



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

February 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

**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 - "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Phyllis Jones, organ

Lenten Candle Liturgy - Pat and Larry Langley. liturgists

Meditation

Silent Prayer

Extinguishing One Candle

Unison Prayer:

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent,
give us strength and courage to make the changes
that are needed in our lives.**

**Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence
and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.**

Unison Response: (from Psalm 51:10-12)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Song of Praise - "10,000 Reasons" by M. Redman & S. Angrisano
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending.
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

Chorus

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
we are humbled as we try to do what is right
and to walk in your ways.
Receive, we ask, these offerings,
and use them for your own good purpose
in the church and in all creation.
We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "Carry My Cross" by Mac Powell & Third Day
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Scripture - Mark 1:9-15

Sermon - "This Is the Christian Way"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

**Eternal God, Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always,
a refuge of safety and new life.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God,
forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and
on earth

Thanks be to God for this good news!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Song of Response - "Worn" *by M. Donehey, J. Owen, & J. Ingram* *The ALIVE! Praise Band*

I'm tired, I'm worn, my heart is heavy
from the work it takes to keep on breathing
I've made mistakes. I've let my hope fail.
My soul feels crushed by the weight of this world

And I know that You can give me rest,
so I cry out with all that I have left

Let me see redemption win. Let me know the struggle ends.
That You can mend a heart that's frail and torn.
I wanna know a song can rise from the ashes of a broken life,
And all that's dead inside can be reborn, 'cause I'm worn.

I know I need to lift my eyes up, but I'm too weak.
Life just won't let up.

And I know that You can give me rest,
so I cry out with all that I have left

Let me see redemption win. Let me know the struggle ends.
That You can mend a heart that's frail and torn.
I wanna know a song can rise from the ashes of a broken life,
And all that's dead inside can be reborn,
Cause I'm worn and my prayers are wearing thin
Yeah I'm worn, even before the day begins
Yeah I'm worn. I've lost my will to fight
I'm worn, so heaven come and flood my eyes

* **Benediction**

Chimes of the Trinity

* **Postlude - "Lift High the Cross"** *arr. Lloyd Larson*
Phyllis Jones, piano

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Mary (Joe, Adam & Kyle) Niner and family upon the death of her mother, Mary Louise Hartman, on February 16, 2020.

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

Lenten Wednesday Prayer Services

12:00 noon in the Sanctuary

Dates & Prayer Practices:

February 24—Creating Sacred Space

March 3—Lectio Divina

March 10—Breath Prayers

March 17—Centering Prayer

March 24—Journaling

March 31— Body Prayers



First UMC Scholarships 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 First United Methodist Scholarship Packets have been mailed out and **are available on our website**. Please refer to the **Scholarship Guidelines** for a complete understanding of who is eligible to apply for and receive the Scholarship.

Applications are due back to the church, to the attention of the **Scholarship Team** at the church mailing address, by **March 17, 2021**. The Scholarship Team requests that the student **completes the application in its entirety**. If you need assistance or have questions, contact Jane Hedrick (336)250-9450 or the church office. In addition, **please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered for scholarship.**



Confirmation Classes Re-start

Sunday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m.

This is for the 2020 Confirmation Class that started last year.

Security Team

Are you interested in learning more about an opportunity to serve on the Security Team? Please contact: Mike Frick

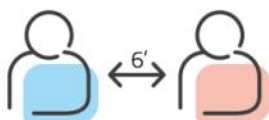
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Know your 3 W's



WEAR

a cloth face covering.



WAIT

6 feet apart and
avoid close contact.



WASH

your hands often or
use hand sanitizer

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Prayer Requests:

Short Term (8 weeks or less)

*Jimmy Thomason (2-9-21)

*Steve & Gay Smith (2-3-21)

Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)

Long Term

Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)

Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)

*Robert Phelps (2-4-21)

Jan Greer (2-3-21)

*Jane Cook Harris (1-27-21)

*Mary Louise Wilkerson (1-27-21)

Cora Tews (1-27-21)

*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)

*Judy Hench (1-1-21)

*Earl Hester (1-1-21)

*Creth Holman (1-1-21)

*John Scarff (1-1-21)

*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)

Jamye Cartner Christy (12-30-20)

Ann Leonard (12-30-20)

Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)

Tami Robinson (12-25-20)

*Betty Pope (12-8-20)

Richard Skinner (12-3-20)

Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)

Keith Tutterow (9-21-20)

*Linda Fisher (9-15-20)

*Lloyd Brown (9-13-20)

Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)

Russ (8-2-20)

Alma Kernodle (8-2-20)

*Chasen Martin (7-27-20)

*Shane Martin (7-23-20)

*Sue Corn (6-30-20)

Jason, Stacy & Trent Heitman (6-30-20)

Norma S. Trotter (6-30-20)

*Dean Davis (6-24-20)

Mark Milligan (6-24-20)

*Rachel Hendrix (6-22-20)

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

Emily Hounshell

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)

*Lacy Carol Belcher

*Bonnie Cates

*Jean Gosnell

*Dot Kinsey

*Caroline McCree

*Evelyn Sink

*Dr. Hunter Strader

*Flonnie & Jimmy 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

Brookdale (Lexington)

*Joe Sink

Elmcroft (Salisbury)

*Sandra & Jimmy 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

Our Stewardship for God's Work Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Just a gentle reminder that you may continue to give during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19.

You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, drop by the church office and online.

Report for February 14, 2021

YTD Income: \$83,587.95

YTD Expenses: \$56,235.10

Net Income (Loss): \$27,352.85



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, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

- 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, February 22

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, February 23

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:00 a.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, February 24

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary—
This Week's Prayer Practice: Creating Sacred Space
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 25

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men, Zoom

Friday, February 26

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
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