



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ August 27, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube 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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Rocherolle
(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** "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH #64

* **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

* **Scripture Reading** Psalm 130 John Lox
Pew Bible OT pg. #542

Anthem "I Love You Lord / My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. Pethel

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 Missi McMakin

(Following, children 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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Courtney

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* The Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	UMH #138 v. 1,3,6
* Sermon Text	Luke 15:1-3, 8-24	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.73</i>
Sermon	“Grace, Truth, and the Prodigal Son”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”	UMH #340
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy”	arr. Berry

(* *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 have the option to 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 memory of the Reverend Needham Williamson, a former pastor of this congregation, by Roselle Williamson 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 Wil Sturzenbecker
CRUCIFER Wes Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jackson Uphold ***Lights*** Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Carol Romanski, Carole Scarpa

Children’s Message Erin Perry

Little Church Missi McMakin, Amanda Sturgeon



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.

STARTING SOON!

Every Wednesday, starting 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



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be **September 1st, 11:30AM, at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs.** Steve Louk will bring the **devotional.** **All men** of the church are **cordially invited.**

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 35 (8/27/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Ephesians, chapters 3-6, Book of Philippians, chapter 1

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



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"I am not alone. God will be by my side. I will rejoice, give thanks, find comfort and peace." ~ Carolyn Mandarano, contributor, Guideposts

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Aug 28	Genesis 1:26-31; 9:1-3
Aug 29	2 Corinthians 8:8-15
Aug 30	Leviticus 23:22; Ruth 2:1-14
Aug 31	1 Corinthians 11:17-22
Sept 1	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Sept 2	Psalms 104:14-23
Sept 3	Exodus 16:2-19, 31-32

*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
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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


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

This fall, **First Church will begin a process to prepare for discernment with regard to our affiliation** with the United Methodist Church. The process will **begin on September 17th in the sanctuary** as one of four meetings (Oct 8, 22 and Nov 19) to provide information to the congregation. A Church Conference will be set after the first of the year, in conjunction with the District Superintendent, for our church membership vote on affiliation status.

VBS WRAP UP!

This year's VBS was fun, sensational and a great learning experience for all who participated. We had a phenomenal cast of characters! Now we need your help to **wrap up this year's program** to ensure we have notes on everything we accomplished in order to help us **prepare for 2024!** Please **join us on Thursday, August 31st at 11AM in The 925** to provide your input to help in this discussion.



The Sunshiners

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

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

More details to come!

CHILDREN OF FIRST CHURCH NEED YOU!

Awesome **opportunities to serve our children** include:

- ◇ **Children's Moment** (during each worship service, young children receive a brief God message)
- ◇ **Little Church** (mini-church experience for children ages 3—1st grade)

Each week, 4 volunteers are needed (all materials provided). **If you feel led to serve**, please **contact Rhonda**, volunteers@fumcmb.org or **843-448-7164**.





Derek Price, Director of Youth Ministries
derek@fumcmb.org Ph: 843-448-7164 x216

2023 Fall Youth Kickoff Anderson Home September 10th at 6PM

We enjoyed visiting with and showing our appreciation to our **VBS and summer volunteers**. We want to thank all who dropped in for the occasion—we missed those who couldn't join in the celebration.



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 8/20/2023 (includes online giving):
Contributions week of: \$ 15,489
Total Revenue YTD: \$ 1,008,069
Total Expenses YTD: \$ 1,032,412
Difference YTD: - \$ 24,343

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023
Faith Promise: \$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 63,226

Presence 8/20/2023
◆ Worship in person: 377
◆ Fox TV & promos (June wkly est): 24,750
◆ Worship online: 538
◆ Social Media: 5,253
◆ Sunday School: 157

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

Tell a FRIEND! **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, and a picnic** on the front lawn **with inflatables** for the children.



CYBER SECURITY
 With the rise in **spam/junk email messages, texts, and phone calls**, please know that the church's use of electronic communications is monitored for secure transmission. **Neither the church office nor anyone on the church staff will ever request** money in a text or email message. If a message is suspicious, please do not open the message or click on any link. Do please verify first by a personal call to the member/sender. In this day and age of malicious messages received on our mobile devices (cell phones, computers, laptops, tablets), all messages should be scrutinized/verified. If it looks or sounds abnormal, it is likely spam or junk.

 **COLLEGE PARENTS GRANDPARENTS FRIENDS**
 Register your college student for the new school year to receive "Love Packages". Register online: www.fumcmb.org, click on **Grow/Adult/College-Young Adult/College Ministry Registration**, complete the form and email to office@fumcmb.org.

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, August 27, 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 **Hospitality Ambassador Mtg** WESLEY HALL

MONDAY, August 28

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

TUESDAY, August 29

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

WEDNESDAY, August 30

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

THURSDAY, August 31

- 11:00AM **VBS Wrap-up Mtg** THE 925
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, September 1

- 11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends**
Men's Lunch MAGNOLIA'S@26TH



What's Coming!

- 9/10 **Bishop Jonathan Holston, preaching; COMBINED service**
- 9/10 **Youth Kickoff!**
- 9/17 **Affiliation Discernment mtg after worship, Sanctuary**
- 9/24 **Bring A Friend Sunday picnic on the lawn and inflatables for the children**
- 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**

