

First Church at Worship

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich with more honor than the poor. Jesus himself deems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? The story reminds us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Praetorius
Fantasia on Ein Feste Berg

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 2236 (TFWS) *Gather Us In*
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* THE GREETING

Come to hear the Word.
We come to do the Word.
Come to experience Comfort.
We come to experience Challenge.
Come to find Cost.
We come to find Joy.
Come to find Humanity.
We come to find Community.
Come to find Church.
We come to find God.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
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.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Steadfast and saving God, have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,

and the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace. Your sins are forgiven; Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ. 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 Isaiah 35:4-7a OT Pg. 663

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 146 *St. Agnes*

*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 NT. Pg. 229-230

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ANTHEM *Sally Deford*
My Faithful Spirit Sings

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:24-37 NT Pgs. 42

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Delan Stevens

*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 Tim Whitten

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

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 427 *Germany*
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Michael Burkhardt
O That I Had a Thousand Voices

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 664 *The Ash Grove*
Sent Forth By God's Blessing

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Henry Purcell
Rondo (from Abdelazar)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren's birthdays, Maddox Dannelly on September 5 and Addison Dannelly on September 19 and for our 45th Wedding Anniversary on September 5 by Jess and Wendy Dannelly

Reverend Kyle, Nancy, Jonas, and Sara will be out of town today visiting family. Please contact him via his cell: 803-804-2208.



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 WORSHIPING 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.



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.

Prayer Concerns

MUSC: McNealy Pate Fallaw

Assisted Living Facilities: Brookdale: 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, 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, September 6

Altar Guild: Sue Dusenbury, Frances Driggers, Sylvia Richardson, Lois Sayre

Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Ross Fallaw, Emily Thompkins

Greeters: Don and Bonita Smoak

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Kelly Cooper, Jan Bitting
(Monday) Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Johnny Vaught, Janet Martin

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Bus Duty: David Jordan

Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman) Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 6

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00a.m. Confirmation Class Meeting / Room 219
10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bell Ensemble / Room 119
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, September 7

Church Office is Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA)/ FLC
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Commons

Wednesday, September 9

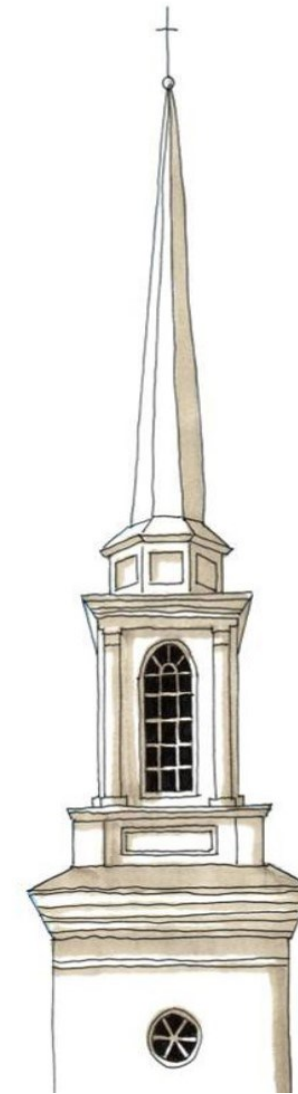
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216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

Thursday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / FLC

Friday, September 11

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2015
11:00 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.