

# First Church at Worship

The 10:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in E Minor*

J. S. Bach

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:  
Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 718

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*  
vs. 1, 2, & 4

*Laude Anima*

THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. . . .

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." <sup>23</sup>He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 78:1-7

*Truro*

Hear, O my people, what I say,  
Incline your ears to learn my ways;  
I will declare a parable,  
The mysteries of ancient days.

What our forefathers told to us  
And that which we have heard and known,  
The mighty works which God has done,  
Their children also must be shown.

We will recount to those to come  
The power of God and deeds he wrought;  
He gave a law to Israel,  
Which now their children will be taught;

That generations still to come  
And children yet unborn be told,  
So they might trust God, not forget,  
But keep his judgments as of old.

THE SECOND LESSON

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

\* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 369

*Blessed Assurance*  
*Refrain only*

*Assurance*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed by the holy Trinity, one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus opens the door to us.

Through Jesus we are forgiven,  
by Jesus we are welcome,  
in Jesus we are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*see insert*

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

*Jesus Be Our Bread*

Wayne Wold

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 702

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*  
vs. 1 & 2

*Hymn to Joy*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fanfare*

Paul Dukas

\* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of Floyd Goodwin  
by the Emma Thompson Sunday School Class

## Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favored sinners slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,  
high on thy eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Everlasting God, come down!

### Blessed Assurance

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

### Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory,  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we, awaking,  
know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits.  
Every humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, November 8

8:15 a.m. Early Worship Service / Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
9:30 a.m. Elementary Sunday School / Education Building  
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center  
9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Parking Lot  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. The Bridge & UMYF / FLC

### Monday, November 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing  
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Rehearsal (School District Group B) Choir Room

### Tuesday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Trustees / The Commons  
6:45 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Wednesday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC  
3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Evening Communion / Front Portico

### Thursday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing  
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Rehearsal (School District Group A) / Choir Room  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Gathering Area

### Friday, November 13

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / FLC  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing  
6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

**Masks are required when inside church buildings.**

### FUMC Staff

Reverend Kyle Randle, Pastor  
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## **Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

November 8, 2020

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.