



The Steeple ■ April 23, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube livestreamed

A United Methodist Congregation

WELCOME

We are blessed to have you with us in worship this day!

Our mission: "Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others!"

Gather—Grow—Give—Go!

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

The liturgical color is white celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

Prelude "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" arr. Medema
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Michelle Louk

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

* **Affirmation of Faith** Jim Creel, Jr. | UMH #881
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.

* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70

* **Scripture Reading** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Beth Morrow

Anthem "Thy Will Be Done" arr. Eilers
Rob Laws, soloist

Pastoral Prayer Mr. Creel, Jr.

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.

Children's Message Rev. Louk
(Children, ages 3 years old to 1st grade, may be dismissed at this time to Little Church. Parents may pick up children after worship, room 201, Wesley Bldg.)

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory "Prayer" Humperdinck

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

(Continued on the next page.)

* Offertory Prayer		Mr. Creel, Jr.
* Preparatory Hymn	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	UMH #397 vs. 1,4,5
* Sermon Text	Luke 7:1-10	
Sermon	“Faith that Captures the Attention of Heaven”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”	UMH #526
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	arr. Shepherd

(* Please and as you are able.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Attendance</i></p> <p>Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to register your attendance. Members may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</p> <p>Sunday School Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. ***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children</i></p> <p>First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 to 1st grade after the Children’s Message in worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201, Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.</p>
---	---

We send Easter greetings to everyone today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Morgan Clemmons on her 20th birthday, April 22nd, by her family.

Worship Flowers are needed for May 21; June 4, 25. To reserve one of these dates or a future date to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Trisha Tuite in the church office, trisha@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164 x207.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app (fumc mb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and now on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

Serving in Traditional Worship

GREETERS—APRIL

Front Entrance Darlene & Jack Rebeck **Office Entrance** Judy Winn

USHERS/Traditional—APRIL

Preston Bowers: Jackson Bowers, Neal Bowers, Clark Butler, Gene Butler, Tracy Conner, Alec McMillan, Keith McMillan, Zachary McMillan, Dudley Robinson, Mark Sturzenbecker

ACOLYTE Wes Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker **CRUCIFER** Will Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick **Slides** Ethan Gildner

Lighting Jackson Uphold **Ushers** James Sturgeon, Mary Margaret Kittle

Children’s Message Erin Perry

Little Church Amanda Sturgeon, Barbara Cherry



Monthly Mission Impact—APRIL

Helping Hand is a short-term crisis and referral agency and full time pantry seeking to address the needs of our community not met by existing institutions, assisting individuals and families with immediate needs.



Opened/Expired items not accepted. www.helpinghandmb.org

Ongoing needs: Peanut butter/jelly, mac&cheese, canned meat/tuna/chicken, instant potatoes, canned spaghetti noodles or other pasta, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, rice, grits/oatmeal/cereal (box or individual packets), pork&beans, Vienna sausage, canned mixed vegetables, juice (bottles/pouches), Pop-top Beenee Weenees, PB crackers.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Patricia Ann Harmon
June 25, 1946—April 18, 2023

"I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live."

WELCOME Susan Soehner as our new church organist/pianist.

Susan started her music career at the age of 5, wearing a tinsel halo and wings as she sang the solo, "Silent Night", in the Christmas pageant. The music teacher called her parents encouraging piano lessons. The first lesson cost \$1, a bargain! Her last lesson was \$100 in preparation for a performance of Rhapsody in Blue. Susan accompanied the church choirs, school choirs and college choirs. Following a Bachelor's in Piano Performance from the University of Wisconsin, she earned a Masters in Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music. From hundreds of her performances, the most memorable are Schumann's "Piano Concerto", first time performing with an orchestra; Schubert's "Trout Quintet" performed in Bermuda; stepping on stage at Davis Symphony Hall to accompany the first of many concerts; accompanied the San Francisco Girl's Chorus representing the USA at the world choral symposium in Kyoto Japan followed by a collaboration with the Tokyo Symphony and a German adult choir in Britten's "War Requiem", on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima; accompanying the Girl's Chorus to Salt Lake City as they sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in a live broadcast; accompanying the Girl's to NYC for a concert at Alice Tully Hall ("the best acoustics I've ever experienced") and lastly, sitting ten feet from YoYo Ma after the Girl's sang at President Obama's inauguration. "I'm so grateful that God blessed me with fingers that love to praise."



BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 17 (4/23/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of John, chapters 13-17.

Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs

First Church Weekly Readings:*

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture lesson reading plan.

April 24 Acts 24:10-16
April 25 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
April 26 Romans 6:5-11
April 27 John 10:27-30
April 28 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
April 29 Revelation 21:3-4
April 30 1 Peter 1:3-16

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"A Living Hope and
a Non-Perishable Inheritance"
1 Peter 1:3-16

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

0-2 year-olds W-101
3 & 4 year-olds pre-K W-102
Kindergarten/First Gr W-205
2nd & 3rd Grades W-203
4th & 5th Grades W-204

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sonshine House

Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)

Ark The 925
Brittain Fellowship A-101
New Creations A-203
MD Moore* W-105
Open Doors* W-103
Open Fellowship* Music Ctr
The Seekers A-207



Dinner and Fashion Show!
WEDDING DRESSES THROUGH TIME
 May 9th from 5PM-7:30PM | Wesley Hall

All women are invited to a sit-down dinner and fashion show. **Tickets are \$15/each or \$20/pair** if you bring your daughter, grandmother, aunt or niece. **Tickets** may be purchased **on 4/23 and 4/30** after worship from a circle member or in the church office (Trisha). **Attendees must have a ticket.** Share your **wedding picture** in our display; bring it with you.

New Member Classes | 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 | 9AM—9:50AM

Wesley Resource Library (Room W-104)

For information, please contact **Pastor Michelle**,
 843-448-7164 x203 or mdlouk@umcsc.org.



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" First Friday Men's Lunch meets May 5, 2023, 11:30AM at Magnolia's @ 26th, dining upstairs. **All men of the church are cordially invited.** Tom Winn will bring the devotion.

Support Grand Strand Miracle Leagues

Your Missions Committee has designated **Saturday, April 29th, at 10AM** as a day for **First church to support the Grand Strand Miracle Leagues**. Join us for the **Orioles vs. Phillies game** at the **James C. Benton Miracle League Field, 690 33rd Ave N, Myrtle Beach**. If you want to **volunteer for "Buddies"**, please wear your **FUMC T-shirt**. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship at the game.



Bible Study Each Wednesday at 1:15PM, Pastor Michelle leads a **Bible Study** based on Pastor Joel's **Bible Challenge**. All are invited to **Magnolia's at 26th, second floor** to **study the prior week's readings**. Come early, grab lunch downstairs, and join us upstairs for fellowship while you eat. For more details, contact **Pastor Michelle**, mdlouk@umcsc.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach for the week of **May 29-June 2, 2023, Monday thru Friday**.

Two volunteers are needed for each shift, each day.

Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM

Please contact **Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253 to volunteer.**



SPRING SURGE Video

"Life and Love in Abundance for God's Children" is a video from Spring Surge women's event held at First Presbyterian Church on March 25, 2023. View it on our website, www.fumcmb.org, **click the link, United Women in Faith. Epworth Children's Home and Thornwell Home for Children** need your support as they move forward into fostering and education programs to help preserve the family.



Youth Schedule...

April 23: 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus
April 26: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A
April 30: 10AM Confirmation Sunday
 Combined worship, 10AM, Sanctuary
5:15PM Youth @ North Campus
May 7: Senior Sunday

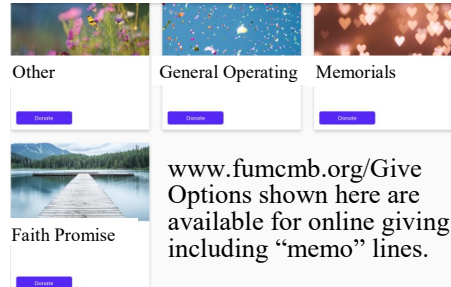
Salkehatchie Summer Service is a home repair ministry of the SC United Methodist Church, for teens and adults age 14 and up.



From Saturday to Saturday, volunteers experience more than just a week of **hard work**. Their **dedication and love help families** feel comfortable and secure in their homes. The two weeks for FUMC are **June 17-24 and July 15-22**. To register for either week, please go online to www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie/. FUMC **financial aid** is available to help offset fees. **Contact Greg Clemmons, administrator@fumcmb.org.**

FUMC Giving online has been enhanced to include a “memo” line for each giving option. The new links are: “**Other, General Operating, Memorials, or Faith Promises**”. The memo or note line must be completed for each transaction.

The first quarter giving statements were recently mailed. Please review your statement ensuring that your giving was posted as intended. Also, please review recurring payments to make sure each one is designated correctly. www.fumcmb.org/giving



Thanks for Your Support!

Give electronically with a cell phone. **Scan the QR** code below with your phone's camera, then tap the link at the top of the screen to open VENMO to give.



venmo

Financials and Attendance

As of 4/16/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 21,274
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 486,022
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 468,543
Difference YTD:	\$ 17,479

Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise 2023:	\$ 110,760
Faith Promise Receipts 2023:	\$ 23,872

Presence 4/16/2023

♦ Worship in person:	331
♦ Fox TV (Feb. wkly est)	2,963
♦ Worship online:	769
♦ Social Media:	5,151
♦ Sunday School:	131

First Church Thrift Store—Mondays: 9AM-1PM and Thursdays: 1-4PM

Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Phone: 843-448-7164

Email: office@fumcmb.org

Website: www.fumcmb.org

Follow on Facebook: FUMCMB

Instagram: [firstchurchmb](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchmb)

YouTube: [@firstchurch6363](https://www.youtube.com/@firstchurch6363)

Request *The Steeple* via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

NEW SUPPORT GROUP TO FORM

As we continue to grow as a church family, we would like to **expand our ministries** to include a **grief support group**. If you, a family member or friend could benefit from being part of the conversation that works through the **healing process for the loss of a loved one**, please **contact Pastor Michelle Louk, 843-448-7164, mdlouk@umcsc.org** or **Rosie Swain, 843-455-5454, rosie.swain@outlook.com**.



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS

PARENTS, on Sunday, May 7th, we will recognize our high school and college students for their great achievements.

Please email Pastor Chad by May 2nd,

cwmullinix@umcsc.org, to **provide your student's information:** full name, high school, college, planned study, degree, or chosen path.

FUMC Thrift Store

Come shop the bargains! **Donations** also accepted **during Store hours: Mondays 9AM-NOON**
Thursdays 1PM-4PM
Saturdays 10AM-2PM (beg. 5/6)



Upcoming Dates to Note



- 4/30 Confirmation Sunday
10AM Combined Worship Sanctuary
- 5/3 Spring Renewal, 6:30PM
Wesley Worship Center
- 5/6 Thrift Store Saturday hours
10AM-2PM
- 5/7 Senior Sunday
- 5/14 Mother's Day
Epworth Offering
- 5/21 CDM Graduation Sunday
Contemporary worship

Happening This Week



April 23, 2023

- 8:30A-11AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 9:00AM **New Member Class**
WESLEY RESOURCE LIBRARY W-104
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**[^]
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR [^]YouTube
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship**^{*}
SANCTUARY ^{*}Facebook
- 11:15AM **Children's Council Mtg**
WESLEY BLDG—4/5 Grade class
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs**
WESLEY BLDG
- 4:15PM **Christian Education Cmte**
WESLEY RESOURCE LIBRARY W-104
- 5:15PM **Youth Group**
BRITAIN CENTER, NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, April 24

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY CENTER
- 5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

TUESDAY, April 25

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 2:00PM **Congregational Care Mtg**
PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, April 26

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY CENTER
- 1:15PM **Bible Study** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
MUSIC SUITE

THURSDAY, April 27

- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 5:30PM **Lions Club Mtg** THE 925

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"When loneliness strikes, fill me with YOUR glorious presence."

~ unknown

Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chad W. Mullinix, Youth Director

Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor
Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

