



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

8:45 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.

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Gathering Music - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Phyllis Jones, piano

arr. by Lloyd Larson

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 - "Mighty to Save" by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan
The Alive! Praise Band

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures
And fill my life again

I give my life to follow in everything I believe in
Now I surrender, yes, I surrender *Chorus*

And shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. *Chorus*

You're my savior, You can move the mountains
God, You are mighty to save
Yes, You are mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation

You rose and conquered the grave, yes, you conquered the grave
You are mighty to save

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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 - "Blessings"

by Laura Story

The Alive! Praise Band

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.**

(Open to continue on center panel)

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 - "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
by John Newton (stanzas), Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio (arr. & refrain)
The Alive! Praise Band***

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures *Chorus x2*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Traveling Music

The Alive! Praise Band

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

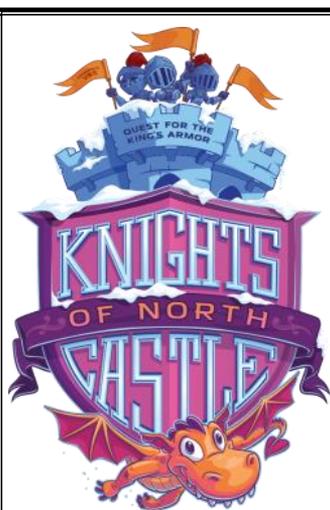
- 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, Fellowship Hall

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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