



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ August 14, 2022

8:30AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11:00AM* Contemporary Worship

Wesley Worship Ctr



*Facebook Live-stream

Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! **Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.** We are inspired by the words and encouragement of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, "Do all the good you can, in all the means, ways, places, and times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Order of Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

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

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

Prelude "Andante con moto" J.E. Kindermann
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Joel W. McMakin

* **Chiming of the Hour**

* **Opening Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH #66

* **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** Luke 12:32-40 John Lox **8:30**
Buddy Styers **11:00**

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks Bulletin Insert

*All students may bring their backpacks to the front for the blessing.
11:00—After the Blessing, children 3 years old to 1st grade may be dismissed 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 "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. Mullinix

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

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Sermon Text	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Rev. McMakin
Anthem	“How Majestic is Your Name” Kim Alexander, Rhonda Singleton, Lisa Washburn, <i>Ladies Trio</i>	arr. Fettke
Sermon	“The Evidence of Faith”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“To God Be the Glory”	UMH #98
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“For All the Saints”	arr. Hal H. Hopson

(*) *Stand as you are able.*

Attendance

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to **register your attendance or check-in on the Realm app on your mobile device.**

Sunday School

Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM.

Please ask the ushers for children's Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children **ages 3 through 1st grade** during today’s worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs).

Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together. **Please register your attendance on the Pew pad provided or check-in on the Realm app on your mobile device.**

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given by Linda and Larry Gates to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of their 50th anniversary, August 12th.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Sept 25; Oct 2, 9, 16, 30. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Melinda Morgan in the church office, 843-448-7164 or melinda@fumcmb.org.

Thank you to the Ladies Trio for their offering of special music today in worship.

Traditional Worship at 8:30AM and Contemporary Worship at 11AM are Livestreamed on Facebook. Worship videos are also available on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app, or on WFXB (FOX TV7) delayed broadcast, Sundays at 10AM.

Assisting in Worship

GREETERS—August

8:30 Front Kathi & Cam McCarl
8:30 Office Carl Townsend

11:00 Front Annette & Ed Willett
11:00 Office Shelby Sansbury
11:00 Breezeway Sharri Hammond

USHERS—August

8:30 Greg Clemmons: Ashley Booth, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon

11:00 Clark Butler: Gene Butler, Tracy Conner, Alec McMillan, Keith McMillan, Zachery McMillan

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO 8:30 Melinda Morgan
11:00 Scott Bowen

Assisting in Contemporary Worship

LIVESTREAM Jason Gildner

SLIDES Ben Gildner or Jonathan Kittle

USHERS Don Myers, Daniel Shuler, and/or Mary Margaret Kittle





*Blessing of the Backpacks**



Children's Litany:

Leader: When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm getting on the school bus or being driven to school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm playing with my friends at recess...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm finding the right school bus to ride home...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm telling my family about my day at school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: Let's pray together:

All: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by my side. I know that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me. When I see the cross on my backpack, I will remember that you are always with me. I know that I can talk with you any time – day or night – and for that I am so thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

Congregational Opening Prayer:

Leader: O Holy God, the time is come when school begins. As these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books and note books, markers and pens and pencils they will use to learn. O Lord of Life and Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks and months. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless, O God, all school administrators that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. O Lord of Life and Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And bless, O God, these our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that through their study, they may gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service, all their days. O Lord of Life and Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless, O God, these backpacks and the children who carry them. O Lord of Life and Love,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Monthly Mission Impact – AUGUST

NEW DIRECTIONS SHELTERS for Women, Men, Families

Providing those in need with shelter, basic necessities, and connections to resources. www.helpnewdirections.org



NEEDS: ALL PAPER PRODUCTS—toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins; tall kitchen trash bags, laundry detergent, Pampers (sizes 4&5), cleaning supplies. **Men's Shelter Needs:** men's XL flip flops/shower shoes, bar soap/full size, bleach, Pine Sol, 40 gal. black garbage bags, spiral notebooks, sugar, coffee, creamer, oatmeal, Texas Pete Hot Sauce.

Monetary Donations (checks payable to FUMC, note New Directions).

Congratulations

The **Dutch Cradle Cross** on the altar is in honor of the birth of **Eleanor Rose Burr** on August 2, 2022, daughter of **Sally and Aaron Burr IV**. Proud grandparents are Fran and Lee Glaze, Melody O'Neal and John Burr III; great-grandparents, Yvonne and Regi Thackston, Brenda Glaze, Carl O'Neal.



BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! GET THOSE BACKPACKS READY! TODAY, August 14th

TODAY, in all three services, the pastors and congregation will **Bless the Backpacks** of our students, teachers, and school administrators and receive a bag tag and other goodies. Bring your backpacks, bookbags, or satchels and receive blessings for the school year from your church!



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

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"No Cloud is so DARK that God cannot see through it."

~ *Grandma's Pearl of Wisdom*

Worship Guidelines: Please join us for worship as your health permits. We respect personal discretion on Masks. Please silence cell phones.

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don't already have one.

Aug 15	Matthew 5:21-24
Aug 16	2 Corinthians 5:18-21
Aug 17	Matthew 5:43-48
Aug 18	Jeremiah 33:1-9
Aug 19	Hebrews 12:12-15
Aug 20	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Aug 21	Ephesians 2:11-22

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
"Loving Beyond Barriers"
Ephesians 2:1-22*

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-olds pre-K	Wesley 102
Kindergarten/First Gr	Wesley 205
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 203
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 204

Youth Classes

6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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Adult Classes

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 101
Faith Foundations	Asbury 103
MD Moore	Wesley 105
New Horizons	Asbury 201
Open Doors*	Wesley 103
Open Fellowship*	Music Center 101

FUMCMB MISSIONS COMMITTEE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- * **FUMCMB has a Missions Committee**
- * **The purpose of the Missions Committee** is to support, serve and build relationships with local, regional, national and global outreach organizations.
- **Does the Missions Committee have a Mission Statement?** Yes. Our Mission statement is based on: Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Statement: Supporting Christ-focused outreach positively impacting local, regional, national and global communities while spreading God's Word of Love and Hope, and making Disciples for Christ.
- **Why was the Missions Budget removed from the Operations Budget?** The church leaders decided to hold a separate campaign specifically to support Missions rather than adding Missions as an operations budgeted item. The reasoning is based on positive results of other church programs allowing the congregation an opportunity to meet with and feel more personally involved with missions. Ultimately, these churches received greater financial support of Missions than if it were a budgeted item.



VOLUNTEERS

In the
Spotlight

MICHELLE STURZENBECKER SCOTT BELLAMY

Special recognition goes to Michelle and Scott for transporting folks in the church bus to and from Portside Assisted Living for our 11AM worship—every week! They accommodate about 5 people per week who are grateful for this opportunity.

THANK YOU for your service to First Church and to God's Kingdom. It is amazing to see what God can do when members step out in small ways to build the kingdom. What can YOU do to be a kingdom builder? Come on—get on the bus!




BE OUR GUEST!


Sunday, September 11th—Bring a Friend Sunday

You are encouraged to invite someone to join you! That's right! You can be an ambassador for Christ by simply inviting people to join you. **Invite** someone to shop in or to donate to our Thrift Store. **Invite** someone to share in a mission project organized by First Church. **Invite** someone to your Sunday School class, to a devotion, to a special church event, etc. **Invite** your child's friends to Sunday School or to participate in our music programs. **Invite** someone to join you for UMYF breakfast or Sunday events. Are you getting the idea? **Invite** someone for **Bring A Friend to Church Sunday, September 11th!** YOU are the invitation to Christ!

Invite - a friend, neighbor, or family member to church.
Rejoice - in Promotion Sunday for Children and Youth!
Enjoy - **Breakfast Pastries** after 8:30 worship in the **Parlor**
Sundae Ice Cream Bar after 11:00 services, Wesley Hall
Join in the fellowship!



REALM Invite reminders were emailed recently to those who have not yet logged into REALM. **Does your picture** look like you?



When you access the app on your mobile device, be sure to **"check in" or "register" your attendance in church or Sunday School!**



Youth Schedule...

Aug 14: 3-8PM Youth Kick-off N Campus
 Aug 17: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Chick Fil-a, Mr. Joe White Ave.
 Aug 21: 5:15PM-7:30PM Youth @ North Campus



"FALL FUN at FIRST" Sunday, October 30th from 3-6PM

The Tennessee Collier Circle is planning a **fun afternoon at First Church** with a variety of music, skits, games, talented artists and a competition for "Treasured Prizes!" Come **join in the fun** or just sit back, relax and enjoy the show. After all the fun, a delicious meal will be served by Circle members. Tickets to the event will be pre-sold for \$10/each or \$25/family with proceeds to benefit **Help4Kids, Helping Hand, Community Kitchen**. Watch for ticket details in **The Steeple**.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS



All College Students interested in receiving "Love Packages" that are sent at special times throughout the school year may go to www.fumcmb.org then click on **Grow/Adult/College-Young Adult** to complete the **application**. Email the completed application to office@fumcmb.org. This "Love Package" is a 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.** Labeled Donation bins are located in the Wesley Worship Center and Church Office. **Monetary donations** are also appreciated (*mark your check College Ministry*). Thank you 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.



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 8/7/2022 (includes online giving):

Giving week of:	\$ 29,866
Giving YTD 2022:	\$ 877,420
Expenses YTD 2022:	\$ 1,018,377
Difference YTD 2022:	- \$ 140,957
<i>Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.</i>	
Missions Faith Promise:	\$ 101,000
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 91,876

Presence 8/7/2022

♦ Worship:	309
♦ Fox TV (June wkly est)	1,500
♦ Worship Facebook/Web:	560
♦ All Social Media:	2,108
♦ Sunday School:	113

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

Request emailed **Steeple**: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

Contemporary Worship
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, 11AM
Wesley Worship Center

Join us for an upbeat, casual, time to commune with God and to worship in song. Enjoy a cup of coffee before worship, visit, and get to know us and First Church!

Jim Creel will bring the message, "Faith Calls" from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16.

*Dear FUMC Family,
Words cannot express the gratitude our family feels for the prayers, love, and care you provided throughout Doug's illness and passing. We are humbled by the outpouring of calls, cards, food and visits from our church family. Thank you for helping God carry us during this unexpected journey.
Love in Christ,
Susan Baxter*

Thank You

First Church is thankful to have Michelle Bowers step in and take the reigns for staffing the Community Kitchen last week. This is a mission of First Church for which we provide volunteers to serve one week each quarter to those in need in the area.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR!



Members, please **wear your name tag** every Sunday to help everyone!

Need a tag? Call the church office. Name tags may be found on the boards in the Narthex, Sanctuary Hallway, or Wesley Hall entrance.

Happening This Week



BACKPACK SUNDAY

SUNDAY, August 14, 2022

- 8:30-NOON **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
8:30AM **Traditional Worship**
SANCTUARY / Live-streamed
9:45AM **Sunday School—All Ages**
11:00AM **Contemporary Worship**
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
11:00AM **Traditional Worship**
SANCTUARY
3-8:00PM **Youth Kickoff**
NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, August 15

- 9A-12PM **Thrift Store Open**
9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR
5:30PM **Evangelism Committee Mtg**
PARLOR

TUESDAY, August 16

- 2:30PM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Mtg**
PARLOR
5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, August 17

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK FIL-A, SEABOARD
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM

THURSDAY, August 18

- 9A-12PM **Library (staffed)**
10AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, August 19

- 6-9PM **Strategic Leadership Team**
WESLEY HALL

SATURDAY, August 20

- 8A-5PM **CDM Teacher Training**
BRITAIN CENTER-N CAMPUS
9A-4PM **Strategic Leadership Team**
WESLEY HALL

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**

