

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Voluntary in F* Johann Albrechtberger

\* 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. 159

*Lift High the Cross*

vs. 1-2 & 4

*Crucifer*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.

The hosts of God in unity combine. *Refrain*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on their brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

\* REMEMBRANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

*This morning we will observe a moment of Silence as the Tower Bell  
tolls in memory of the lives who perished on September 11, 2001.*

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 1:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup>At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup>“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?”

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup>Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup>Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup>and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

<sup>26</sup>I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you,

<sup>27</sup>when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>28</sup>Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

<sup>29</sup>Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

<sup>30</sup>would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,

<sup>31</sup>therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.

<sup>32</sup>For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

<sup>33</sup>but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

This is the word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 19

*McKee*

**God's law is perfect and gives life,  
Revives the weary soul;  
His testimonies all are sure,  
Wisdom for all to hold.**

**The statutes of the Lord are just  
And gives the heart delight;  
His precepts are direct and pure  
And gives the eyes clear sight.**

**The fear of God is always clean,  
Enduring as the sun;  
The judgments of the Lord are true  
And righteous, every one.**

**And even more to be desired  
Than gold, the finest gold,  
And sweeter than the honeycomb,  
The words he spoke of old**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Slane*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 451 *Be Thou My Vision*

*Slane*

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Josh Tietje

ANTHEM

*Unto Thee O Lord*

Francis Aulbach

~ 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*Christ for the World We Sing*  
vs. 1 & 3

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children, Travis and Kim & McKewn and Brandi. Also, our grandchildren, Addison, Maddox, Paxton and Jackson. In memory of our grandson, Jess Lucas Dannelly, II by Jess and Wendy Dannelly

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara are away today as Rev. Kyle assists in his aunt's Service of Death and Resurrection in North Carolina. We lift them in our prayers today.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, September 12**

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary & Live Online
- 4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 205
- 5:30 p.m. Asbury Ringers / Room 205
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / FLC

**Monday, September 13**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 10:30 a.m. UMW Circles Meeting / FLC Room 101
- 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Tuesday, September 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
- 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 15**

- 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 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons
- 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 16**

- 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. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

**Friday, September 17**

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

**FUMC Staff**

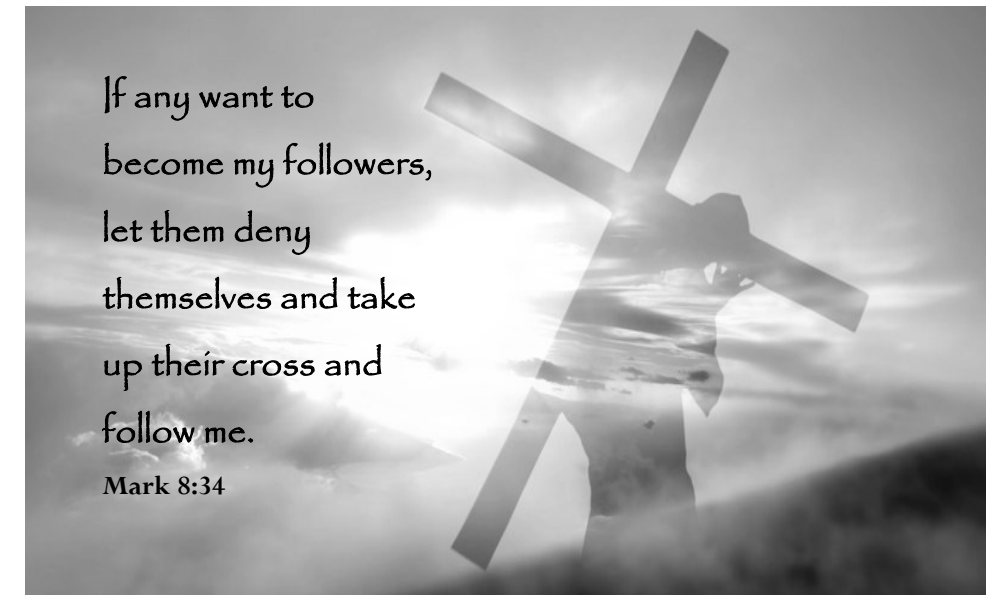
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If any want to  
 become my followers,  
 let them deny  
 themselves and take  
 up their cross and  
 follow me.

Mark 8:34

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 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.