

We Gather to Worship God

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophet's mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with bread and wine, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 559 Regent Square
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Long ago a vineyard was planted.
 The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.
 But the vines grew wild,
 the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.
 What happened in that place of promise?
 People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.
 They chose their own ways and failed.
 Let us again turn to the Lord,
 who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.
 Let us open our hearts to God,
 trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.*

* 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

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the

*church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.
 Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.
 Amen.*

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new in the name of Jesus 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 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."

CONSECRATION OF THE ACOLYTES see insert

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

ANTHEM Tom Mitchell
All Things Bright and Beautiful
 Hannah Battley and Wesley Treble Choir

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 OT Pg.66

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 19 St. Peter

*The heavens above declare God's praise,
 The work his hands have made;
 Day after day his power is shown,
 And night by night displayed.*

*There is no utterance or speech,
 No voice is ever heard,
 Yet to all nations comes the sound,
 To every place their word.*

*Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun
 From its appointed place,
 And like a hero on his course
 Rejoices in the race.*

*It runs from East to farthest West
 To make its course complete,
 And nothing in the world beneath
 Escapes its scorching heat.*

THE SECOND LESSON Philipians 3:4b-14 NT Pg. 198

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 Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* John Purifoy

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:33-46 NT Pg. 24
Jesus says, "I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last."

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 Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Working Together

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

We Interrupt This Parable...

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2163 (TFWS) Holy Manna

He Who Began a Good Work in You

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER TEAM

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Air in D* Dietrich Buxtehude

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 298 Hamburg

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY G.F. Handel

Gavotte (from Organ Concerto No. 3)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
 in memory of my husband Bob's birthday and our anniversary
 with all my love, Helen Rice.



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.

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.

Serving This Sunday, October 8

Altar Guild: Karen Foxworth, Janet Martin, Jill Watts
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jade and Laurel Edwards, Emma Chanaca
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Trustee Duty: Cathy Senn, Randy Wood
Bus Duty: Matt Staub
Children's Church: Ben and Amanda Yenicek
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Spivey Hood (Chairman) Bob Butler, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Hunnicutt, Doug Roof, Scott Sayre, Ben Smith, Randy Wood.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, October 8

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Swiss Melody Bells Rehearsal / Room 117
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens / Courtyard
3:15 p.m. Pre-Concert Tea with the Charlestons / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. The Charlestons Concert / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, October 9

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
8:30 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Parlor
8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir (Grades 1 & 2) / Room 211
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze (Grades 3-5) Rehearsal / Room 211
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. "Seamless" Ladies Bible Study / Room 216
6:15 p.m. "Soul Shift" Bible Study / Room 217
6:15 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Room 205
7:00 p.m. Sonshine Class Meeting / Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

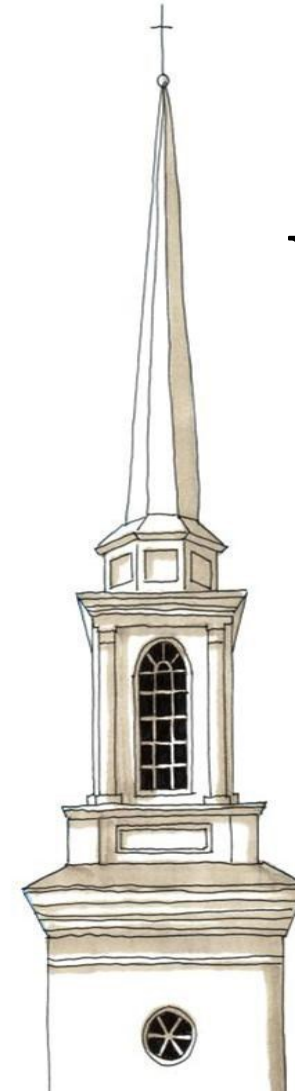
Thursday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

Friday, October 13

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

The Pumpkin Patch
Open Daily: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017
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.