

# 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 J. S. Bach  
 "Help Us, O God, to Praise Thee"

## INTROIT

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 732 St. Thomas  
 "Come We That Love the Lord"

## \* THE GREETING

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.  
*And also with you.*

## \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.  
*Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
 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 you do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. *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 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 OT. Pg. 702-703

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

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 51:1-11

*Hursley*

*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 judgments 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 secret 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 my iniquities.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

NT Pg. 208

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## \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

NT Pg. 78

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## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

"Lost and Found"

Rev. Kyle

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.  
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

## SERMON

"The Lost"

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

## \* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 700

*Eventide*

"Abide With Me"

*stanzas 1 and 5 all; stanza 2 men; stanza 3 women; stanza 4 choir*

You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.  
 Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

## \* 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*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, please respond  
 Hear us, O God.  
*Your mercy is great.*

## OFFERTORY

"O God, Thou Holy God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Mack Wilberg

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

## \* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 103

*St. Denio*

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

## \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

## \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Allegro Molto (from Sonata VI)"

Felix Mendelssohn

## \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 and in honor of the FUMC Staff  
 by Glenda Sweet



### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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 WORSHIPPING 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:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

### Serving This Sunday, September 15

**Altar Guild:** Sue Dusenbury, Frances Driggers, Lois Sayre  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Evan Von Herrmann, Jacob Johnson, Savannah Seremet  
**Liturgist:** Tim Whitten  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Kelly Cooper and Jan Bitting  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson  
**Trustee Duty:** Jim Edwards  
**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman  
**Ushers:** Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman) Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd,  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Penny and Phil Davis  
**Children's Church:** Tim Whitten

### Serving Next Sunday, September 22

**Altar Guild:** Sue Dusenbury, Frances Driggers, Lois Sayre  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Avery Carter, Graham Carter, Samuel Hickman  
**Liturgist:** Tim Whitten  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Kelly Cooper and Jan Bitting  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson  
**Trustee Duty:** Jim Edwards  
**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman  
**Ushers:** Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman) Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Allison Dudley, Sallie Goldfinch  
**Children's Church:** Sherry Seremet

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, September 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Youth Party / Martin's River House

#### Monday, September 16

10:30 a.m. Bible Study & Discussion / FLC Senior Room  
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting / FLC

#### Wednesday, September 18

3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / Education Wing  
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
4:00 p.m. W.W. Activities / Education Wing & FLC  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 211  
6:30 p.m. Table Talk Bible Study / Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2013  
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.