



The Steeple ■ August 13, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

*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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

The liturgical color is green symbolizing a focus on our Christian growth.

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

Prelude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Berry
(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** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. 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

Reception of New Members UMH #38
Carolann and Robert "Bob" Gallagher

* **Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:31-40 Debbie Conner
Pew Bible NT pg. #27

Anthem "Trusting God Medley" arr. Mauldin

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Creel

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 Yvonne Brittain
(Children, ages 3 years 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Held

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* The Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	UMH #400
* Sermon Text	Colossians 2:6-7	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.189</i>
Sermon	“Overflowing With Gratitude”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”	UMH #102
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Jubilate”	Young

(* *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 have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</p> <p><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>***</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>
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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 to thank Him for giving Buddy and Penny Styers 59 years together on 16 August 2023. We are so blessed.

Worship Flowers are needed for Oct 29; Nov 5, 12. 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—AUGUST

Front Entrance Julie & Mark Mitchell ***Office Entrance*** Emily Ann Skews

USHERS—AUGUST

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

ACOLYTE Dru Kelly

CRUCIFER Michael Kelly

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jackson Uphold

Lights Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Lisa Watson, Rusty Watson

Children’s Message Erin Perry

Little Church Meghan Nesmith, Mary Ashley Bellamy



Monthly Mission Impact—AUGUST

Helping the most vulnerable children of Horry County stay happy, healthy, and fed, **Help 4 Kids/Backpack Buddies** is a 100% volunteer organization that relies solely on donations. While school is in session, donations of food and snacks are collected that are then put into food sacks and sent home with underprivileged Horry County children in their backpacks on Fridays. Volunteer time helps with fundraising, packaging meals or delivering supplies. Order online from local stores for delivery directly to Help4Kids. Visit their website for more information: <https://help4kidssc.org>



Current needs: Flavored instant oatmeal, cereal, rice, granola bars, fruit cups, spaghetti & sauce, soups, canned pasta, Vienna sausage, pudding cups, peanut butter crackers, ramen noodles, diapers, baby food, wipes, hygiene items

Collection bins are located in the church office and all worship entrances.

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Faith and Jim Dodd** on the recent death of their grandson, **John Robert Allen**, son of Rebekah and Jimmy Keyser, Alliance Ohio.



What's Ahead in the Life of First Church!

Sunday, August 20th—Blessing of the Backpacks at both 10AM services for all students, teachers, and school administrators at all grade levels! **Bring your backpacks**, bookbags, or satchels and **receive blessings** for the school year from your church! We worship at the main campus, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 33 (8/13/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):
Book of 2 Corinthians, chapters 12-13 and Galatians, chapters 1-3

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. mdlouk@umcsc.org



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

~ Andy Griffith, actor

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Aug 14 Luke 8:40-56
 Aug 15 John 2:1-5
 Aug 16 John 4:7-26
 Aug 17 John 4:27-30; 39-42
 Aug 18 1 Samuel 1:1-11, 24-28
 Aug 19 Luke 24:1-12
 Aug 20 Mark 7:24-30

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "A Mother's Persistence"
 Matthew 15:12-28; Mark 7:24-30

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)
 Infants to 2 years W-101
 3 years to 1st Grade W-102
 2nd grade to 5th Grade W-203

Youth Classes
 6th-12th Grades Sonshine House

Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)
 Ark The 925
 Brittain Fellowship A-101
 New Creation A-203
 MD Moore* W-105
 Open Doors* W-103
Open Fellowship* **A-104**
 The Seekers A-207



Join us after worship on Sunday, August 27th, 11:15AM to learn more about being a **Hospitality Ambassador**. We are seeking to launch an initiative that will engage and welcome guests as well as members to our campus each week. Learn more about how

you can be the smile that greets others and sets the tone for their worship experience!

What: Hospitality Ambassadors introduction

When: Sunday, August 27th at 11:15AM

Where: Wesley Fellowship Hall

FUMC Habitat Faith Build

Volunteer Day

Ford Family home, Rosehill Rd, Conway

FRIDAY, August 25th

8AM-3:30PM

Installing interior trim

No experience required

Lunch provided by Missions Committee

Must be 18+ or 16 with guardian

RESCHEDULED WORK DAY!



Register online: <https://habitatmb.volunteerhub.com/>

Select: *Volunteer / Construction Volunteers / "Start Now", Scroll to the date to register*



****Check out the Missions Impact link on the website for project updates.****



Sunday, September 24th—BRING A FRIEND!

School is in full swing so let's fall into our routine of **regular Sunday fellowship** and worship at 10AM, both services. Everyone is encouraged to **invite a friend, neighbor, or family member** to worship with us. **A picnic and inflatables** on the front lawn are planned **after worship**.

CHILDREN OF FIRST CHURCH NEED YOU!

It is hard to believe that 2023 is rushing to an end! There are awesome **opportunities to serve** for **Children's Moment** (a time during worship when young children are

encouraged to come forward for a brief message about God) **AND Little Church** (age appropriate mini-church experience for children ages 3 through first grade). If you want to serve our children by **either leading a children's moment in worship or leading or assisting in Little Church**, we have a spot for you!

Support materials, scriptures, and supplies are readily available. **Each week we need 4 volunteers**—one for each worship service and two for Little Church. If you want to serve in this area of ministry, please **contact Rhonda at volunteers@fumcmb.org or by calling 843-448-7164**. The rewards are priceless!

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



REALM CONNECT, a mobile app, is an avenue for members to look up other members' phone numbers, email addresses and other common contact info in lieu of a printed directory. There is no cost to access the app. Please **contact Trisha** in the church office to **request a member "invite" to get started**, 843-448-7164 or trisha@fumcmb.org. Emailed "Invites" are from First United Methodist Church (check your spam box—redirect to your Inbox).



Realm Connect -
For Our Church

Other helpful tools in the app include **registering your attendance** (or "**check in**") for worship and Sunday school each week, and options for **giving online, volunteer interests** including reading scripture, serving communion, and other worship-related serving opportunities.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS

"**Love Packages**" are sent to college students at special times throughout the school year. **To sign up your student, please go to www.fumcmb.org**, click on **Grow/Adult/College-Young Adult/College Ministry Registration**. Return the registration form by email to office@fumcmb.org.



This is a church **mission project; students DO NOT have to be a member of First Church.**

Items needed: Individual tissue pkgs, Tide Stix, highlighters, pens, mechanical pencils, Post-it Notes, mini-note pads, mini-lint rollers, individual snacks.

Labeled donation bins may be found in the Wesley Worship Center and in the church office.

Monetary donations or gift cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Office Depot, etc.) are also appreciated (*note on checks: College Ministry*). **Send all monetary donations to Kay in the church office.**

Thank you for your support!



Financials and Attendance

As of 8/6/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 34,459
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 948,745
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 970,016
Difference YTD:	- \$ 21,271

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 62,085

Presence 8/6/2023

◆ Worship in person:	293
◆ Fox TV & promos (June wkly est*):	24,750
◆ Worship online:	629
◆ Social Media:	2,372
◆ Sunday School:	97

*FOX TV estimates defined as "impressions" and includes new 30-sec spot promos recently added

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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 Phone: 843-448-7164 Email: office@fumcmb.org Website: www.fumcmb.org
 Facebook.com/FUMCMB Instagram.com/firstchurchmb YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363
Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

Welcome!

It is a blessing to welcome **Wilma Fuchs** who was received into First Church membership on August 6, 2023 by Letter of Transfer from County Line Christian Church Axton, VA.

Wilma is the mother of Michelle Bowers (Neal) and grandmother of Jackson, Preston, and Meredith.



Thanks to all who have donated books to the church library. We have so many books that we have run out of room! Having such a problem is good! As we make room for the newest donations, we are unable to receive more books at this time. Your generosity is appreciated.

Peggy Ecker, church librarian



Attention Church Family:

At this time, CDM is unable to offer part-time childcare and is currently on a waitlist. We are only accepting student applications for full-time childcare. Thank you for your patience and continued support. Call Cindy or Robyn at CDM with questions, 843-692-9272.

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, August 13, 2023

- 8:45A--
11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**[^]
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER ^YouTube
10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook

MONDAY, August 14

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-2nd Floor

TUESDAY, August 15

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**
OFC-2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, August 16

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs

THURSDAY, August 17

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL



What's Coming!

- 8/20 **Blessing of the Backpacks**
both services
9/17 **Disaffiliation Meeting**
after worship, Sanctuary
9/24 **Bring A Friend Sunday**
picnic and inflatables
following worship services
10/1 **World Communion Sunday**

Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor **Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor**
Rev. Jim Creel, Jr., Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation
Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC
Church Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8AM-5PM—CLOSED FRIDAYS
North Campus: Thomas N Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC

