

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Janet Lawrence, *clarinet*

C.H.H. Parry

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Come! Sing praise to God!

We will praise God as long as we live!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him....

⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. ⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land. This the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

THE PSALTER

Psalms 91:1-4

Hursley

**The one who dwells within God's care
And sheltered by the Lord Most High
Shall say, "In you I put my trust,
My refuge, rock, to you I cry."**

**He Saves you from the hunter's snare
And from deadly pestilence;
He covers you beneath his wings;
His faithfulness is your defense.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. This the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they

should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mine

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

The Good Life

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Beach Spring

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.
Silence is kept for reflection

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples,
we have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in 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!
Glory to God. Amen.**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

* *All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Offertory on *Toulon*
FUMC Chamber Orchestra

George Elvey

* **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Doxology No. 95

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

* **HYMN OF SENDING NO. 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Allegro Brillante (from **Festival Concerto**)

Craig Penfield

* **CONGREGATION STANDING**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Laura Mae Ludlam Hyman,
by her family.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of
Sadie Elaine Hunsucker, born September 25 to
proud parents, Mary McKellar and Colby.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! 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. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting / FLC Room 101
5:00 p.m. Bridge (4th & 5th Grades) / Destination Unknown
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC Room 103

Monday, September 30

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 103
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:30 a.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC Kitchen & Gathering Room
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing
3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track / Room 218
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Dialogues on Race / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:30 a.m. *Searching for Sunday* Book Study / Room 216
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104

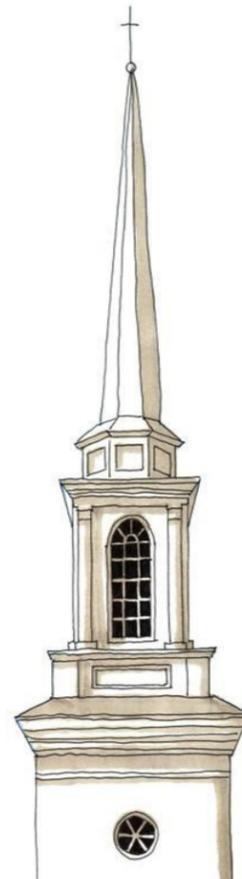
Friday, October 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

FUMC Staff

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September 29, 2019
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.