



The Steeple ■ August 20, 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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" 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** "Come Thou Almighty King" UMH #61

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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 1:3-9, 13-16 Brenda Bellamy
Pew Bible NT pg. #218

Anthem "Spirit Wings" Cloninger/Foster
Heather Whitley, *soloist*

Pastoral Prayer

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 Michelle Sturzenbecker
(Following the children's time, ages 3 years 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 "Allegro" Cutler

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* The Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Louk
* Preparatory Hymn	“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”	UMH #277
* Sermon Text	John 8:1-11	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.94</i>
Sermon	“Grace + Truth = Love”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”	TFWS #2088 2x
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Allegro Maestoso”	Thayer

(* Please and as you are able.

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
<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>Sunday School Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM.</p> <p><i>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</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).</p> <p>Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.</p>

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 his wife, Loretta, on her birthday by James Guinn and family.

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 Andrew Langway

CRUCIFER Lily Langway

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jonathan Kittle

Lights Jackson Uphold

Ushers Daniel Shuler, Don Myers

Children’s Message Meghan Nesmith

Little Church Amanda Sturgeon, Wendi Huberty



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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

David “Dave” Whildon Altman
July 27, 1961—August 11, 2023

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

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Sandra Waugh and Carla Ivey** on the recent death of their son and brother (respectively), **John “Jake” Waugh**, on August 4, 2023; and to **Carol Sturgess** and family on the passing of her husband, **Robert “Rob” H. Sturgess**, on August 10, 2023 in Glenelg, MD.



WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER!

We are excited that **Derek Price** has joined the staff as **Director of Youth Ministry**. Derek and his wife, Haley, have a one-yr-old son, Luke. Natives of east Tennessee, the Prices have resided in Myrtle Beach for almost three years. Derek has a background in public education, teaching in the classroom, and coaching on the field at the middle school and high school levels. He also has experience in ministry as a youth group leader and former principal of a Christian school.

Big Tom's “A Quote”

“Do you need a second chance? Don't dwell on your mistakes. Forgive yourself and have courage to change.” ~ *Ericka Loynes, motivational speaker*

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Aug 21 Exodus 2:11-15
 Aug 22 1 Kings 12:1-11
 Aug 23 2 Kings 2:23-24
 Aug 24 Jonah 3:10-4:5
 Aug 25 Matthew 26:31-33; 69-75
 Aug 26 Philippians 3:2-6
 Aug 27 John 13:21-30

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 “The Tragedy of Judas”
 John 13:21-30*

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



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

TODAY! Sunday, August 20th—at both 10AM services.

RESCHEDULED WORK DAY!

FUMC Habitat Faith Build Volunteer Day
Ford Family home, Rosehill Rd, Conway
FRIDAY, August 25th from 8AM-3:30PM
Installing interior trim; no experience required
Must be 18+ or 16 with guardian; Lunch provided



Register online: <https://habitatmb.volunteerhub.com/>
Select: Volunteer / Construction Volunteers / "Start Now"
Scroll to the date to register.



Join us after worship on **Sunday, August 27th, 11:15AM** to learn more about being a **Hospitalsity 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: Hospitalsity Ambassadors introduction
When: Sunday, August 27th at 11:15AM
Where: Wesley Fellowship Hall

This fall, **First Church** will begin a process to prepare for discernment in regards to our affiliation with the United Methodist Church. This process will begin on **September 17th** as one of four meetings to provide information to the congregation. A Church Conference will be set in conjunction with the District Superintendent after the first of the year for our church membership to vote on our affiliation status.



On **Sunday, September 10th**, we will welcome **Bishop Jonathan L. Holston** to the pulpit as our guest preacher. For this occasion, we will have a **combined worship** service at **10AM in the Sanctuary**. We are fortunate that Bishop Holston has included First Church in his local schedule with Africa University.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!
Week 34 (8/20/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):
Book of Galatians, chapters 4-6; Book of Ephesians chapters 1-2



Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's@26th, 2nd floor, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. mdlouk@umcsc.org

STARTING SOON!

Wednesday, September 6th
6-7:30PM in the Church Parlor
For more information, please contact:
Pastor Michelle mdlouk@umcsc.org
Rosie Swain rosie.swain@outlook.com



Thank you! Thanks to all the members of the church for supporting the UWF fundraisers to purchase a new refrigerator for the Wesley building kitchen. The refrigerator arrived and was delivered with the help of many men in the church. The old refrigerator was purchased by a church member and donated to CDM. Stop by the Wesley kitchen to see it. ~ United Women In Faith , Janice Myers

The Sunshiners

New opportunities to fellowship and serve are **beginning in September on Mondays, 10:30AM—12 Noon.**

- ⇒ **1st Mondays: Nursing Home Visitations**
Contact TBD
- ⇒ **2nd Mondays: Cooking Casseroles**
Contacts Darlene Rebeck: 412-608-2709
or Phyllis Townsend: 540-834-3020
- ⇒ **3rd Mondays: Sunshine Gifts**
Contacts: Linda Evans: 843-234-0173
or Ann Truex: 843-222-3106
- ⇒ **4th Mondays: Fellowship**
Contact: Jean Clemmons: 843-283-7473
or Sandy Springs: 843-446-7745

More details to come!

Ice Cream Social TODAY after worship, August 20th — Wesley Hall

Drop in to meet and welcome our new **Director of Youth, Derek Price**, his wife, Haley and son, Luke.



COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS

Register your college student for the new school year to receive “**Love Packages**” sent at special times throughout the school year. Please go to www.fumcmb.org, click on **Grow/Adult/College-Young Adult/College Ministry Registration** and email the registration form to office@fumcmb.org. **Students DO NOT have to be a member of First Church.** **Donations welcome: Individual tissue pkgs, Tide Stix,**



highlighters, pens, mechanical pencils, Post-it Notes, mini-note pads, mini-lint rollers, individual snacks.

Labeled donation bins are near worship spaces.

Monetary donations or gift cards (retail, fast food) may be given to Kay in the church office. Thank you!



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 8/13/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 34,587
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 991,696
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,013,558
Difference YTD:	- \$ 21,862

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 62,785

Presence 8/13/2023

◆ Worship in person:	377
◆ Fox TV & promos (June wkly est*):	24,750
◆ Worship online:	552
◆ Social Media:	3,096
◆ Sunday School:	123

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

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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

Welcome!

It is our blessing to welcome **Carolann and Bob Gallagher** who were received into First Church membership in Traditional worship on August 13, 2023 by Letter of Transfer from Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA.



Happening This Week



SUNDAY, August 20, 2023

- 8:45AM--
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
11:15AM **Ice Cream Social** WESLEY HALL
Welcome Derek Price, Youth Director

MONDAY, August 21

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
Monday—Thursday

TUESDAY, August 22

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
2:00PM **Congregation Care Mtg**
PARLOR
6:00PM **SLT Meeting** THE 925

WEDNESDAY, August 23

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
CHAPEL

THURSDAY, August 24

- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
5:30PM **Lion's Club Mtg** THE 925



What's Coming!

- TODAY Backpack Blessings**
both services
8/31 VBS Mtg, 11AM, the 925
9/10 Bishop Jonathan Holston,
preaching; combined service
9/10 Youth Kickoff!
9/17 Disaffiliation Meeting
after worship, Sanctuary
9/24 Bring A Friend Sunday
10/1 World Communion Sunday



SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th **BRING A FRIEND!**

Let's fall into our routine of **Sunday**

Christian Education for all ages at 9AM and worship at 10AM, both services. Please **invite a friend, neighbor, or family member** to worship with us. **After worship, enjoy a time of fellowship, a picnic on the front lawn with inflatables** for the children.



Thank you to everyone who served at the Community Kitchen this week on behalf of FUMC. Your dedication to this mission is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Kathy Ferraro, Jewel Whitehead, Randy & Dru McLean, Jim & Faith Dodd, John Lox, Kathy Miller, Lesa Jones, Cam McCarl, Melissa Sadin, Tara Howser, Ronnie & Carol Ann Felts, Patty Taylor.

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





BLESSING OF THE BACKPACS

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 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.

*Rev. Karin Fowler and modified by Rev. Larry Farris with permission to reprint.

FIRST CHURCH
2023 VBS SUPERLATIVES



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUPERLATIVES**

All Things Great & Small Award

Cait Neptune, Caroline Kahn, Darya Wojeck

Legion-Wrangler Award

Michelle Sturzenbecker, Maria Shuler, Michelle Suchonic

Best Sticker/Story Time

Janice Myers, Deborah Floyd,
Robin Howell, Barbara Ward

Transportation w/Excellence Award

Mary Ashley Bellamy, Kate McCarl, Teresa Crocker,
Heather Whitley, Mary Madison Brittain, Ann Anderson

Best Chemical Reactions in a VBS

Amanda Sturgeon, Betsy Hamrick, Erica Elliott

Creative, Captivating, Craft Award

Piper Butler, Elizabeth McKnight, Gracyn Galloway,
Vance Shields, Linda Shields, Georgia Manges,
Wendi Huberty, Jackson Huberty, Shaina Youngerman

It's All Fun & Games Award

Drew Langway, Lilly Langway, Rod Adelstone

Notable Narrator

Joel McMakin

Story Writer Award

Lynn Wood

Best Design for Hero Headquarters

Jewel Whitehead

Most Knowledge in a Lab Coat

Norman McQueen

Most Meerkat Sightings

Tom Winn

Sustainers of Life Award

Scott Bellamy, Maggie Louise Bellamy, Britton Bellamy,
Brenda Bellamy, Caroline Crutchfield, Jim Crutchfield,
Jim Creel, Holly Creel, Carlin Creel, Christian Creel,
Emily Ann Skews, Leslie Wasserman, Scott Wasserman,
Mark Sturzenbecker, Cameron Wicker

Daddy to the Rescue Award

Tom Brittain, Sr.

Chief Counsel to the Big Kids

Tommy Brittain

Icing on the Cake/Decorating Award

Jewel Whitehead, Debbie Rose, Sherrill Allen,
Brenda Bellamy, Alex Montgomery, Caroline Kahn,
Kyler Kahn, Jean Hussey, Mike Hussey, Carol Anne Felts,
Ronnie Felts, Kate McCarl, Gene Singleton,
Winn Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn,

Conscientious Attendance Talliers

Ann Andrews, Judy Winn, Melinda Morgan

Flexibility/Switching Duties Award

Myla Butler, Amanda Youngerman

Rhythm Rockstars

Grant Nesmith, Meghan Nesmith, Alex Montgomery,
Meredith Bowers, Malley McMillan, Ava Hussey

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Best All Around

Preston Bowers, Madelyn Adelstone

Enthusiasm/Activity Promoter Award

Kincade Youngerman,
Draike Youngerman, Wesley McMakin

Tabulation/Accounting Feats Award

Rhonda Slavish

Rescuer Award (Banner, Rosters)

Tara Howser

Looking Good Photo Award

Holly McMillian, Winn Singleton

Best Media Promoter

Christian Creel

Best Cast in a VBS Drama

Dorothy Hamrick, Layne McMakin, Missi McMakin

Outstanding Actors in a VBS Drama

James Sturgeon, Jewel Whitehead,
Lynn Wood, Georgia Manges,
Malley McMillan, Claire Sturzenbecker

A FIRST CHURCH VBS PRODUCTION

Rhonda Singleton, co-Director

Rev. Michelle Louk, co-Director