

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY JOHANN PACHELBEL
Good News From Heaven the Angels Bring

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 220 REGENT SQUARE
Angel's from the Realms of Glory

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
That light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.
To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

* OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
The 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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
** All may exchange signs of peace.*

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 229 W ZLOBIE LEZY
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

THE FIRST LESSON I SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod.
¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.
This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE PSALM 148 ST. ANNE

Praise the Lord from all the earth:
Sea monsters, deep below,
Storm winds, all those who do his will,
Fire, hail, and fog, and snow;

Trees bearing fruit and cedar trees,
All hills and mountain steep;
Beasts of the wild and winged birds,
Cattle and things that creep;

All kings and peoples of the earth
Princes and rulers, too;
Young men and maidens, old and young,
To him all praise is due.

His splendor spans all the earth and heaven;
All those who come to dwell
With him receive both strength and praise:
His people Israel.

THE SECOND LESSON COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Away in a Manger* MACK WILBERG

* THE GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS MR. JOSH
*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.*

THE SERMON *Not According to Plan* JOSH TIETJE

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 249 CHRISTMAS SONG
There's a Song in the Air

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, wonderful counselor,
**we confess that we have turned from your gifts
and chosen our own way.
We have not made room for you
in our hearts or in our world.
We have lived in fear;
we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.
Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

God's loving kindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.
We are saved, not by anything we have done,
but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Through the Spirit living in you,
God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
Hear us, o God. **Your mercy is great.** *(after each petition)*

OFFERTORY *Now At The Manger Here I Stand* Walcha

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 246

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

* BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

God make me uncomfortable with easy answers to difficult questions. Make me miserable with half-truths, so miserable in fact, that I do the difficult work of ferreting out truth.

Only then can you take up dwelling in my heart.

Use my righteous indignation at injustice, inequality, oppression and exploitation and show me how to harness it in love to work for your justice, your equality and your peace.

Only then can you take up dwelling in my heart.

God bless my tears shed for those who suffer and let them water the ground so that peace springs up where war chokes you out. Let empathy flow out of hearts hardened by years of belief in self-sufficiency.

Only then can you take up dwelling in my heart.

Finally, Lord help me have faith that I, all alone, can make a difference in the world, even in the face of overwhelming odds.

Only then can you take up dwelling in my heart. AMEN

CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

G.F. HANDEL

Voluntary Antioch

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

We welcome Judy Barrett to our worship as guest organist today. Mrs. Barrett attended Mercer University where she majored in Music. She received her masters degree at University of South Carolina and taught in Richland County and Horry County School Districts and has been an organist at Surfside United Methodist and Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran churches. She lives in Surfside with her husband, Brant.

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and follow the prompts.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 30

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, December 31

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

Tuesday, January 1

Church Office is Closed.
Happy New Year!
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) 102
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC 101

Wednesday, January 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

Thursday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC 102

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

10:00 a.m. James Graham Family / FLC

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.

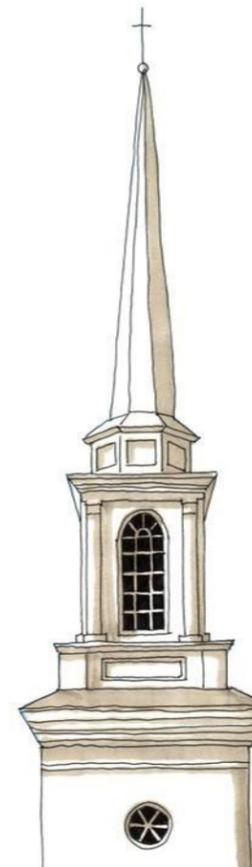
The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

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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.