



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ April 30, 2023

10:00AM* COMBINED WORSHIP

Traditional & Contemporary, Sanctuary

*Facebook livestreamed

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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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 "Above All/When I Survey" arr. Sherman
Adult Handbell Choir
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Joel McMakin

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH #61

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Chad Mullinix | 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** 1 Peter 1:18-23 Sharri Hammond

Anthem "A Vision of You" arr. Berry

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Mullinix

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 Kate Horlsey

(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 "Firm Foundation" Praise Band

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

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* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Mullinix
* Preparatory Hymn	“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”	UMH #514 vs. 1,4
* Sermon Text	John 15:1-6, 9-11	
Sermon	“Taking Responsibility for Our Faith”	Rev. McMakin
Order of Confirmation		Rev. Mullinix
* Closing Hymn	“Seek Ye First”	Praise Band <i>(see song insert)</i>
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Toccatina”	arr. Simone

(* *Please and as you are able.*)

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
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. <i>Sunday School</i> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. <i>***Please ask the ushers for children's Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</i>	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.

We welcome 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 Anna Julian’s 16th birthday on May 1st from Sharri Hammond.

Worship Flowers are needed for July 9, 16, 23, 30. 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 Worship

GREETERS

Front Entrance Darlene & Jack Rebeck ***Office Entrance*** Nita Letts

USHERS

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

PRAISE BAND: Grant Nesmith, guitar/vocals; Ashley Hamilton, vocals

ACOLYTE Dru Kelly

BIBLE BEARER Andrew Langway ***CRUCIFER*** Michael Kelly

LITTLE CHURCH: Cait Neptune, Meghan Nesmith

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen



Monthly Mission Impact—MAY

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach 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.

The Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach was founded on the thought of helping those in need, endeavoring to provide where the need is greatest. Their mission is to feed the hungry with both excellence and compassion.

www.communitykitchenmb.org

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Dabney Joyner** and family on the passing of her brother, **Phil Mulholland**, on 4/23/2023 in Pawley's Island SC; and to **Amy Williamson** and family on the passing of her father, **Furman York**, 4/23/2023 in Nashville TN.

2023 CONFIRMANDS

James Douglas Anderson
Wilson Thomas Atkinson
Meredith Blair Bowers

Gracy Elizabeth Galloway
Samuel Yates Hamrick
Nathan Walker Kittle

Lillian Carson Langway
Sullivan James Merchant
Draike Alan Youngerman

Thank you to these devoted Mentors of our youth as they led the students in study and prayer to reach this pivotal time in each of their lives:

Neal Bowers, Wake Haga, Tonia Clemmons, Vance Shields, Greg Drennan, Randy Wallace, Tommy Brittain, Greg Clemmons, Tim Youngerman.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 18 (4/30/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of John, chapters 18-21, Book of Acts, chapter 1.

Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's @ 26th, 2nd floor, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited to grab lunch downstairs, and join us upstairs for fellowship and study. For more details, contact **Pastor Michelle**, mdlouk@umesc.org.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"My view is simple. I believe that God is LOVE. Period. End of story. For love runs through every one and every thing." ~ Willie Nelson, musician

*First Church Weekly Readings: **

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

May 1	Genesis 2:1-3
May 2	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
May 3	Isaiah 58
May 4	Psalms 118:19-27
May 5	Hebrews 4:1-11
May 6	Exodus 33:12-16
May 7	Exodus 20:8-11

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Collective Work, Collective Rest"
Exodus 20:8-11*

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
Faith Foundations/New Horizons	A-203
MD Moore*	W-105
Open Doors*	W-103
Open Fellowship*	Music Ctr
The Seekers	A-207



If you need renewing of your spirit—maybe your tired, run down or have too much going on—come on May 3rd at 6:30PM in the Wesley Worship Center for an evening of celebration, worship, and praise. Our pastors will bring messages of hope and the Praise Band will lead songs, new and old. Refreshments and Childcare will be available.



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 4/30** after worship from a circle member or in the church office (Trisha). **Ticket only event.** Share your **wedding picture** in our display; please bring it with you.

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**, mdlouk@umcsc.org or **Rosie Swain**, 843-455-5454 or rosie.swain@outlook.com.



"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**.

FUMC THRIFT STORE

Come to shop the bargains—open to all!
Donations are accepted **during Store hours:**
Mondays 9AM-NOON
Thursdays 1PM-4PM
NEW HOURS: Saturdays 10AM-2PM



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

FUMC's **Open Doors Sunday school class and others** have aided a struggling **Ukrainian family of five** to secure housing, furniture, and clothing. They are humble and most appreciative of the help they have received. Having survived war-torn Ukraine, their personal story exemplifies strength of character and adaptability for a better life. The father has secured legal documentation and a job and now is **in need of transportation**. After long days in construction work, he waits 2 to 3 hours daily for a ride. If anyone has the ability to help, please **contact Greg Clemmons** in the church office, administrator@fumcmb.org.



Youth Schedule...

April 30: 8:45AM Confirmation Brunch
 10AM Confirmation Sunday
 Combined worship, 10AM, Sanctuary
 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus

April 26: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A
 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The **prayer shawl ministry meets monthly on the first Monday at 2:00PM in the church parlor** to share ideas and pray together over the shawls. If you knit or crochet, please join us to find out more about this ministry.

Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build ground breaking will be held **May 5th at 9AM** for the **Ford family at 1908 Rosehill Road, Conway**. **First Church** is a **Faith partner** in this project, one of 7 area churches. Habitat is one of our Mission Impact benefactors. Please join the Missions Committee as we help celebrate the occasion of this new home build for the Ford family. www.habitathorry.org



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.



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Financials and Attendance

As of 4/23/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 20,765
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 506,844
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 532,375
Difference YTD:	- \$ 25,531

Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise 2023:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts 2023:	\$ 37,393

Presence 4/23/2023

◆ Worship in person:	385
◆ Fox TV (Feb. wkly est)	2,963
◆ Worship online:	673
◆ Social Media:	6,670
◆ Sunday School:	187

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

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


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

Join Pastor Joel and Pastor Michelle along with others in the community for the

“National Day of Prayer”
Thursday, May 4, 2023
6:00PM
Myrtle’s Market
605 Mr. Joe White Ave.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 

 If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, please consider joining **Compassionate Caregivers**, a small group that offers encouragement, support, and information. We meet monthly on the **first and third Thursdays, 10-11:30AM in the church Parlor**. The local Alzheimer's unit offers a service to provide a sitter, if needed. For information, **contact Sherrill Allen at 843-251-1163 or sachillesshs@aol.com.**

 **Ladies Lunch & Devotion**
Wednesday, May 10th
11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs.
 Suzanne Renfro will share a devotion after a time of food and fellowship.

Upcoming Dates to Note 

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



- SUNDAY, April 30, 2023**
- 8:30A-11 AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
 - 8:45AM **Confirmation Brunch** PARLOR
 - 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
 - 9:00AM **New Member Class** WESLEY RESOURCE LIBRARY W-104
 - 10:00AM COMBINED WORSHIP*** SANCTUARY *Facebook
 - 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY BLDG
 - 5:15PM **Youth Group** BRITAIN CENTER, NORTH CAMPUS

- MONDAY, May 1**
- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
 - 2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PARLOR
 - 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal** WESLEY CENTER

- TUESDAY, May 2**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
 - 10:00AM **UWF Exec Board Mtg** PARLOR
 - 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle** CHAPEL
 - 5:00PM **Evangelism Cmtee Mtg** PARLOR
 - 6:00PM **Worship Cmtee Mtg** OFC-2nd FLOOR

- WEDNESDAY, May 3**
- 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 **Spring Renewal** WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
 - 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir** MUSIC SUITE

- THURSDAY, May 4**
- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
 - 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
 - 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

- FRIDAY, May 5**
- 11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends Men's Lunch** MAGNOLIA'S

Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor **Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor**
Rev. Chad W. Mullinix, Youth Director **Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus**