



At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

April 4, 2021

8:45 a. m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Easter Sunday*



**Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.  
Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.**

We warmly welcome you to First UMC and our worship service! We are glad you are here with us today! We'd love to help you connect with God and with other people through First UMC.

***Chiming of the Hour***

***Welcome***

*Rev. Cheryl Skinner*

***Opening Voluntary - "Easter Song"***

*by Anne Herring*

Phyllis Jones, organ

***Easter Candle Liturgy - Wayne Michael, Liturgist (8:45 a.m.)***

*Abby and Clark Smith, Liturgists (11:00 a.m.)*

*Proclamation*

*Re-lighting the Candles of the Lenten Journey*

*Response*

Leader: Let us respond with joy!

People: **Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!**

***Song of Praise No. 302 - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"***

*by Charles Wesley*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Easter Prayer - (In unison)*

**O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing  
unless we are born anew in the Spirit,  
Your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin.  
Your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone.  
Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace  
and hereafter to the state of glory;  
in the unity of the triune God, we pray. Amen.**

*We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)*

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you, not only with our lips,  
but with our whole lives,  
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of our days  
into a living sacrifice to you;  
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Anthem - "Easter Hymn of Promise" words: Natalie Sleeth - arr. Joel Raney  
Jacob Gordon, soloist - Phyllis Jones, organ - Kirk Tutterow, piano  
(11:00 a. m. service only)*

*A Time For the Child In All of Us*

*Amanda Bostick*

*Scripture - Luke 23:50-56 & John 20:1-18*

*Sermon - "Getting Out of God's Way"*

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

*Anthem - "The Trumpet Shall Sound (from Messiah)" arr. G. F. Handel  
Jacob Gordon, soloist and Phyllis Jones, piano*

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

*Prayer of Confession (In unison)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.  
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
with your healing love.  
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,  
and to bow before one another in real forgiveness.  
By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts  
and consume the pride and prejudice with separate us.  
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear,  
and bind us together in that unity  
which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)**

### ***Words of Assurance***

The Lord God is merciful and gracious,  
endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to all who ask  
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***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...

...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...

.....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 God.**

**Now and forever. AMEN!**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

#### ***Sharing the Bread and the Cup***

#### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving (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.**

(Open to continue on center panel)

**Song of Response No. 327 - "Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

*by Matthew Bridges & Gerge Elvey*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
All hail, Redeemer hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

\* **Benediction**

\* **Chimes of the Trinity**

\* **Postlude - "Hallelujah (from Messiah)"**

*arr. G. F. Handel*

*Phyllis Jones, organ*



**A Note of Appreciation**

Thank you to the Altar Guild for their preparation of the sanctuary and Lane Norris and family for setting up the flower cross.

**Announcements**

Remember to visit our website [www.funclerx.org](http://www.funclerx.org) to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.



- Cheryl and Kirk will be \*out of office on Monday, April 5 through Sunday, April 11—\*Contact the church office, if you need assistance.
- Church Office Closed **Easter Monday**
- DISCIPLE Bible Study—no meeting **Tuesday**
- Midday Prayer Gathering—no meeting **Wednesday**

## **Prayer Requests:**

Please note the date beside of each name representing when the request was made and/or an update. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

### **Short Term (8 weeks or less)**

\*Sue Corn (3-31-21)  
Ted Mitchell (3-23-21)  
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (3-22-21)  
Rae Hall (3-22-21)  
\*Steve & Gay Smith (3-20-21)  
Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-9-21)  
Sheryl Michener (3-1-21)  
Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)

### **Long Term**

\*Judy Hench (4-1-21)  
\*Gail Biesecker (3-31-21)  
Jimmy McDermott (3-31-21)  
Bill Bingham (3-15-21)  
\*Earl Hester (3-10-21)  
\*Rachel Hendrix (3-7-21)  
Tami Robinson (3-4-21)  
\*Sally Maxwell (3-1-21)  
\*Lacy Carol Belcher (2-23-21)  
\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (2-14-21)  
Richard Skinner (2-11-21)  
Keith Tutterow (2-11-21)  
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)  
Jan Greer (2-11-21)  
Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)  
Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)  
\*Jane Cook Harris (1-27-21)  
Cora Tews (1-27-21)  
\*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)  
\*Creth Holman (1-1-21)  
\*John Scarff (1-1-21)  
\*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)  
Jamy Cartner Christy (12-30-20)  
Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)  
Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)  
\*Linda Fisher (9-15-20)  
Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)  
Russ (8-2-20)  
Alma Kernodle (8-2-20)

\*Shane Martin (7-23-20)  
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (6-30-20)  
Norma S. Trotter (6-30-20))  
\*Dean Davis (6-24-20)  
Kendall Conner (6-8-20)  
\*Larlie Mae Knight (6-8-20)  
Maria Hilliard (6-5-20)  
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)  
Kelli Jones (3-12-17)  
Kristin Harris (9-21-16)  
Jenny Rains (11-22-15)  
Eric Leonard (9-20-15)  
Len & Dottie Harris (5-10-15)  
John Bruce Davis (4-26-15)  
Jordan Beswick (4-5-15)  
Regina Chrest (4-5-15)  
Louise Michael  
Pat & Gary Leonard  
Lynn Mack & family  
Faye Graham  
David Ogle  
Anna Smathers  
Pat Wilson  
Jack Smith  
Jane King  
Ethan Reavis  
Debra Ann Leonard  
Bruce Thornton

### **Shut-Ins**

Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)  
\*Bonnie Cates  
\*Jean Gosnell  
\*Dot Kinsey  
\*Caroline McCree  
\*Evelyn Sink  
\*Dr. Hunter Strader  
\*Flonnie Thomason  
\*Mary Williams

### **Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)**

#### **Health Care**

\*Barbara Proctor  
\*Nancy Wilkinson

### **Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)**

#### **Residents**

\*Jo Doris Beck  
\*Betsy & Jim Buchanan  
\*Herman Crabtree  
\*Adrian Neal  
\*Madeline Palmer

### **Benton House (Charleston, SC)**

\*Janice Bacon

### **Elmcroft (Salisbury)**

\*Sandra Shoaf

### **The Laurels at Highland Creek**

#### **(Charlotte)**

\*Carolyn Briggs

### **Wood Haven (Albemarle)**

\*Louise Pope

### **Serving in the Armed Forces**

\*Capt. Kacie Allred  
\*Specialist McRay Calderone  
\*SGT John Hall  
SGT Alan Ingram  
Major Jarrad Thorley

## **Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Olen (Ann) Easter and family upon the death of his sister, Beverly Easter Bingham in Roswell, GA, on March 26, 2021.

**Our Stewardship for God's Work** Everyone is a part of God's stewardship. Thank you for your continued giving during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, online or drop by the church office.

Report for March 28, 2021

YTD Income: \$185,541.70

YTD Expenses: \$122,059.16

Net Income (Loss): \$63,482.54

**Online Giving For mobile device users**, the QR (Quick Response) code will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.



## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### Sunday, April 4

#### ***Easter Sunday***

- 8:45 a.m. Early Morning Worship on the church lawn  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (***Reservation required—***  
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)  
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube

### Monday, April 5

Church Office Closed—Easter Monday  
Make your worship reservation today!

### Tuesday, April 6

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!

### Wednesday, April 7

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!

### Thursday, April 8

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
2:00 p.m. United Methodist Women via Zoom & Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Faithseekers via Zoom

### Friday, April 9

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

### Saturday, April 10

### Sunday, April 11

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (***Reservation required—***  
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11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation, Fellowship Hall



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