

First Church at Worship

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
O God, Thou Faithful God

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 181 Hanover
Ye Servants of God

* THE GREETING

*Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;
Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.
Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.
Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.
Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.
Our God tells us if we want to be first
we need to go to the end of the line.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
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.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship
other things, other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell
us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our*

*energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our
attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts
are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. We turn
away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces
toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this,
counting on your grace. Amen.*

*In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace.
Your sins are forgiven; Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in
Christ. 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 worshipping 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."

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 11:18-20 OT Pg. 713

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 1 Cannonbury

*Happy are those who have not walked
With the ungodly of the land,
Nor lingered in the sinners' way,
Nor sat with those who mock God's hand*

*Happy are they who love the law
And find in it their chief delight;
They meditate continually
Upon his law both day and night.*

*Like fruitful trees by flowing streams,
With leaves that never fade or fall,
Are those who serve God day and night;
They find prosperity in all.*

*The wicked are not so, they seem
Like chaff the wind will not blow away;
They have no place with the elect
Nor can they stand on Judgment Day.*

*Then praise our God who knows so well
The way in which the righteous go;
The path which the ungodly walk
Shall perish; this God's people know.*

THE SECOND LESSON James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a NT. Pgs. 230-231

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ANTHEM Sebastian Temple

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Women of the Choir

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:30-37 NT Pg. 45

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Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

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 Priorities Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2176 (TFWS) Make Me a Servant
Make Me a Servant

The Choir will sing once then the congregation will join the second time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY G. F. Handel

The Peace

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hal Hopson

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Thy Peace)

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 421 Diademata

Make Me a Captive, Lord

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY David German

Festive Trumpet Tune

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Addison Reaves' Birthday, September 19.
We love you!
by Travis and Kim Dannelly

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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 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:

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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.



We encourage you to make use of our online giving option especially during the summer travel season. Please scan the QR code with any smart phone or iPhone to navigate to the secure ACS account for FUMC and make your donation. You may also visit the website at: www.fumconway.org and follow the "online giving" link to make a donation.

Prayer Concerns

MUSC: Joey Jones
Assisted Living Facilities: Brookdale: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,
At Home: Bonita Smoak, Gayle Fanshaw, McNealy Pate Fallaw, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Joann Ray, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, September 20

Altar Guild: Sue Dusenbury, Frances Driggers, Sylvia Richardson, Lois Sayre
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, John Kelly Thompkins, Collin Hucks
Greeters: William and Sally Goldfinch
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Kelly Cooper, Jan Bitting
(Monday) Margaret Thompson, Ernie Turnes
Trustee Duty: Johnny Vaught, Janet Martin
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Bus Duty: Tim Whitten
Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman) Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 20

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Meeting / Room 219
10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bell Ensemble / Room 119
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Reception for Jan Kyzer / Commons
3:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, September 21

5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting / FLC Senior Room
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / Commons
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA)/ FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting / FLC Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 23

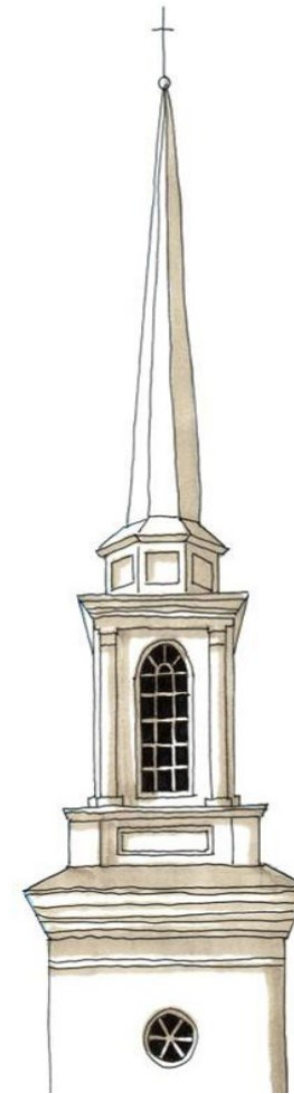
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Finance Office Room 207

Friday, September 25

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2015
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.