

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 103 *St. Denio*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
**who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**
This is our God.
Let's worship together!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF THE THIRD GRADE BIBLES

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶“Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

This the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

THE PSALTER Psalm 139 *St. Thomas*

**Lord, you have known me well,
Searched out all I have wrought,
My sitting down and rising up,
Discerned my every thought.**

**You trace each step, each rest,
Along the way I go,
There is no word upon my lips
Which you, Lord, do not know.**

**You press on every side
And on me lay your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful
For me to understand.**

THE SECOND LESSON Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.
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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mr. Josh
*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 *It All Begins With a Death* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 298 *Hamburg*
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

**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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.
Silence is kept for reflection

God our helper,
**we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples,
we have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in 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!
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.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Pastorale* J.K. Kuchar

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

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 733 *Marching to Zion*

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C minor* J.S. Bach

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our children,
by Bud and Wendy Dannelly.

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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 8

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
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC Room 103
5:30 p.m. Bridge / FLC

Monday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Grandparents Day / Preschool / Fellowship Hall
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Room 101
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 113
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 103
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing
3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Room 123
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Dialogues on Race / TBA
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, September 5

8:30 a.m. District Clergy Meeting / FLC Room 101
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104

Friday, September 6

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

FUMC Staff

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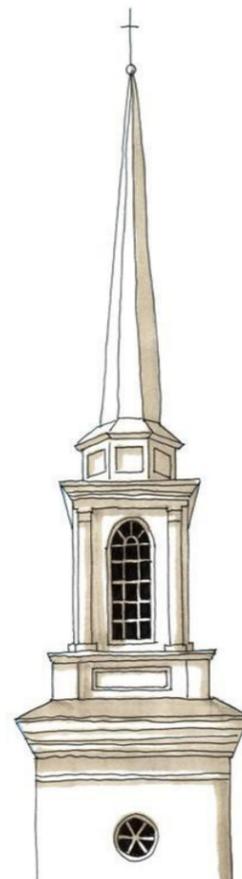
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10:30 a.m.

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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.