

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andreas Niklaus Vetter

Come Thou Savior of Our Race

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush, and gave unto him the law on Sinai.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Dayspring, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O King of the Gentiles and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* THE HYMN NO. 196

Hyfrydol

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

In the hustle and bustle, in the kitchens and malls,
it is hard to feel still.

Our to-do lists are long;

it is hard to be present.

We are called to stillness;

we long to be still.

What can you let go of, that you might rest?

What can we not do, that we might be present with Christ?

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

ANTHEM The King of Glory Comes Jacque Berthier

Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs

Olivia Fowler, Sara Randle, Noah Hardwick, *soloists*; Dre Nelson, *tambourine*

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to

the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! This the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 122

Canonbury

**Jerusalem: with what great joy
I heard them say, "Let us go there!"
And now at last we take our stand
Within her gates to make our prayer.**

**Jerusalem: a city built
To be a place of unity;
The tribes go up, the tribes of God,
To praise God's Name eternally.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come and Be Joyful

Antonio Vivaldi

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Oooohhh!

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

Wake Up!

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 626

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

* 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

Let us come before the living God in confession.
Silence is kept for reflection

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

To you, O God, we confess our sins,

known and unknown.

Forgive us, renew us,

and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.

**Make us reflections of the radiant love
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High,

you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,

where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that our sins are forgiven

in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,

Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

** All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

In the Bleak Midwinter

Nancy Owens, *flute*

The ushers will pass offering plates.

You may also give by texting "firstconway" to 73256

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
All persons who desire forgiveness of sins and renewal of faith are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion will be shared by Intinction as worshippers come forward and kneel along the Chancel Rail. Today's offering will go to the General Scholarship Fund.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 204 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* McGee
 No. 207 *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Prepare the Way

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 569 Message
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata on Picardy* Gordon Young

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
 in loving memory Rev. William E. Tietje,
 by Josh, Joy, Nolan, and Emery.

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!

Restrooms are 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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 1

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
 4:00p.m. Advent Concert / The Hut Chapel
 4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211

Monday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / Helen Heath's Home 1308 9th Ave.
 12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / Kingston Presbyterian Church
 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC Room 101
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Room 101
 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 103
 7:30 p.m. Coastal Carolina Concert / Sanctuary
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 11:30 a.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC & FLC Kitchen
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing
 3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
 3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
 4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
 5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track / Room 218
 6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / Room 216
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, December 5

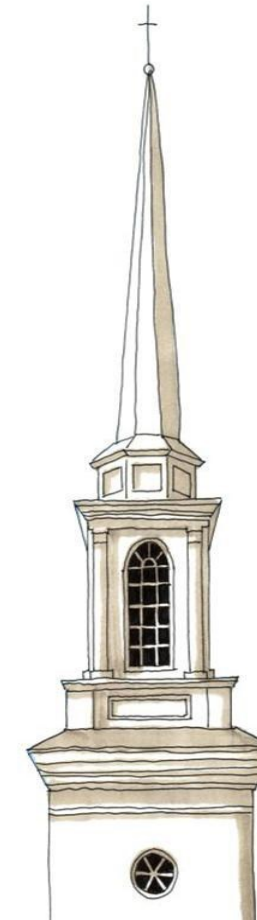
7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 10:30 a.m. *Searching for Sunday* Book Study / Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104

Friday, December 6

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC 102

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First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 2019
 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 readings, 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.