

First Church at Worship

November began with All Saints and ends with the beginning of Advent. The readings today begin to point towards the resurrection. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. We begin to see the importance in provoking one another to love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn
Andante (from Sonata II)

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 157 Duke Street
Jesus Shall Reign

* THE GREETING

*We gather together to worship,
 knowing that God is already here among us; knowing that there is
 nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.
 Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near. So let us enter into this
 service of worship
 with confidence and hope, knowing that God is already with us, and that
 He stands eager to meet us and bless us with His love.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Bruce Prewer

This I truly believe.
I believe in Jesus the Christ.
I believe in the ever-present Spirit
I believe in God whose love transforms all things.
Though false teachers come and delude the gullible,
God's truth remains sure.
Though temples crumble and churches wither,
God's gospel remains sure.
Though earthquakes strike and diseases ravage,
God's purpose remains sure.
Though good people suffer injustice and persecution,
God's love remains sure.
Though saints go to prison or face execution,
God's life remains sure.
I believe in God who treasures and nurtures us,
who yearns over the fate of each one as if they were all,
and who turns loss to gain and defeat to victory.

This I truly believe.

Amen!

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose
 mercy endures forever. Amen.*

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and the whole company of
 heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.*

*Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
 thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You
 have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his
 sake, forgive all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true
 knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by
 your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.*

*Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus
 Christ, you are forgiven.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

* 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 Daniel 12:1-3 OT Pg. 834

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 16 Hamburg

*O Lord, my portion and my cup,
 You make my lot always secure;
 My boundaries close a pleasant land,
 Indeed my heritage is sure.*

*I bless the Lord who counsels me,
 My heart helps me to understand;
 I set the Lord always before,
 And as my guard at my hand.*

*You show me, Lord, the path of life,
 With you I find fullness of joy;
 The pleasures found at your right hand
 Are those which time cannot destroy.*

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 10:11-25 NT Pgs. 224-225

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

ANTHEM John Leavitt

Steal Away

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:1-8 NT Pg. 50

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 Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Skipping and Galloping, Oh My!

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 Rev. Kyle D. Randle

Provoked to....

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMNS OF RESPONSE

No. 382 *Have thine Own Way, Lord* Adelaide
 No. 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

*During this time you are invited to come forward with your
 2016 Commitment Cards and place them on the Chancel Rail,
 pray for First UMC and give thanks to God.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM David Haas

Blest Are They

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 529 Foundation
How Firm a Foundation

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Ross Fallaw

Voluntary in A minor

Ross Fallaw plays his original composition this morning as the Closing Voluntary.

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Burroughs ("Dandy") Woodward for his birthday November 20th and also in honor of granddaughters Kristy and Laurie Rollins whose birthdays are also in November. Families are so special! by Woodie Woodward.



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.

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@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
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- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

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

Prayer Concerns

MUSC: Joey Jones; **GSH:** Ross Edwards
Assisted Living Facilities: Brookdale: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,
At Home: Sue Dusenbury, Bonita Smoak, McNealy Pate Fallaw, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, November 15

Altar Guild: Anne Roof, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught
Acolytes and Crucifer: Emily and John Kelly Thompkins, Nathan Nelson

Greeters: Tom and Tina Overby

Counting Committee: (Sunday) William Goldfinch / George Martin
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Justin Roof, Ernie Turnes

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Bus Duty: Janet Martin

Ushers: Carl Purvis (Chairman), Mike Thomas (Co-Chairman)
Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, David Jordan, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 15

- 9:30 a.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room 105
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class / Room 219
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. King's Singers / Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, November 16

- 8:30 a.m. Crèche Festival Day Trip / Leaving from the FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, November 17

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
- 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 18

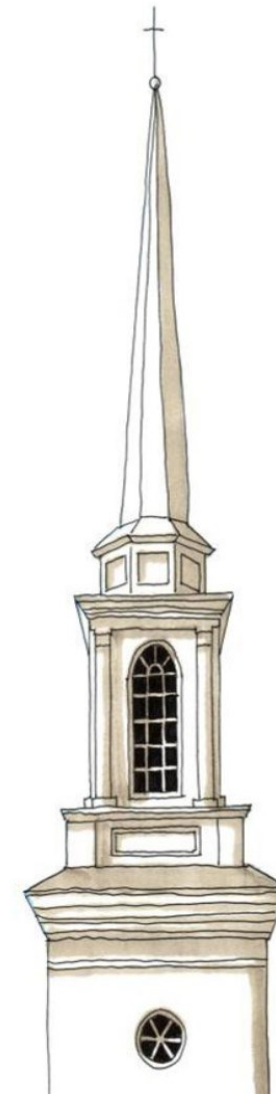
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
- 11:00 am Empty Bowls Project / The Shepherd's Table
- 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
- 3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 5:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC
- 6:15 p.m. Thursday Sabbath / The Hut Chapel

Friday, November 20

- 7:00 p.m. Voce Angeli Concert / Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2015
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.