



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

February 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*Second 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. Kirk Tutterow*

*Opening Voluntary - "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"*

*arr. by Lynn Trapp*

*Phyllis Jones, organ*

*Lenten Candle Liturgy - Helen Fitzgerald, Amanda, Carlie, Colbie and Xander Bostick, liturgists*

*Meditation*

*Silent Prayer*

*Extinguishing the Second Candle of the Lenten Journey*

*Unison Prayer:*

**God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation  
and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world.  
Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him,  
that through his grace we may accept the cost  
of faithful discipleship  
and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Song of Praise - "Lift High the Cross"*

*George William Kitchin & Michael Robert Newbolt*

*Chorus*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine. *Chorus*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Chorus*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promise, draw the world to thee. *Chorus*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Chorus*

### ***Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer***

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

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

**God of manifold blessings,  
bless our lives to your service,  
even as we consecrate these gifts in service of a world in need.  
May our offering go forth this day,  
and be a reflection of your glory for all who struggle  
to know your ways.  
As these gifts go forth to do your work,  
may they help others hear your voice as you call their names.  
In the spirit of your grace and peace, we pray. Amen.**

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

*Amanda Bostick*

***Anthem - "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*** *arr. by Chris Tomlin  
Kinsey Calderone and Sam Stowe*

***Scripture - Mark 8:31-38***

***Sermon - "Take Up Your Cross and Follow"***

*Rev. Cheryl Skinner*

#### ***Prayer of Confession (In unison)***

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.  
We claim to follow Jesus  
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.  
We profess to be disciples,  
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.  
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,  
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

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

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

**Leader:** Hear the good news:

God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus  
has been raised from the dead for our salvation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***Song of Response - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"***

*Anonymous*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus--no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me--  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow--  
no turning back, no turning back.

**\* *Benediction***

***Chimes of the Trinity***

**\* *Postlude - "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"***  
Phyllis Jones, organ

*by John S. Norris*

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**Flowers**

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of all those who volunteered and continue to volunteer to help us keep moving forward through the pandemic by Jemmietta & Eddie Allred and Toni & Bob Burchette.

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**Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jo Browder and family upon the death of her husband, William "Bill" Browder, on January 24, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Sandra Shoaf and family upon the death of her husband, James Robert "Jimmy" Shoaf, on February 19, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to the family of William Robert "Bill" Whitehurst upon the occasion of his death on February 19, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Ramona Phelps and family upon the death of her husband, Robert Craver Phelps, on February 23, 2021.

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## Announcements

Remember to visit our website [www.fumclex.org](http://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:

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

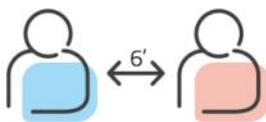
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## Know your 3 W's



**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)**

Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)

\*Jimmy Thomason (2-15-21)

\*Steve & Gay Smith (2-11-21)

**Long Term**

\*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)

\*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)

Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)

Tami Robinson (12-25-20)

\*Betty Pope (12-8-20)

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)

\*Sue Corn (6-30-20)

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

Norma S. Trotter (6-30-20))

\*Dean Davis (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)

\*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 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 21, 2021

YTD Income: \$92,672.95

YTD Expenses: \$80,664.07

Net Income (Loss): \$12,008.88

**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 28**

#### ***Second 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, March 1**

- 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, March 2**

- 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, March 3**

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

### **Thursday, March 4**

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

### **Friday, March 5**

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

### **Saturday, March 6**

### **Sunday, March 7**

#### ***Third 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  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall



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