

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *If Thou But Suffer God to Thee* Johann Pachelbel  
 (10:30 a.m.) *Kum Ba Yah* Judith Treisback  
 Voices in Bronze

\* 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. 161 *Marion*  
*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*  
 vs. 1-2, & 5

Rejoice, O pure in heart,  
 rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
 your festal banner wave on high,  
 the cross of Christ your King.

**Refrain:**  
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,  
 both men and women, raise  
 on high your free, exulting song,  
 declare God's wondrous praise. **Refrain**

Praise God, who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 one God forevermore. **Refrain**

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN OF THE DAY *Song of Hope* *Argentina*  
 Sing three times.

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our live with love  
 and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing  
 light and hope to every land and race. **Refrain**

**Refrain:**  
 Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for  
 a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christi's call.

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

<sup>1</sup>[King Ahasuerus] and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.<sup>2</sup>On  
 the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther,  
 "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what  
 is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be  
 fulfilled."<sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor,  
 O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my  
 petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request."<sup>4</sup>For we have  
 been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be  
 annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I  
 would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage  
 to the king."<sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he,  
 and where is he, who has presumed to do this?"<sup>6</sup>Esther said, "A foe and  
 enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king  
 and the queen.<sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the  
 king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for  
 Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty  
 cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that."<sup>10</sup>So they hanged

Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the  
 anger of the king abated.  
<sup>9:20</sup>Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who  
 were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,<sup>21</sup>enjoining  
 them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also  
 the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year,<sup>22</sup>as the days on which  
 the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been  
 turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a  
 holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for  
 sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.  
 This is the word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER Psalm 124 *Cleansing Fountain*

**If God had not been on our side,  
 Let Israel always say;  
 If God had not been on our side,  
 With foes in fierce array,  
 They would have swallowed us alive  
 While thirsting for our blood;  
 The torrent would have overwhelmed  
 And drowned us in the flood.**

**The raging waters surely would  
 Have buried us beneath;  
 Praise God who has not let us be  
 A victim for their teeth.  
 Like birds from broken nets, O Lord,  
 We have escaped from death;  
 Our help is in the Name of God  
 Who made both heaven and earth**

THE SECOND LESSON James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful?  
 They should sing songs of praise.<sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should  
 call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing  
 them with oil in the name of the Lord.<sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the  
 sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins  
 will be forgiven.<sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for  
 one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is  
 powerful and effective.<sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed  
 fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not  
 rain on the earth.<sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the  
 earth yielded its harvest.<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth  
 and is brought back by another,<sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings  
 back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and  
 will cover a multitude of sins.  
 This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 262 *Sutton Common*  
*Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*  
 vs. 1-2

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;  
 restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;  
 let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your  
 name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."<sup>39</sup>But  
 Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my  
 name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me."<sup>40</sup>Whoever is not  
 against us is for us.<sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water

to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the  
 reward.<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones  
 who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung  
 around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.<sup>43</sup>If your hand causes  
 you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have  
 two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.<sup>45</sup>And if your foot  
 causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to  
 have two feet and to be thrown into hell.<sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to  
 stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one  
 eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,<sup>48</sup>where their worm  
 never dies, and the fire is never quenched.  
<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire."<sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost  
 its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace  
 with one another."  
 The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 262 *Sutton Common*  
*Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*  
 vs. 3-4

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;  
 dispel the memories of guilt and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease,  
 and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) Julia Brooks

SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM (10:30) *Praise Him* Gordon Young

~ 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.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**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*

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 ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 126

*Mit Freuden Zart*

*Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*  
*vs. 1 & 4*

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

William Boyce

*Allegro (from Symphony in D)*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in In loving memory of our grandfather,  
Rev. Eddie T. Altman,  
by the Canady and Daly Families.

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, September 26

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

#### Monday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

#### Tuesday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC Gathering Room  
8:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

#### Wednesday, September 29

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 30

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, October 1

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

### **The Pumpkin Patch is Open Daily**

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 11:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

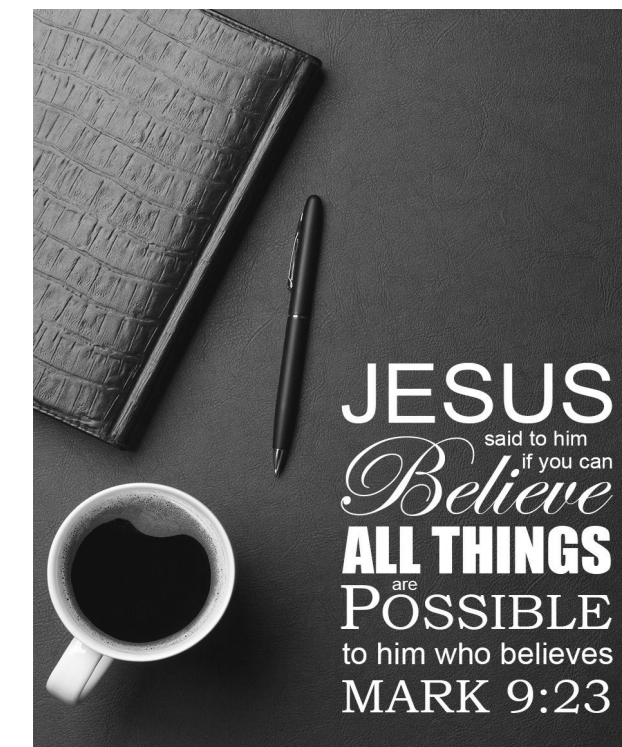
Please invite family, friends, and neighbors!

Proceeds will go towards Children and Youth Ministries.

# First United Methodist Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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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.