



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

March 7, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Third 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. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Prelude from Suite in G Major"

by J. S. Bach

Evan Richey, cello

Lenten Candle Liturgy - Toni and Bob Burchette, Liturgists

Meditation

Silent Prayer

Extinguishing the Third Candle of the Lenten Journey

Unison Prayer:

Draw us together in your love, O God.

May our restless hearts not resist you,

but continue to search until they find their rest in you.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song of Praise No. 546 - "The Church's One Foundation"

by S.J. Stone & S.S. Wesley

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name profession and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.

Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Anthem - "Grave"

by Sammartini

Evan Richey, cello and Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - John 2:13-22

Sermon - "A Sacred Re-Alignment"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Anthem - "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

arr. by Dan Forrest

Evan Richey, cello, Phyllis Jones, piano

Beverly McKinney and Lee Mabe, vocalists

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 binds 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.

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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)

Song of Response No. 617 - "I Come With Joy"

by Brian Wren

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

* **Benediction**

* **Chimes of the Trinity**

* **Postlude** - "The Church Is Made The Sure Foundation" by Henry Purcell
Phyllis Jones, organ

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Flonnie Thomason, Joni Thomason Rivas, Nancy Thomason Wilkinson, Cheri Thomason Murray and their families upon the death of Jimmy Thomason on March 1, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Cindy (Dean) Davis upon the death of her father, Gilmer Myers, on March 2, 2021.

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.funcler.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 10—Breath Prayers

March 17—Centering Prayer

March 24—Journaling

March 31— Body Prayers



Confirmation Classes Re-start
Sunday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m.

A HUGE THANK YOU from the United Methodist Women for everyone's support of the backpack programs at Charles England and Pickett Elementary. Your gracious food donations have been delivered and the schools were very grateful.

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

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

Prayer Requests:

Short Term (8 weeks or less)

Sheryl Michener (3-1-21)
Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (2-11-21)

Long Term

*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

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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 28, 2021
YTD Income: \$118,743.95
YTD Expenses: \$81,215.93
Net Income (Loss): \$37,528.02

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 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 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 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, March 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, March 10

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

Thursday, March 11

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

Friday, March 12

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, March 13

Sunday, March 14

Daylight Savings Time begins

Spring FORWARD ONE hour

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—
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