

# We Gather to Worship God

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers rather than owners of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human,...gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God, we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach  
*Help Me, O Lord, to Praise Thee*

INTROIT

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 428 CWM Rhondda  
*For the Healing of the Nations*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let us praise the name of the Lord,  
**God is wonderful! Yesterday, today and forever!**  
 The Lord our God has done marvelous things,  
**We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.**  
 For all the amazing gifts we have been given,  
**We praise the name of the Lord! Amen!***

\* 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.*

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

\* 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."

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

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 8:18-91 OT Pg. 709

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 113 St. Anne

*Hallelujah! Give praise to God,  
 Yes, let his Name be praised;  
 From this time forth forevermore  
 Let blessing be upraised.*

*From sunrise to the setting sun  
 Sing praises to God's Name;  
 Exalted over all the earth,  
 Above the heavens his fame.*

*For who, enthroned like God on high,  
 Stoops down to heaven and earth,  
 Lifts up the weak and poor from dust,  
 Ascribes to them such worth?*

*He sets them with the mighty ones,  
 The princes of the earth;  
 He makes the barren woman sing  
 With joy as she gives birth.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Timothy 2:1-7 NT Pg. 208

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ANTHEM As the Deer Martin Nystrom

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-13 NT Pg. 79

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Jessica Goldfinch

*Shoebboxes for Haiti*  
 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

*A Very Good Place to Start*

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

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 437 Finlandia

*This Is My Song*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Bourree G.F. Handel

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 438 Duke Street

*Forth in Thy Name*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Boyce

*Allegro (from **Symphony in D**)*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
 Bob Wiley for his birthday September 14<sup>th</sup>  
 by Beth and Kath Wiley, will all our love.

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**My Sermon Notes**

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**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:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Assistant)

**Prayer Concerns**

**CMC:** Billy Joe Calhoun

**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:** Catherine Causey, 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, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Lois Vaught, Ted Boyd.

**Serving This Sunday, September 18**

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

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Lila Myers, Savannah Seremet, Anna Kate Nelson

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Spivey Hood, Jan Bitting  
(Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

**Trustee Duty:** Justin Roof and Anna Saville

**Bus Duty:** Blake Martin

**Children's Church:** William and Robin Hardwick

**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 18**

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Acolyte Class / Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

**Monday, September 19**

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

**Tuesday, September 20**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
- 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, September 21**

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Study "Half Truths" / Room 216
- 6:30 p.m. Haiti Mission Meeting / Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Parlor

**Thursday, September 22**

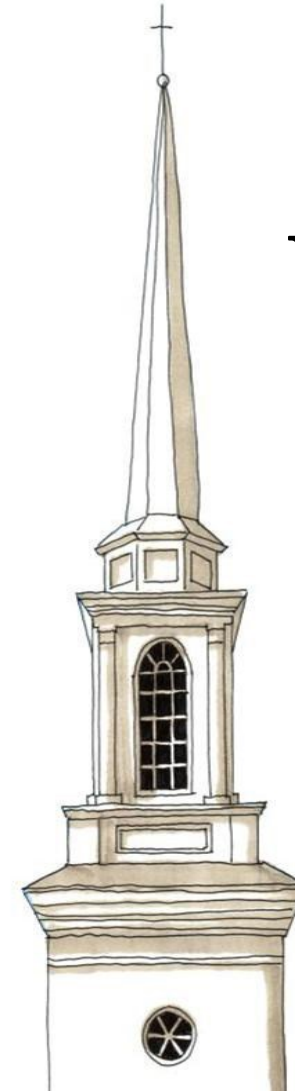
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

**Friday, September 23**

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

**Worship Schedule**

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



# First United Methodist Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 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.