

All pray in silence.

How blessed we are to have a High Priest who understands our weakness, hears our prayer and responds with mercy to our sincere confession. Friends, receive the good news that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*Amen.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable, Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### Breaking the Bread

#### Giving the Bread and Cup

<b>Anthems</b>	"Birthday of a King"	Carl Deis
	Jack McCutcheon, <i>soloist</i>	
	"O Holy Night"	Adolphe Adam
	Frankie Hardwick, <i>soloist</i>	

#### Prayer after Receiving Communion (In unison)

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### Litany for Sharing the Light of Christ

The God who said, "Let there be light,"  
*has caused light to shine in our hearts*

That light is the glory of God  
*reflected in the face of Jesus Christ*

As our candles are a sea of light lit from the one light of Christ  
*so may the church reflect Christ's light and love in the world.*

<b>Hymn 239</b>	"Silent Night"	<i>Stille Nacht</i>
	(first stanza)	
* <b>Hymn 240</b>	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
* <b>Benediction and Choral Response</b>		
* <b>Voluntary</b>	"Gloria" (from Magnificat V)	Marcel Dupre

FUMC Festival Orchestra

Will Fallaw, <i>trombone</i>	Emily Steiner, <i>flute</i>
Ann Morgan Fallaw, <i>violin</i>	Mattie Hucks, <i>flute</i>
Thomas Hickman, <i>timpani</i>	

# Music At First

## Children and Youth

Sunday Afternoon

Rehearsals

### Cherub Choir

4:30 p.m.

### Wesley Treble Choir

4:30 p.m.

### Youth Orchestra

4:30 p.m.

## Wednesday Evening

Rehearsals

### Children's Recorder Consort

TBA

### Carillon Handbell Choir

6:00 p.m.

### Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m.

## FUMC's Raleigh Ringers Concert

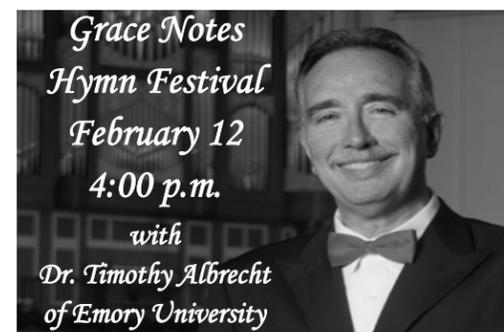
Airs on channel 4 as part of HTC's

"Christmas Card  
to the Community"

Tonight at 8:00 p.m.

and

Throughout Christmas Day



## Spring Concerts 2012

### Lenten Organ Meditations

Wednesdays at Noon

February 29

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

### Two Pianos/Eight Hands Concert

March 18 at 4:00 p.m.

### Coastal Carolina University

#### Spring Choral Concert

April 23 / Time: TBD

## Music for the Passion of Our Lord

April 1

11:00 a.m.

with

Chancel Choir,  
Soloists

and

Members of the  
Long Bay Symphony





Sunday, January 15  
Skating at Dreamland!  
Fun fellowship for all ages!

## Winter Retreat

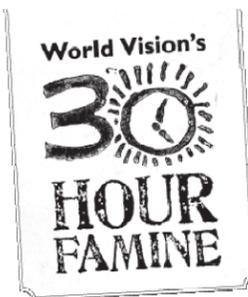
Asbury Hills  
February 17-20!

Asbury Hills is a camp and retreat center of the SC United Methodist Conference situated on 2000 acres, nestled in the northwest corner of South Carolina in the Blue Ridge mountains. The camp's mission is to serve all people for Christian birth, growth and renewal.



St. Patty's Skating Fellowship  
Fun for All Ages!

Sunday, March 11  
Dreamland Skating Rink



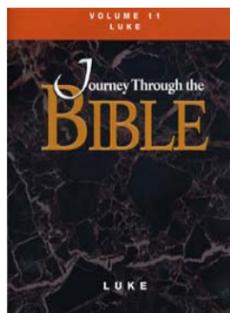
March 30-31

Our youth group is doing World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We don't think it's right that thousands of kids are dying from hunger every day. So we're doing something about it.

June 26-30

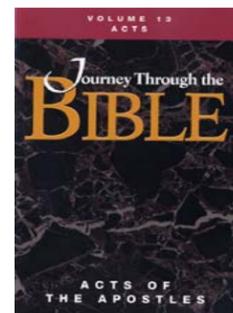


Youth Spring Retreat  
May 25-28  
@ Caravelle Resort  
Myrtle Beach



## Sunday School 2012!

Journey Through the Bible  
Luke  
(Starting in March)  
Journey Through the Bible  
Acts



### Faith Adventures!

Spirit-filled day trips for adults.



January 26  
Transfiguration of  
Our Savior Greek  
Orthodox Church  
Florence, SC

February 23  
St. James Episcopal Church  
Wilmington, NC

March 29  
Bethel UMC  
Charleston, SC



April 26  
Mepkin Abbey  
Moncks Corner, SC

## Celebration of Music in Worship

During the month of February 2012, we will enjoy, explore and experience a wide variety of music in Worship.

- February 5  
The Wesley's
- February 12  
Our British Cousins
- February 19  
The American Experience
- February 26  
African Influences

### Wednesday Evenings At FUMC

#### Wednesday Evening Meal

5:30 p.m.

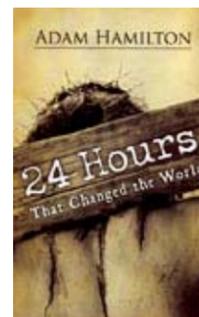
Wonderful time of church family fellowship and marvelous home-cooked meals.

#### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:15 p.m.

Mickey Efirid Study of Luke and Acts. The studies will coincide with the Sunday school study. The Wednesday evening classes are led by Reverend Mac Kinnett.

### Lent 2012



One of the most innovative teaching pastors in the country, Adam Hamilton unpacks Jesus' last days on earth and how they turn upside down the conventional ideas about good and evil, justice and history, life and death. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, it portrays the Last Supper to Christ's victory over the grave.



## First United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2011  
Christmas Eve

### Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

### Invocation

#### Voluntary

"In Dulci Jubilo"

J. S. Bach

#### \* Hymn 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
(stanzas 1, 3 and 6)

Adeste Fideles

### Opening Prayer (In unison)

Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors."  
This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

#### Anthem

"Mary Did You Know"

Mark Lowry

Emmelyn Hood, Mattie Hucks, Anne Marie Martin, Emily Steiner, soloists  
Ann Morgan Fallaw, violin

#### \* Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

#### \* Hymn 246

"Joy to the World"

Antioch

### Confession and Pardon (In unison)

Loving and merciful God, as celebrate the coming of Jesus, we confess that we do so with divided loyalties, scattered attention and idolatrous hearts. We want to welcome a baby but not surrender control of our lives to a Lord who expects our allegiance. We like the idea of having something and someone to believe in but do not want those beliefs to demand a change in our behaviors. We are inspired by brilliant stars, angelic song and the magi's gifts, but are not interested in the risky business of sharing the good news. Our lives are cluttered with parties, packages and pageantry, and in the midst of it all, we have misplaced the truth of the Incarnation—that you have come to be with us, to know us and be known by us, to dwell not just with us but within us, for the sake of all creation and the world. Forgive us, precious Son of God, we pray, and restore to us the joy of being yours. Amen.