

# We Gather to Worship God

Today, Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the world of life.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn  
*Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling*

## INTROIT

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 732 St. Thomas  
*Come, We That Love the Lord*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Are you awake? Are you alert?  
**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**  
 Are you watching the signs?  
 Are you interpreting what is happening today?  
**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**  
 Do you see the opportunities for ministry?  
 Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?  
**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**  
 Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.  
**Christ has extended the invitation:**  
**let us work together in the reign of God on earth.***

\* 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

*One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us  
 confess our sin against God and one another.*

*O God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for  
 ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our*

*ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the  
 oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for  
 service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*In the name of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and  
 for his sake, God forgives all our sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be  
 glad, beloved people of God. 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."

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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

THE FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 OT Pgs.191-192

*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 NT Pgs. 204-205

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**Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM John Ness Beck

*Lord, Here Am I*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 NT Pg. 28

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

*Are You Ready?*

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 *Listening to God* Rev. Kyle Randle

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

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 369 Assurance  
*Blessed Assurance*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Air in D* Jean Josef Mouret

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 702 Hymn to Joy  
*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Mouret  
*Rondeau (from **Sinfonies De Fanfares**)*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
 in memory of Greg Martin for his birthday  
 by Julia Land and family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God  
 and in loving memory of Glen H. Edwards  
 by Harriet Edwards and family.



## 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.

### Prayer Concerns

**Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities:** **Anderson Oaks:** Mary T. Foxworth; **MedStar:** Lois Vaught; **Brookdale:** Bobbie Davis, Harriet Edwards; **Agape:** Mary Hucks, **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield

**At Home:** Savannah Seremet, Nancy Stiltner, Beccy Ward, JoAnn Wiegand, Lois Sechriest, David Reimschuessel, Irby Koon, Julia Land, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Rebecca Howell, Betty Folks, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

## Serving This Sunday, November 12

**Altar Guild:** Anne Roof, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Grady Hagen, Margaret Staub  
**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub  
**Trustee Duty:** Dawne Clonts, John Sawyer  
**Bus Duty:** Hunter Jenkins  
**Children's Church:** Sallie Goldfinch  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Carl Purvis (Chairman), Bill Foxworth, David Jordan, Tom Overby, Justin Powell, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Mike Thomas, Bob Wiley, Ben Yenicek.

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, November 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

### Monday, November 13

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

### Tuesday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
11:00 a.m. UMW Thankful Tea / FLC  
2:00 p.m. Ivey Garden Club / FLC Senior Room  
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC  
6:00 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Room 205  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

### Wednesday, November 15

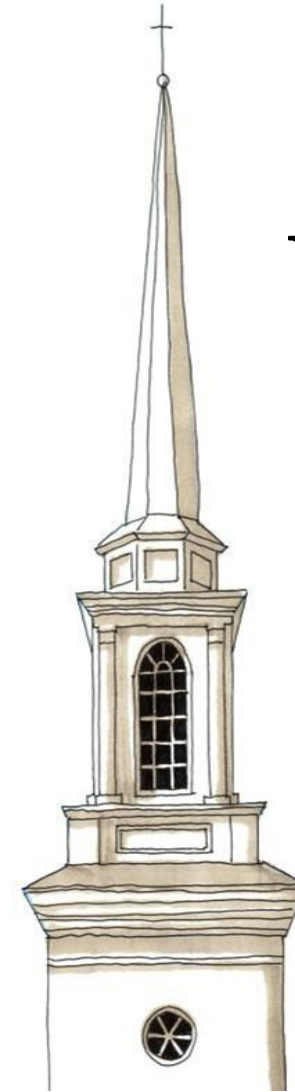
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir (Grades 1 & 2) / Room 211  
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze (Grades 3-5) Rehearsal / Room 211  
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. *Down to Earth* Bible Study / Room 217  
6:15 p.m. *Faithful* Bible Study / Room 224  
6:15 p.m. "Kingdom Woman" Ladies Bible Study / Room 216  
7:00 p.m. Sunshine Class Meeting / Parlor

### Thursday, November 16

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

### Friday, November 17

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



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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 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.