

We Gather to Worship God

In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our worship God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy, we are sent forth to share the wonderful invitation with others who are hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY George Kauffman
Now Thank We All Our God

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 160 Marion
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is near!
Let us stand firm in God.
The Lord is near!
Let us replace worry and fear with prayer and peace.
The Lord is near!
Let us rejoice with gentleness and gratitude.

* 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

God of peace, whose day draws near, we confess that we are usually not paying attention. We assume that time stretches out eternally in our own self-image. We are either distracted by the things of the world or anxious about what we don't have. But when we do take account of ourselves, we often worry and become fearful. Because we trust too much in ourselves, the future is either too rosy or too dreadful. We want assurance but search for it in all the wrong places. We deeply need a peace that passes all understanding. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience. 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."

MISSION MOMENT Toby White

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM Jacques Berthier
Bless the Lord, My Soul
Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 32:1-14 OT Pg. 78

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 106:1-5 Land of Rest

*Give thanks to God, for he is good,
His mercy lasts always;
Who can declare his mighty acts
Or show forth all his praise?*

*Happy are those whose acts are just,
Who always do the right!
Remember me, Lord, with your grace,
Visit me with you might;*

*That I may see your chosen ones
In their prosperity,
That I may glory and be glad
With you posterity.*

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 NT Pg. 198

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ANTHEM Above All Praise and Majesty Felix Mendelssohn

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14 NT Pg. 24

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS God Provides Mr. Blake
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 *How Do We RSVP?* Blake Martin

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 352 Penitent
It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Johann Walther

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 427 Germany
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Walton
Coronation March

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Bertha Dorman Lee and John Kelly Dorman,
parents of Margaret Ann Vaught,
by Margaret Ann's family.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of
Josiah Patrick Martin
to proud parents, Christopher and Lexie
and grandparents, Blake and Janet Martin.
Congratulations!

FUMC Youth, Tim and Rev. Kyle are on Retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea
this weekend. Please remember the group in your prayers.
We welcome Blake Martin as Worship leader today.



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 WORSHIPING 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:

Kyle.Randle@fumcconway.org (Pastor)
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Office@fumcconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

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

Friday, October 10– Monday, October 13

FUMC Youth, Tim and Rev. Kyle are on Retreat at Epworth By the Sea.

Prayer Concerns

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

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

Altar Guild: Janet Martin, Jean Steen, Jill Watts

Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Ross Fallaw, Erin Todd

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

Children's Church: Libby Saville

Trustee Duty: Mark Chanaca, Debby Brooks

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Jim Ward (Chairman), Charles Timbes (Co-Chairman)
Bob Butler, Philip Davis, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Spivey Hood,
Doug Roof, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Randy Wood

This Week at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 12

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

Monday, October 13

5:30 p.m. Shepherd's Table Meeting / FLC-Senior Room
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, October 14

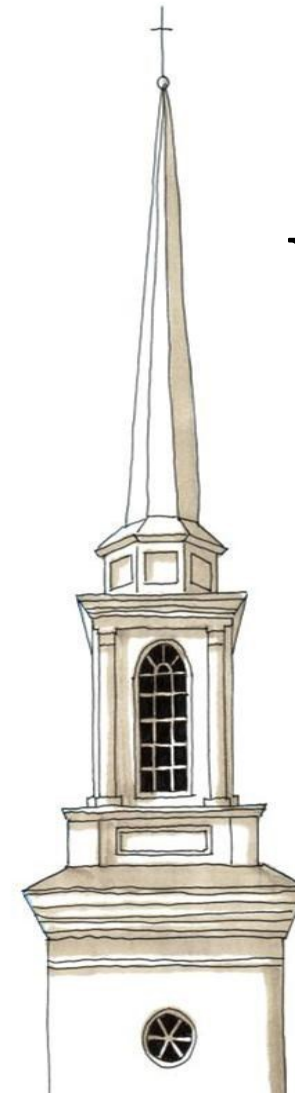
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
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. 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, October 16

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC Senior Room
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 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.