

We Gather to Worship God

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. Even as the Israelites complain along their journey during the Exodus, God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. Through our baptisms, we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 185 *Laudes Domini*
When Morning Gilds the Skies

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship, we remember God's faithfulness.
In our wandering, we seek God's guidance.
In our pain, we seek God's comfort.
In our hunger, we seek God's provision.
In all our living, we experience God's grace and goodness.
Let us worship God.

* 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.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We come to this place keenly aware of the need of your grace and forgiveness, O God. When we see others "getting ahead" of us in life, forgive us and make us new. When we think we are more deserving than others, forgive us and make us new. When we want to put others down because we don't think they are as worthy of your love as we are, forgive us and make us new. Amen.

Hear the good news: through the living Word, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are given a new heart and spirit. 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 Exodus 16:2-15 OT Pgs. 62-63

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 105:1-8 *Arlington*

*Give thanks to God, make known his Name,
 His deeds, to everyone;
 Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell
 The wonders he has done.*

*Rejoice in him, all hearts that seek
 To know his Name and grace;
 Search for the Lord and all his strength,
 And ever seek his face.*

*Recall the marvels God has done,
 The judgments of his mouth,
 O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,
 Whom he has chosen out.*

*The Lord is God, throughout the world
 His righteous laws prevail;
 His covenant and promises
 He keeps and will not fail.*

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 14:1-12 NT Pg. 163

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ANTHEM *Maurice Bevan*
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-16 NT Pgs. 21-22

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
Everyone's Invited

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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle
Unearned Credit

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 581 *Beach Spring*
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Hermann Schroeder*
Fairest Lord Jesus

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 133 *Showalter*
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *George Frederic Handel*
Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music Suite)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in celebration of Amy Hickman's birthday,
 with much love by her family.



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:

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

Altar Guild: Frances Driggers, Sue Dusenbury, Sylvia Richardson, Lois Sayer

Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Kelly Cooper, Jan Bitting (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

Children's Church: Jan Gawith

Trustee Duty: Jim Edwards, Janet Martin

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman) Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Thomas Harper, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bell Rehearsal / Rm. 117
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:45 p.m. King's Singers / Choir Room 105
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, September 22

5:30 p.m. TST Steering Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Wednesday, September 24

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Church Family Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Rm. 122
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

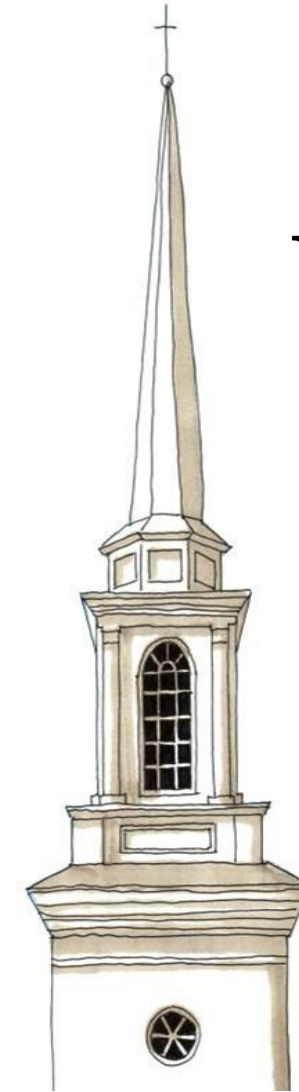
Thursday, September 25

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Prayer Concerns

Emory Atlanta: Betty Smith; **MUSC:** Jean Timbes
Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Kingston:** Ruth Coy; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Britt Stiltner, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, , Betty Folks, Mary T. Foxworth, Jane Gore, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.



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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2014
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.