

We Gather to Worship God

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
Fugue in D

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
 in the hard work of life,
in the moments of ease;
 in our day-to-day reality,
at our times set aside—
 like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
 with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.*

* 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."

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

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 No. 2186 (TFWS) Argentina
Song of Hope (Sung Twice)

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 NT Pgs. 198-199

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ANTHEM John Purifoy
Rejoice the Lord is King

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14 NT Pg. 24
*This is the Lord for whom we have waited; I
 let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation. Isaiah 25:9*

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *J. O. Y.* Mr. Josh
 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 *Invitations Unlimited* Josh Tietje

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

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

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Gabriel's Oboe* Ennio Morricone

* 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 Paul Manz
Improvisation on CWM Rhondda

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 with love, Frank Watts, Frankie and Teresa.

Rev. Kyle and Nancy are travelling today through October 23. We welcome
 Josh Tietje, our Director of Education and Mission who leads us in worship
 today. Please contact Josh or the church office with any pastoral needs.
 843-488-4251



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 15

Altar Guild: Karen Foxworth, Janet Martin, Jill Watts
Acolytes and Crucifer: Sam Hickman, Caroline Daly, Anna Kate Nelson
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Trustee Duty: Cathy Senn, Randy Wood
Bus Duty: Kelly Cooper
Children's Church: Mark and Jenny Chanaca
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 15

9:00 a.m. Covenant Choir / Choir Room 105
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. 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
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, October 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, October 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, October 18

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. "Kingdom Woman" 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 19

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

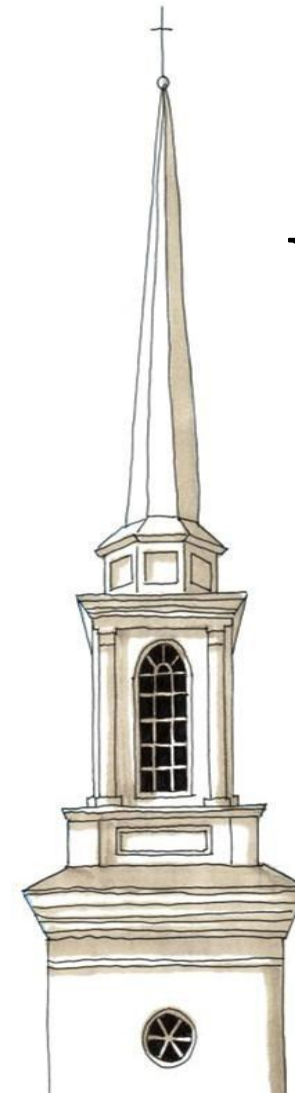
Friday, October 20

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

PUMPKIN PATCH

Monday—Saturday
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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.