



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

July 11, 2021

11:00 a.m.

7th 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. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. by Janet Linker

Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship God
with passion and joy and heartfelt prayers.

People: **Let us worship our Savior
with the songs of praise and thanksgiving,**

Leader: God has blessed all who call upon God's holy name
and created us to be children of God.

People: **God has redeemed us through the incarnate presence
of God in Christ, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.**

Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Holy Trinity,

yours is the justice that calls power to account.

Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent.

Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life.

Lead us in the truth about the Beloved,

and set us free to rejoice with all our might

over the great mystery you have revealed:

that you are bringing all things into harmony

through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Praise No. 577 - "God of Grace and God of Glory"

by Harry Emerson Fosdick

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore. r to shake,

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

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

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "On Eagles' Wings"

arr. by Steve Hall

Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - Mark 6:14-29

Sermon - "Beheadings and Bad Behavior"

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

Invitation to Be the Church No. 369 - "Blessed Assurance"

by Fanny Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.

Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Phyllis Jones, piano

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)

*Betty Pope (7-6-21)
Gary Leonard (6-28-21)
*Mary Plyde Bell (6-24-21)
*Pete Murray (6-24-21)
*Jennifer Leahy (6-23-21)
*Caroline McCree (6-16-21)
*Steve Caudill (6-15-21)
*Lauren Hall (6-14-21)
*Sue Corn (6-14-21)
*Dick Bisbee (6-14-21)
*Mary Niner (6-10-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (6-10-21)
*Jim Hartley (6-7-21)
*Judy Hench (6-6-21)
*Libby Simpson (5-25-21)
Marc Frye (5-21-21)
*Monty Oliver (5-18-21)
Tim Leahy (5-6-21)

Long Term

*Gail Biesecker (7-6-21)
*Sally Maxwell (6-24-21)
Tami Robinson (6-23-21)
Barry Leonard (6-16-21)
Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)
Norma S. Trotter (6-15-21)
*Jane Cook Harris (6-14-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (6-12-21)
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)
Kendall Conner (5-11-21)

Sheryl Michener (4-21-21)
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (4-18-21)
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)
Cora Tews (1-27-21)
*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

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

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
*Karen & Bob Pearson

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

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 4, 2021

YTD Income: \$312,623.40

YTD Expenses: \$259,451.40

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$53,172.00

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, July 11

- 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, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 13

Wednesday, July 14

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Thursday, July 15

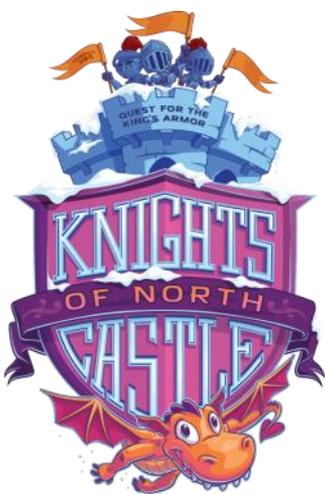
- 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 16

Saturday, July 17

Sunday, July 18

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
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A Proclamation from the Knights of North Castle

Join Our Quest at VBS!

Sunday, July 25
through
Thursday, July 29

5:30p—8:30p

Dinner included

Registration forms
are available on our
website & the
Volunteer's Desk.

Contact
Amanda Bostick to
volunteer for Vacation
Bible School.

**Contact Us
Today!**

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