



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

August 1, 2021

11:00a.m.

*10th Sunday after Pentecost*

**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. Kirk Tutterow*

*Opening Voluntary - "I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say"*

*arr. by Eugene Englert*

*Phyllis Jones, organ*

### *Call to Worship*

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,

People: **but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.**

Leader: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

People: **Come, let us worship and give thanks.**

### *Prayer of the Day (in unison)*

**Loving God, Father, Son, and ever-present Spirit**

**your justice is the working out**

**of your mercy and peace on earth.**

**Nourish us with the power of the Son,**

**and let us grow into his image and likeness.**

**Humble us in our self-conceits so that we act not arrogantly**

**but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love.**

**Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you.**

**Turn our complaints into gratitude,**

**that we, as a church,**

**may mature into the body of the risen Christ**

**given for the life of the world. Amen.**

*Invitation to Praise No. 127 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

*by William Williams & John Hughes*

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me now till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

### ***We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings***

#### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)***

**Eternal God, thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace  
that we might be a blessing for others.  
Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love.  
May they bring blessing to others  
and praise to your glorious name. Amen.**

#### ***A Time For the Child In All of Us***

*Xander Bostick*

#### ***Anthem - "You Raised Me Up"***

*by Rolf Lovland and Brenden Joseph Graham  
Ken Davis, vocals and guitar*

#### ***Scripture - John 6:24-35***

#### ***Sermon - "Promises, Promises"***

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

#### ***Invitation to Holy Communion***

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### ***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 which 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.**

*Response of the Church - "The Apostle's 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,**

(Open to continue on center panel)

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Invitation to Be the Church No. 618 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"***  
*Traditional African-American Spiritual*

Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

***Benediction***

***Chimes of the Trinity***

***Postlude - "In Thee is Gladness"*** *arr. by Douglas Wagner*  
*Phyllis Jones, organ*

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**Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Eric Biesecker (Stephanie), Wendy Biesecker McNeill (Greg) and their families upon the death of their mother, Gail Elizabeth Woosley Biesecker, on July 23, 2021.

**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gail Elizabeth Woosley Biesecker by her family.

## **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)**

\*Libby Simpson (7-29-21)  
Sandy Moroney (7-26-21)  
Heather Heitman (7-24-21)  
\*Monty Oliver (7-24-21)  
\*Mary Niner (7-23--21)  
\*Steve & Gay Smith (7-21-21)  
\*Betty Pope (7-19-21)  
\*Max Lanning (7-18-21)  
\*Caroline McCree (7-14-21)  
\*Steve Caudill (7-14-21)  
\*Pete Murray (7-13-21)  
Gary Leonard (7-12-21)  
\*Lauren Hall (7-11-21)  
\*Sue Corn (6-14-21)  
\*Dick Bisbee (6-14-21)  
\*Judy Hench (6-6-21)

### **Long Term**

\*Jane Cook Harris (7-26-21)  
\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (7-26-21)  
Kendall Conner (7-26-21)  
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (7-26-21)  
Tami Robinson (7-23-21)  
Marc Frye (7-21-21)  
Cora Tews (7-19-21)  
\*Sally Maxwell (7-12-21)  
Barry Leonard (6-16-21)  
Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)  
Norma S. Trotter (6-15-21)  
Alma Kernodle (6-11-21)  
Jim McDermott (6-10-21)  
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (5-20-21)  
Rae Hall (5-20-21)  
Caroline Wagner Loder (5-13-21)

Dr. Garrett Breakiron (5-12-21)  
Sheryl Michener (4-21-21)  
Gina & Russ Parrot (4-16-21)  
Lynn Mack (4-15-21)  
Jane King (4-15-21)  
\*Linda Fisher (4-15-21)  
Bill Shepherd (4-14-21)  
Jayme Cartner Christy (4-11-21)  
Wade Clodfelter (4-7-21)  
Doris Brown (3-29-21)  
Bill Bingham (3-15-21)  
\*Earl Hester (3-10-21)  
\*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)  
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)  
Jan Greer (2-11-21)  
Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)  
Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)  
\*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)  
\*Dean Davis (1-1-21)  
\*John Scarff (1-1-21)  
\*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)  
Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)  
Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)  
Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)  
\*Shane Martin (7-23-20)  
Maria Hilliard (6-5-20)  
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

### **Shut-Ins**

\*Jean Gosnell  
\*Caroline McCree  
\*Evelyn Sink  
\*Dr. Hunter Strader  
\*Flonnie Thomason

### **Piedmont Crossing**

(Thomasville)

### **Health Care**

\*Barbara Proctor  
\*Nancy Wilkinson

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(Thomasville)

### **Residents**

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

### **Abbott's Creek**

Tempie Almstead

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

\*Janice Bacon

### **Elmcroft (Salisbury)**

\*Sandra Shoaf

### **The Laurels at Highland**

**Creek (Charlotte)**

\*Carolyn Briggs

### **Long Term Care (Florida)**

\*Mary Williams

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

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



## **Blood Drive!**

Be A Lifesaver! Give the Gift of Life!  
**Tuesday, August 10 (2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**  
Fellowship Hall

You may schedule an appointment to be a blood donor  
on our website or contact the church office.

**Our Stewardship for God's Work** This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for July 25, 2021

YTD Income: \$341,331.54

YTD Expenses: \$294,601.25

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$46,730.29

**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, August 1

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Agape, Genesis, Koinonia/Spruill), ZOOM
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Adult Fellowship), Classroom
- 10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via ZOOM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube

### Monday, August 2

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

### Tuesday, August 3

### Wednesday, August 4

- 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center
- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

### Thursday, August 5

### Friday, August 6

### Saturday, August 7

### Sunday, August 8

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- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube
- 4:00 p.m. Trustees & Endowment, FH

**Are You Ready? Let's Get Excited!**  
**Sunday August 15**  
**RECONNECT with Friends & Neighbors**  
**RE-ENGAGE in Worship & Mission**  
**RENEW Your Journey with Christ**

**READ** event details in *The Story* (August 2021), on our website [www.fumclex.org](http://www.fumclex.org) or on the postcard in today's bulletin.

Additional postcards are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to take some additional postcards to share with others.



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