

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Faithful Cross, Above All Other*

Robert Powell

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* 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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 147

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
vs. 1-2 & 4

*Royal Oak*

**Refrain:**

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings. **Refrain**

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. **Refrain**

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. **Refrain**

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

<sup>1</sup>A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

<sup>2</sup>The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

<sup>8</sup>Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

<sup>9</sup>Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

<sup>22</sup>Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

<sup>23</sup>for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

This is the word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 146

*Azmon*

**Happy are they whose hope is in  
The God whom Jacob knew;  
Who made the heavens, earth, and sea,  
Whose promises are true.**

**To those oppressed, the Lord our God  
Gives justice constantly;  
He feeds the hungry and all those  
In prison he sets free.**

**The Lord lifts up all those bowed down  
And gives the blind new sight;  
The stranger, widow, fatherless,  
He strengthens by his might.**

**God brings the wicked to their doom,  
And he will reign always;  
From age to age, O Zion, sing  
To God unending praise.**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-17

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2213 (TFWS)

*Healer of Our Ever Ill*

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**Refrain:**

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your  
peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She

begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Give us strength to love each other, every sister,  
every brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL** ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**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.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine in-most substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Rogers and Barbara Stalvey Rogers--whose family celebrates her 100th birthday today--by R.B. and Mary Ellen R. Scarborough and Thomas E. and Bobbie R. Fresh and family in Tifton, GA.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, September 5**

- 8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School / All Ages / Education Wing
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 103
- 9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Live on Facebook
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary & Live Online

**Monday, September 6**

Church Office is closed for Labor Day.

**Tuesday, September 7**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC Gathering Room
- 8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Wednesday, September 8**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Education Wing
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
- 4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
- 8:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Room 105

**Thursday, September 9**

- 8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
- 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Room 105
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

**Friday, September 10**

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC Gathering Room
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Chrissy Merolle / FLC Gathering Room
- 6:30 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102

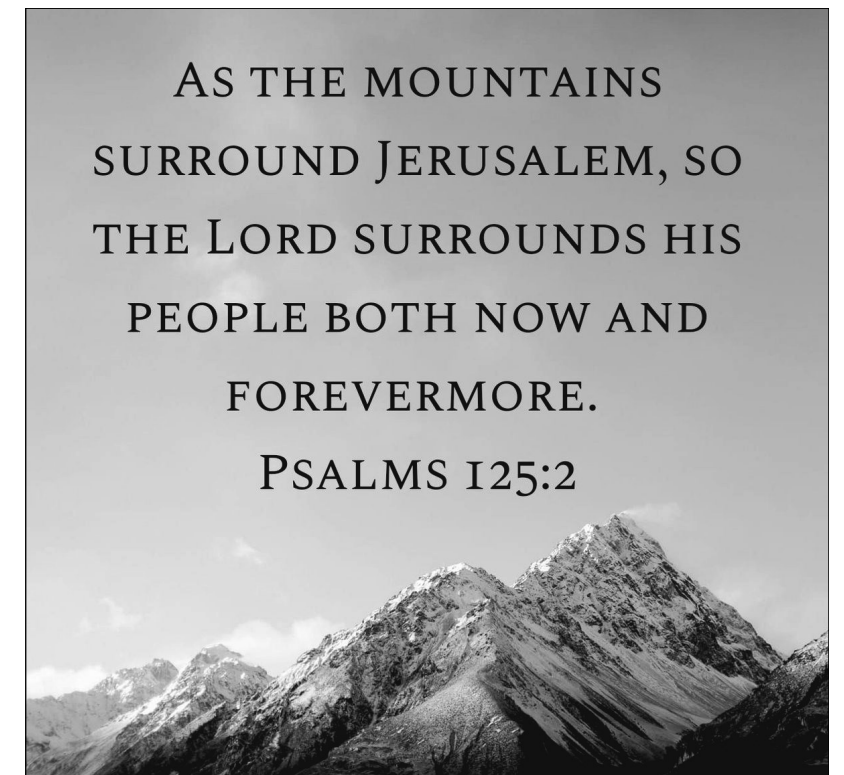
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AS THE MOUNTAINS  
SURROUND JERUSALEM, SO  
THE LORD SURROUNDS HIS  
PEOPLE BOTH NOW AND  
FOREVERMORE.

PSALMS 125:2

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

8:15 a.m. and 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.