

Order of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

The liturgical color is green symbolizing the time when we remember discipleship.

We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

Prelude “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” arr. Paul Bouman
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.)

Welcome Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Call to Worship “I Am the Church”
I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we’re the church together!

* **The Chiming of the Hour** *(congregation stands)*

* **Opening Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Holy” UMH #64

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle | UMH #881

* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Howle

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God’s Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)

Offertory “All Who Love and Serve Your City” arr. D.S. Ferguson

* **The Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Howle

Children’s Message Rev. Jennifer Hupko **8:30**
Yvonne Brittain **11:00**

*11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church.
Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Bldg.*

* **Hymn of Preparation** “Jesus Loves Me” UMH #191

* **Sermon Text** Mark 9:30-37 Shelby Sansbury **8:30**
Rev. Howle **11:00**

Anthem “Whoever Would Be Great Among You” arr. Nelson

Sermon “Who Is the Greatest?” Rev. Dark

* **Closing Hymn** “Are Ye Able” UMH #530

* **Benediction** Rev. Dark

Postlude “Bonduca” Henry Purcell

(* Please stand as you are able.)

The Steeple Highlights (The full newsletter may be found on the church website.)

Book of Matthew Study—**Tuesday**, September 21st, at 11AM in the Chapel.

Missions Committee Meeting—**Tuesday**, September 21st, at 4:30PM in the Chapel.

Congratulations to **Reagan McQueen** (Scholars Academy & Myrtle Beach HS) named **National Merit Semifinalist**. He is one of twenty-one HCS students named this week. First Church is proud of its own! Well done, Reagan!

Seeking families, couples or individuals—**Advent Readers are needed** for all 3 Sunday services through Advent—Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 as well as Christmas Eve services at Noon, 5PM, 7PM, and 11PM. To take part, please **contact Jennifer Hupko** at 843-448-7164 or hupko@fumcmb.org. Thank you in advance for your help!

United Methodist Women is kicking off its **“Butter Braid” fundraiser** to benefit **Local Missions** from **Sept. 7th to Oct. 15th**. To order, please **contact any UMW member** or **order online** with the link, www.tinyurl.com/UMW21, and order from the UMW member of your choice! **QR Codes** are on flyers throughout the church.

Tennessee Collier Circle fundraiser to benefit **First Church Academy**—meal of Taco Soup, Corn Muffins, Cookies. Order forms may be found at all church entrances. Details in *The Steeple*.

First UM Academy Book Drive—Donate **new or used children’s books** to help supply our new Kindergarten’s library. Drop your donations in the labeled bins in the Sanctuary Narthex or Contemporary foyer.

The attractive **Flag Box** placed just outside the Sacristy door (breezeway) is **for worn flags** to be placed for proper disposal through an Eagle Scout service project sponsored by **Campbell Smith Pruett** from Boy Scout Troop #801 (**correction** from last week).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—Sunday/Monday weekly evening meals—need helpers to serve meals. Individuals and groups are welcome to volunteer. Contact Rhonda Singleton, rsingle@sccoast.net.

VENMO is an electronic giving option available for use with a cell phone. Open the camera icon on your cell phone and hold it over the QR code (to the right). Tap on the link at the top of the screen to open the VENMO app then follow instructions to give electronically. Another option is to download the VENMO app on a cellular device and search @firstchurchmb to proceed with giving options.



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The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our son, JC, our son-in-law, Jeremy, and our grandson, Jones, by Brenda and Ted Bellamy.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Oct 31; Nov 21, 28. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Traditional Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM, Contemporary Worship at 11AM, on the website (fumcmb.org), on mobile app, or on FOX TV (ch 7) Sundays at 10AM (one week delay).

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE on the Pew Pads. Please use personal discretion for Masks and Distancing in all church buildings and be respectful of others. Masks recommended.

Assisting in Worship

GREETERS

8:30 Front Linda Lox

8:30 Broadway Ann & Ron Anderson

8:30 Office Martha & Joe Castellano

11:00 Front Sherrill & Charlie Allen

11:00 Broadway Naomi & Harris D' Antignac

11:00 Office Ann Anderson

USHERS

8:30 Toby Ward, Harold Branton: Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Kevin Cribb, Greg Clemmons, Claylene Gore, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Dennis Neptune, Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn.

11:00 Neal Bowers: Jackson Bowers, Preston Bowers

VIDEO | Jim Lewis

AUDIO | **8:30** Melinda Morgan

11:00 Scott Bowen



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