

First Church at Worship

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation during these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Our Lord’s contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Noel Nouvelet
Carillon Choir

French Carol

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

* THE GREETING

*Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming,
We wait filled with hope,
Knowing your light will shine in the darkness.
We wait anticipating your peace,
Believing that one day it will fill our world.
We wait embracing your love,
May we reach out to share it with our neighbours.
We wait with joy,
Bubbling us in expectation of your birth.
Lord we wait,
Come soon and fill us with your life.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Let us come before God in confession.

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, come with joy. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. 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.”

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tyler, Kelli, Cooper, and Kingsley Thomas

THE ADVENT RESPONSE No. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verse 4

Veni Emmanuel

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT Pg. 738

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

ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 25

Canonbury

*Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Thessalonians 3:9-13

NT Pg. 204

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

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Gustav Holst

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

NT Pgs. 85-86

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Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Waiting Is Hard!

Rev. Kyle

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

Squandering Hope?

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2100

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Margaret

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Sleepers Awake, A Voice Is Calling

Felix Mendelssohn

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 730

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Picardy

Gordon Young

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the newest addition to the FUMC Family:

Scott James Steiner, III “Tripp”
with proud parents Scott and Jessica,
grandmother Tammy Hendrick and,
great-grandmother Julia Land.
Congratulations!



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 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.

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.

Serving This Sunday, November 29

Altar Guild: Anne Roof, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught
Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Ross Fallaw, Cooper Thomas
Greeters: The Biting Family
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: Ben Smith
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 29

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
 5:00 p.m. Advent Candlelight Concert / The Hut Chapel
 7:00 p.m. CCU Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary

Monday, November 30

12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / First Baptist
 7:00 p.m. CCU Choir Holiday Concert / Ticketed Event / Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC
 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Parlor

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 a.m. People Underwriters / FLC
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
 11:30 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / Luncheon at Crady's
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Room 207
 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
 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, December 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC Senior Room

Friday, December 4

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Stewardship and Attendance for the week of November 22			
Operating	5,006.00	Sunday School	142
General Scholarship	40.00	Worship	184
CAP	35.00		
Epworth	35.00		
Shoebox	200.00		
Haiti Mission	30.00		
Poinsettia	100.00		
Building Fund	335.00		
Capital Campaign	472.00		
Total	6,552.00		



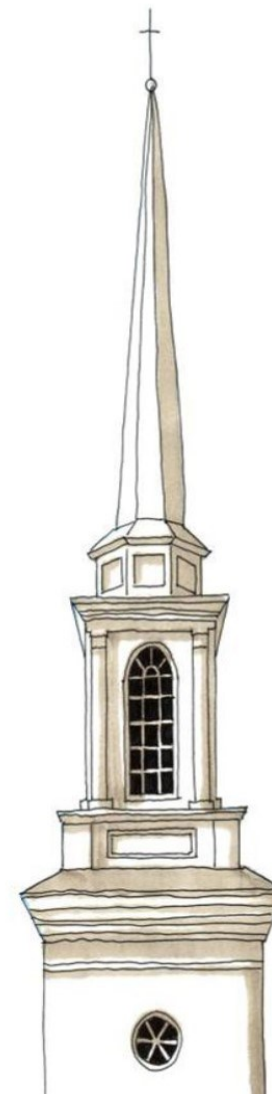
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Prayer Concerns

Waccamaw Rehab: Maxine Dunn

Assisted Living Facilities: Brookdale: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Ross Edwards, Delan Stevens, Sue Dusenbury, Don and Bonita Smoak, McNealy Pate Fallaw, Myron Dunn, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Joey Jones.



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First Sunday of Advent
 November 29, 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.