



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

February 7, 2021

11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

**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 - "We Have Met To"

arr. Cindy Berry

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship - Adapted from Isaiah 40:21, 31

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

People: **Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: **they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

People: **they shall walk and not faint.**

Song of Praise - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. by John Carter

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Boy Scout Troop 1200 & Crew 7200 Yearly Report

Mickey McCrary, Scoutmaster

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.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Scripture - Mark 1:29-39 (NT Page 35)

Sermon - "Core Values"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Anthem - "Take Time To Be Holy"

arr. by Tom Fetteke

Phyllis Jones, piano

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)

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is.

Your understanding is beyond measure.

We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

In your compassion, forgive us,

for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

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

Words of Assurance

Praise the Lord!

Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

In Jesus Christ we 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.**

Song of Response - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* **Benediction**

Chimes of the Trinity

* **Postlude** - "Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service" arr. Michael Larkin
Phyllis Jones, piano

Announcements

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

Valentine's Act of Kindness Sunday, February 14 (5p-6:30p)

The Teens of Life Youth Ministry will gather (masked up & socially distanced, of course!) to make Valentine's cards and gift bags that will include travel size personal toiletries and candy for the Crisis Ministry homeless shelter. When they deliver the evening meal on Tuesday, February 16, they will deliver the cards and gift bags.

The Teens of Life are opening this opportunity to our church family to join us in celebrating Valentine's Day and ask that you bring a card(s) or travel size personal toiletries (deodorant, body soap, shampoo, combs, Chapstick, lotion, etc.) **now through Sunday, February 14** to be delivered to Crisis Ministry homeless shelter. You may leave your donated items on the small table in the main hallway near the work room.

Thank you for helping us make the final words of our church's mission statement, "...reaching out to share God's boundless love" come to life with your support.

February Blood Drive Tuesday, February 16 (2p-6:30p)

Fellowship Hall - Be a SWEETHEART and GIVE! You may schedule an appointment on our website or contact the church office.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

(Drop off items in the main hallway near the work room.)

Pastor's Pantry: Canned Soups and Stews, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Canned Green Beans

Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County

- Clean & Gently Used **bath towels & washcloths**
- Personal Care Items: **shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.** (Travel size items will work quite well.)

Backpack Program at Charles England & Pickett Elementary

A list of needed items can be found on the website or at the donation table in the main hallway near the workroom.

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

Prayer Requests

Steve & Gay Smith
Jim Horn
Phil McKinney
Kathy Baragona
Lacy Carol Belcher
Lloyd Brown
Sue Corn
Dean Davis
Linda Fisher
Jane Cook Harris
Judy Hensch
Rachel Hendrix
Earl Hester
Creth Holman
Larlie Mae Knight
Chasen Martin
Shane Martin
Mary Norman
Robert Phelps
Betty Pope
John Scarff
Steve Weeks
Mary Louise Wilkerson
Dare Wilson

Shut-Ins

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
Sue Rollins

Elmcroft (Salisbury)

Sandra & Jimmy Shoaf

The Laurels at Highland Creek (Charlotte)

Carolyn Briggs

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

Louise Pope

Extended Family & Friends

Joe Koontz
Jamye Cartner Christy
Ann Leonard
Paul Leonard
Richard Skinner
Martha Shore Winters
Cora Tews
Bill Hopkins
Keith Tutterow
Russ
Alma Kernodle
Nicholas Melomo
Jason, Stacy & Trent Heitman
Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)
Maria Hilliard
Mark Milligan
Louise Michael
Tracy Michael
Dana Michael
Ron & Kristie Wooten
Emily Hounshell
Larry Starnes
Jan Greer
Pat & Gary Leonard
Clayton Hepler
Norma S. Trotter
Shannon & Steve Ford
Lynn Mack & family
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones

Faye Graham
Kendall Conner
David Ogle
Kristin Harris
Anna Smathers
Pat Wilson
Jack Smith
Jane King
Breanna Wilson
Ethan Reavis
Jenny Rains
Bentley Leonard
John Bruce Davis
Eric Leonard
Debra Ann Leonard
Betty Jean Whitaker
Len & Dottie Harris
Jordan Beswick
Regina Chrest
Bruce Thornton
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 January 31, 2021

YTD Income: \$51,222.00

YTD Expenses: \$35,320.41

Net Income (Loss): \$15,901.59



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 7

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

- 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 8

- 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 9

- 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 10

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 11

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
2:00 p.m. United Methodist Women, Zoom & Fellowship Hall capacity: 10
8:00 p.m. Faithseekers, Zoom

Friday, February 12

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, February 13

Sunday, February 14

Transfiguration Sunday

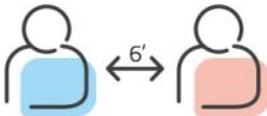
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5:00 p.m. Teens of Life Youth, Home of Emy & Greg Garrett

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



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