

# We Gather to Worship God

*Pray always. Do not loose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ in the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Walther  
"Praise God, the Lord"

## INTROIT

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 384 Beecher  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\* THE GREETING  
From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS  
The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy. **Amen.**

Gracious God, ***we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins--those known to us that burden our hearts and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin, liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Jeremiah 31:27-34 OT. Pg. 735

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 119:97-104 Maryton

My mind is on your law all day  
And in it, Lord, is my delight;  
More than the wisdom of my foes  
Is your commandment day and night

My study is in your decrees,  
They make me wiser than my guide;  
more than the elders know is mine,  
In your commandments I abide.

Maintaining your word, I restrain  
My feet from every evil way;  
My heart does not shrink from your law,  
For you have taught me day by day.

Much sweeter to my taste, O Lord,  
Than honey is your sure decree;  
My mind grows wise through your command;  
I hate false ways most bitterly.

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 NT Pg.213

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**Thanks be to God.**

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18:1-8 NT Pg. 81

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Tim

Children ages three through third-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

"Persistence and Faith"

## ~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 606 Kingsfold

"Come, Let us Use the Grace Divine"

You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.  
Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH N0. 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 Meineke

\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

OFFERTORY Friedrich Zachau  
"All Glory Be To God on High"

OFFERTORY ANTHEM John Wilson  
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"  
Text on Page 584 of the United Methodist Hymnal

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 584 Abbot's Leigh  
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"  
Stanzas: 1, 4, &5

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Dukas

\* Congregation Standing "Fanfare"

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in grateful praise  
for the beauty of all of God's Creation.



## 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 WORSHIPPING 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.

Restrooms are 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:

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

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, October 20

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Requiem Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC  
5:30 p.m. Eat, Pack, and Wrap / FLC

### Monday, October 21

10:30 a.m. Coffee Talk-Discussion and Study Group / FLC

### Tuesday, October 22

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
3:30 p.m. Children's Pottery Class / FLC

### Wednesday, October 23

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school / Church Bus  
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Table Talk / Rm. 123  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

### Saturday, October 26

6:30 p.m. John McCutcheon Class Party / FLC

## Serving This Sunday, October 20

**Altar Guild:** Janet Martin, Jean Steen, Jill Watts

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Caroline Todd, Erin Todd, Lila Myers

**Liturgist:** Tim Whitten

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Jan Bitting and George Martin  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson

**Trustee Duty:** Jim Edwards

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

**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.

**Nursery Volunteers:** Jill Watts, Sherry Seremet

**Children's Church:** Anna Levy



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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2013  
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.