

First Church at Worship

The presence of the Lord “in your midst” is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with his winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for this third Sunday in Advent.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andreas Vetter
Come Thou Savior of Our Race

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 203 Ellacombe
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

* THE GREETING

We come to prepare the way;
The way for Christ –
the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –
to enter our world,
to enter our hearts.
We cry out together in the wilderness:
The kingdom of heaven has come near.
We come to be part of the light–
the light that shines in the darkness.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
Apostles’ Creed

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 worshipping 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.”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER No. 38
Sheila Randall

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
John, Lauren, and Taylor Sawyer

THE ADVENT RESPONSE No. 211 Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verse 5

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD** ~

ANTHEM Francis Jabusch
The King of Glory Comes
Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs
Sara Randle, Kingsley Thomas, Olivia Fowler,
Molly Whitten, and David Paul Jordan, *soloists*;
Jonas Randle, *tambourine*; Ben Chanaca and Cooper Thomas, *descant*

THE FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 3:14-20 OT Pg. 877
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE The First Song of Isaiah Woodworth
Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me,
And I will trust him without fear:
My stronghold and my sure defense,
My Savior who is always near.

Draw water from salvation’s springs,
And on that day your joy proclaim,
Give thanks to God, make known his deeds,
And call upon his holy Name.

Exalt God’s Name, for he has done
Great things, and sing his praises well;
Zion, ring out your joy for him,
The Holy One of Israel.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be,
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:4-7 NT Pg. 198

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

ANTHEM John Carter
Of the Father’s Love Begotten

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:7-18 NT Pg. 60

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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
Rejoice!

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
Something Good from the Bad

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2089 La Grange
Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Gerard Near
Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 202 Besançon
People, Look East

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Mathias
Fanfare

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
James W. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clonts
by Dawne and Danny Clonts
and José Holbert.

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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.

Serving This Sunday, December 13

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Paula Mytko, Libby McCutcheon, Lilian Sherry, Sylvia Richardson

Acolytes and Crucifer: Emily Thompkins, Nathan Nelson, Anna Kate Nelson

Greeters: Lynn and Jimmy Hammond

Counting Committee: (Sunday) William Goldfinch / Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Karlene Rudolph, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Mike Thomas

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Bus Duty: Duc Watts

Ushers: Hunter Jenkins (Chairman), Jimmy Hammond (Co-Chairman) Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zack Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Ernie Turnes.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 13

- 9:30 a.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / 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
- 2:00 p.m. Parsonage Open House / 709 Elm Street
- 4:00 p.m. King's Singers Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Candlelight Concert / The Hut Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner / Starting at the FLC

Monday, December 14

- 12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, December 15

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
- 12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Luncheon / Parsonage
- 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 16

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Fruit Basket Pick-up / 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 / Sanctuary

Thursday, December 17

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

Friday, December 18

- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Stewardship and Attendance for the week of December 6			
Operating	9,639.50	Sunday School	138
CAP	50.00	Worship	218
General Scholarship	40.00	Advent Concert	55
Good Samaritan	25.00	Wonderful Wednesday	113
Haiti Mission	1,081.00	CCU Concert (11/30)	525
Waccamaw Youth Cntr.	200.00		
Christmas Project	1,125.00	CAP Food Items	19
Fruit Baskets	28.00	Help4Kids	
Music Discretionary	400.00	Food Items	9
Poinsettia	116.00	Clothing Items	4
Capital Campaign	1,897.00		
Building Fund	410.00		
Total	15,011.50		

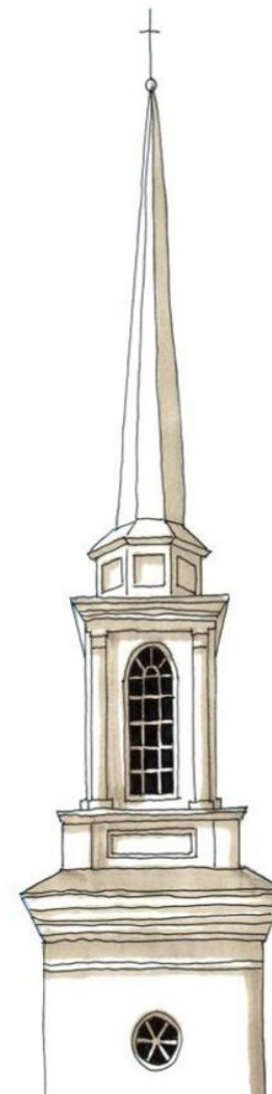


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Prayer Concerns

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

At Home: Ross Edwards, Sue Dusenbury, Don and Bonita Smoak, Myron and Maxine 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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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 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.