



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

March 14, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Fourth 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 - "God So Loved The World"
Phyllis Jones, organ

by John Stainer

Lenten Candle Liturgy - Ellen and Paul Crago, Liturgists
Meditation

Silent Prayer

Extinguishing the Fourth Candle of the Lenten Journey

Unison Prayer:

**Loving God, we thank you that you are with us,
and that we may call upon you no matter where we are,
or what we are feeling.**

**Keep us mindful of your presence
and trusting in your promise,
that you are working with us
in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.**

Song of Praise No. 98 - "To God Be the Glory"

by Fanny J. Crosby

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Refrain...

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Refrain...

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Merciful God, we thank you for your
wonderful works among humankind.
Accept this offering with the dedication
of our lives
and help us be for the world an emblem
of your steadfast love,
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "Lenten Medley"

arr. by Christine Anderson

Members of the Chancel Bells

*Becki Foust, Elaine Cory, Linda Saintsing, Cheri Murray, Kathy Oliver
Phyllis Jones, piano*

Scripture - John 3:14-21

Sermon - "Light and Life"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Affirmation of Faith #885 - "A Modern Affirmation"

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Song of Response No. 340 - "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
by Joseph Hart

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain...

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Refrain...

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

Refrain...

* ***Benediction***

* ***Chimes of the Trinity***

* ***Postlude - "At The Cross"*** *arr. by Lloyd Larson*
Phyllis Jones, piano



LENT

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:
March 17—Centering Prayer
March 24—Journaling
March 31— Body Prayers



Security Team

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

Phone: (336) 409-4894 Email: mikefrick88@gmail.com

United Methodist Men Thursday, March 25 (7:00 p.m.) via Zoom

We welcome Lillian Koontz, Director of the Davidson County Health Department, as our guest speaker who will share information about the vaccine program at the health department. The Zoom email will be forwarded out to the congregation for anyone who would like to attend.

Palm/Passion Sunday Drive-Thru

Sunday, March 28 at 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Enter through the State Street Parking Lot and drive through the 4th Avenue porte-cochere to receive a Holy Week worship bag with palms, devotional materials, and communion supplies for Holy Week. Children will receive Easter baskets for the Holy Saturday Virtual Easter Egg Hunt.



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.

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

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)

Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-9-21)
Sheryl Michener (3-1-21)
Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (2-11-21)

Long Term

Charles Craver (3-10-21)
*Sally Maxwell (3-1-21)
*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)
Jamy Cartner Christy (12-30-20)
Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)
Tami Robinson (12-25-20)
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 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. Thank you for your continued giving during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, online or drop by the church office.

Report for March 7, 2021

YTD Income: \$132,269.60

YTD Expenses: \$97,484.57

Net Income (Loss): \$34,785.03

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, March 14

Daylight Savings Time—Spring FORWARD ONE hour
Fourth 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 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 15

- 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 16

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:00 a.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom
5:30 p.m. Altar Guild via Zoom
5:45 p.m. Agape serves evening meal at Crisis Ministry
7:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, March 17

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary—
This Week's Prayer Practice: Centering Prayer

Thursday, March 18

- 9a-5p Church Office Open

Friday, March 19

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, March 20

Sunday, March 21

Fifth 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 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Endowment via Zoom
4:30 p.m. Teens of Life Youth, Fellowship Hall—Pack Holy Week bags for
Palm Sunday Drive-Thru & Pizza meal
5:00 p.m. Trustees via Zoom



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