

First Church at Worship

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* Arnold B. Sherman
Asbury Ringers and Chime Choir

Jacob's Ladder Martha Lynn Thompson
Chime Choir

* 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. 103 *St. Denio*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
vs. 1, 2, & 4

THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 123 *Old 100th*

**To you, O Lord, I lift my eyes,
To you enthroned in heaven above;
As servants wait their masters' will,
So we look up and wait God's love.**

**Have mercy on us now, O Lord,
Contempt has been our lot too long;
Too long have we been mocked and scorned,
Derided by the proud and strong.**

THE SECOND LESSON I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they

say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 2150 *Lord, Be Glorified*
Lord, Be Glorified
vs. 1, 3, & 4

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
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

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) *Offertory* John Ness Beck

~ 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.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's 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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYERS
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 413 *Boylston*
A Charge to Keep I Have
vs. 1, 2, & 4

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY G.F. Handel
Allegro Maestoso (from **Water Music Suite**)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of our parents,
by Richard and Susan May.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of
Mack Henry Hudson born on Monday, November 9 to
proud parents, Colby and Alison, big brother Ty and
grandparents, Jimmy and Lynn Hammond.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

A Charge to Keep I Have

A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will!

Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 15

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 / 5th Ave. Parking Lot
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. The Bridge & UMYF / FLC

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
12:30 p.m. UMW World Thank Meeting / FLC Gathering Room
3:30 p.m. Ivy Garden Club / FLC Room 101
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 18

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 19

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 20

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

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The Parable of the Talents
Willem de Poorter

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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.