



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

May 2, 2021

11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

**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 - "More Love to Thee" *arr. by Mary McDonald*
Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

People: **Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

People: **Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

Leader: In the bread and the wine,

the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

People: **Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Leader: Here at the table is the water of life,

the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

People: **Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.**

Prayer of the Day - unison

Wondrous Vinegrower,

you make all things new in water and Word,

feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.

Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.

Teach us to love what you have commanded

and prune from our hearts and lives

all that does harm to your creation,

in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise No. 384 - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

by Charles Wesley & John Zundel

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all with thee inherit, let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, fill in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Through our offerings, O God,
give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort.
Make our many gifts one offering for the world;
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Anthem - "I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. by Mary McDonald

Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - John 15:1-8

Sermon - "The Process of Proper Pruning"

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.

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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

(Open to continue on center panel)

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 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 - "Lord of the Dance"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Phyllis Jones, piano

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Pat Skinner, Rev. Cheryl Skinner, Rev. Kirk Tutterow, Ellen Tutterow and their family upon the death of Richard Skinner, on April 23, 2021.

Announcements

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

Mother's Day Bulletin Request Forms are due Tuesday, May 4. Please turn in your completed request form with donation to the church office as soon as possible.

Make Your 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Reservations

Monday through Thursday (9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.)

Fully vaccinated friends may make reservations to sit with one another.

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)

*Terri Beck (4-30-21)
*Mary Niner (4-29-21)
Marc Frye (4-29-21)
*Libby Simpson (4-29-21)
*Judy Hench (4-27-21)
*Dick Bisbee (4-26-21)
*Sue Corn (4-26-21)
*Peggy Everhart (4-25-21)
*Gail Biesecker (4-22-21)
Barry Leonard (4-21-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (4-18-21)
Eric Biesecker (4-15-21)
*Lauren Hall (4-13-21)
Ted Mitchell (3-23-21)
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (3-22-21)
Rae Hall (3-22-21)
Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-8-21)

Long Term

Tami Robinson (4-26-21)
*Sally Maxwell (4-22-21)
Sheryl Michener (4-21-21)
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (4-18-21)
Gina & Russ Parrot (4-16-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (4-15-21)
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)
*Jane Cook Harris (4-1-21)
*Larlie Mae Knight (3-31-21)
Doris Brown (3-29-21)
Bill Bingham (3-15-21)
*Earl Hester (3-10-21)
*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)
Keith Tutterow (2-11-21)
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)
Jan Greer (2-11-21)

Norma S. Trotter (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)
*Creth Holman (1-1-21)
Kendall Conner (1-1-21)
*Dean Davis (1-1-21)
Alma Kernodle (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 (Abbotts Creek)
*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

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 April 25, 2021

YTD Income: \$232,627.41

YTD Expenses: \$163,357.16

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$69,270.25

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, May 2

- 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, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Church Council via Zoom

Monday, May 3

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, May 4

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!

Wednesday, May 5

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

Thursday, May 6

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!

Friday, May 7

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

Happy Mother's Day

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