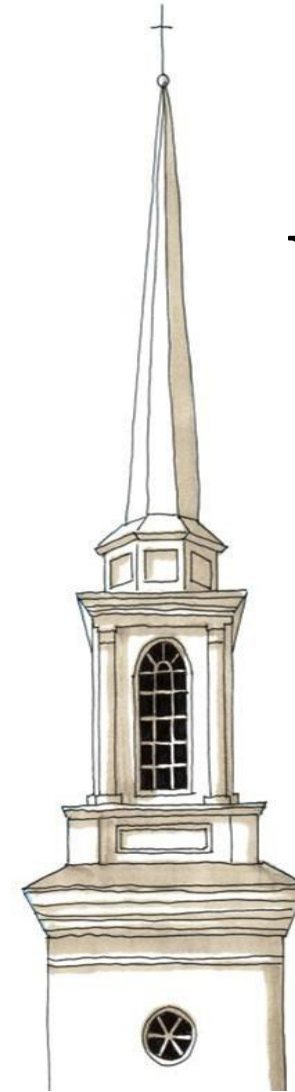
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

Friday, September 9

- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

New Worship Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



First United Methodist Church

1001 Fifth Avenue
Conway, South Carolina 29526
(843) 488-4251
www.fumconway.org

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016
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.