

# We Gather to Worship God

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
*O God, Thou Faithful God*

## INTROIT

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*The foolish say, "There is no God!  
We are alone, on our own."*

***We gather to declare  
the glory of God in our lives.***

*The foolish say, "It is your life;  
you are accountable to no one."*

***We gather, strengthened by the Spirit,  
trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.***

*The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine;  
I owe nothing to any one."*

***We gather to praise the One  
who calls us to serve others in love.***

\* 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.*

\* 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."

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

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

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 OT Pgs. 702-703

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 51:1-11 Tallis Canon

*Have mercy in your goodness, Lord,  
And in your grace, forgive my sin;  
Wash me from evil through and through,  
Cleanse me, O Lord, without, within.*

*All my transgressions, Lord, I know,  
I see my sin both day and night;  
Against you only have I sinned,  
Done what is evil in your sight.*

*So when you speak, Lord, it is just;  
Your judgements all reveal the truth;  
I have been wicked from my birth,  
A sinner even from my youth.*

*For deep within you look for truth,  
In secrets make me understand;  
Purge out my sin and I shall be  
Pure as your holy laws demand.*

*Tell me of joy and gladness that  
My broken body may have ease;  
Lord, hide your face from all my sin,  
Blot out all my iniquities.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Timothy 1:12-17 NT Pg. 208

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

ANTHEM Mack Wilberg  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-10 NT Pg. 78

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Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle  
*Feeling Lost*

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  
*Remembered, Rescued, and Restored*

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

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 381 Bradbury  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Offertory on Canonbury Gerald Near

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Carl Mueller  
*The Lord's My Shepherd*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94  
~ ***WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD*** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 400 Nettleton  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Henry Purcell  
*Rondeau (from Abdelzer)*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Dale Gladson for his birthday August 7<sup>th</sup>  
by his family.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of  
Aurora Lily Thompson born on August 31<sup>st</sup>  
to proud parents, Cole and Karishma!



**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

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

**Prayer Concerns**

**Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: Agape:** Mary Hucks, **Waccamaw/Tidelands :** Karlene Rudolph, **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, Lois Vaught, Ted Boyd.

**Serving This Sunday, September 11**

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

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, September 11**

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Acolyte Class / Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance and Healing / Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

**Monday, September 12**

- 7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room

**Tuesday, September 13**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
- 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting / Commons
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting / Parlor

**Wednesday, September 14**

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Sonshine Sunday School Class / Parlor

**Thursday, September 15**

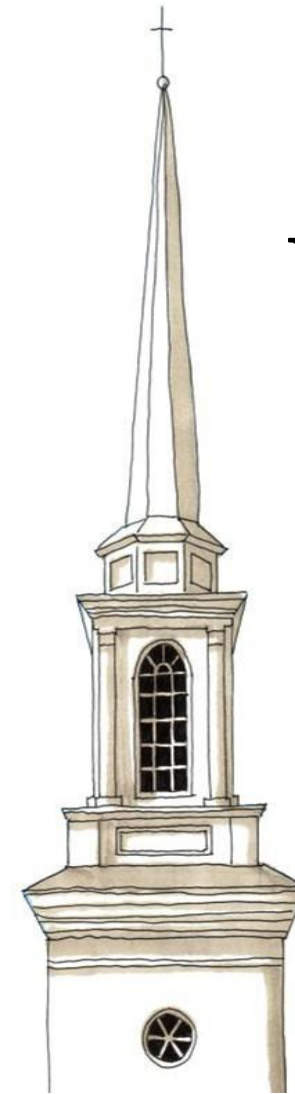
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**Friday, September 16**

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

**Worship Schedule**

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



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 11, 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.