



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ August 6, 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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

The liturgical color is white celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 of the Dance"

arr. Raney

Lisa Washburn, *flute*

(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Rev. Michelle D. Louk

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

UMH #62

* **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**

Romans 9:1-5

Sherrill Allen
Pew Bible NT pg. #148

Anthem

"Seek Ye First"

arr. Wagner

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Louk

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, 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

"Chorale & Variation 1"

arr. Carter

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

UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Louk

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* Preparatory Hymn	“Amazing Grace”	UMH #378 v. 1,2,6
* Sermon Text	Matthew 23:1-13a	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 24</i>
Sermon	“Living with Integrity”	Rev. Louk
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Reflection		Lisa Washburn, <i>flute</i> Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>
<i>Pease feel free to pray at the altar. Communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit Help4Kids.</i>		
* Closing Hymn	“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”	UMH #334
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Variation 2 & 3”	arr. Carter

(* 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. Sunday School Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. ***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***	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 Preston Bowers’ 16th birthday on August 5th from Neil, Michelle, Jackson, Meredith, and Grandma.

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 Preston Bowers
CRUCIFER Jackson Bowers

BIBLE BEARER Meredith Bowers

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr., Brenda Bennett, Julie and Mark Mitchell, Mary and Rev. Ron Reichman, Steve Louk

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melissa Sadin

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jonathan Kittle

Lights Jackson Uphold

Ushers James Sturgeon, Mary Margaret Kittle

Little Church Michelle Sturzenbecker, Tracy Gunter



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.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



Community Kitchen
Of Myrtle Beach

First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach the week of **August 14-18, 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.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 32 (8/6/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of 2 Corinthians, chapters 7-11

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"

"Fear, stubbornness, pride, apathy, selfishness can build up in our hearts and keep us from hearing God's voice." ~ Pat Banta Kreml, author

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Aug 7 Deuteronomy 18:14-20
 Aug 8 1 Samuel 8:10-18
 Aug 9 Judges 7:1-8
 Aug 10 Judges 8:22-28
 Aug 11 Genesis 19:15-23
 Aug 12 1 Kings 1:1, 5-53
 Aug 13 1 Kings 11:1-13

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "Solomon: The Realities of Human Kingship"
 1 Kings 11:1-13*

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 Sunshine House

Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)

Ark The 925
 Brittain Fellowship A-101
 New Creations A-203
 MD Moore* W-105
 Open Doors* W-103
Open Fellowship* A-104
 The Seekers A-207

**EPWORTH FOSTER CARE
Program Information Session
sponsored by FUMC Missions
Monday August 7th, 6-7:30PM**

FUMC Wesley Hall, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach
No registration needed
For information, call 843-609-0335



VOLUNTEERS
In the
Spotlight

SCOTT BELLAMY

Scott Bellamy and his crew were a picture of **amazing grace**—volunteers in action serving others. Scott's team prepared four delicious meals for the VBS volunteers and their families for each evening of Bible School. WOW! We were filled in body and spirit! Sunday, after church, his team came through again to serve our entire church family as we enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun on the front lawn. Thanks to all on the team for being a blessing to our church!

Scott's Feeding Force Squad: Maggie Louise Bellamy, Britton Bellamy, Caroline Crutchfield, Jim Crutchfield, Jim Creel, Holly Creel, Carlin Creel, Christian Creel, EmilyAnn Skews, Leslie Wasserman, Scott Wasserman, Mark Sturzenbecker.

What's Ahead in the Life of First Church!

Sunday, August 20th—Blessing of the Backpacks

at both 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!



Sunday, September 24th—BRING A FRIEND!

School is in full swing so let's fall into our routine of **regular Sunday fellowship** and worship. Everyone is encouraged to **invite a friend, neighbor, or family member** to worship with us. **Refreshments** are planned **after worship**.

On behalf of the **FUMC Flower Ministry**, thank you for all the vase donations this week for this outreach ministry. These vases are used each week for smaller arrangements assembled from the Sunday worship flowers that are delivered to members who are sick, or as expressions of sorrow or special happiness. **We welcome regular donations of medium and smaller vases to retain a sufficient rotating supply on hand.**



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).

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. "Try it! You'll like it!"



Realm Connect -
For Our Church

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**. Email the registration form 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 the Church Office.

Monetary donations are also appreciated (note: College Ministry). Thank you for your support!



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 7/30/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 26,738
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 910,390
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 952,008
Difference YTD:	- \$ 41,618

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 61,501

Presence 7/30/2023

◆ Worship in person:	367
◆ Fox TV & promos (June wklly est*):	24,750
◆ Worship online:	629
◆ Social Media:	5,091
◆ Sunday School:	113

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

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 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

Thank you to all who have donated books to the church library. We have so many books that we have run out of room! That's a good problem! For the time being, we will need to make room on the shelves for the newest book donations before we can accept more. Your generosity is appreciated.
Peggy Ecker, church librarian



Happening This Week

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 6, 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 7

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
- 5-7:30PM **Epworth Foster Care Info Session** WESLEY HALL

TUESDAY, August 8

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS

WEDNESDAY, August 9

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
ASBURY 104

THURSDAY, August 10

- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL



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.

I'm moving! Remember to notify FUMC whenever you have a **change of address, phone number, or email**. It is important to update the church's contact information. **Updates may be provided to Trisha Tuite** in the church office at 843-448-7164 or trisha@fumcmb.org.



What's Ahead!

- 8/20 Blessing of the Backpacks both services**
- 9/17 Disaffiliation Meeting after worship, Sanctuary**
- 9/24 Bring A Friend Sunday**
- 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



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FOR JULY 2023 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Gerald Boyles

Harold & Brenda Barron (TV Ministry)
Ruell & Deborah Hicks (TV Ministry)

Betty Eaves

Tom & Judy Winn (College Ministry)
Betty & James Jordan (Ark Class)

Larry Gates

Michael Cafaro (Music Fund)
Sid & Henrietta Locke (Music Fund)
Rose Thomas (Music Fund)
James & Billie Thomy (Music Fund)
Ron & Anne Andrews (Music Fund)
Michael & Linda Paulk (Music Fund)
Rhonda & Gene Singleton (Chancel Choir Fund)
Murayama Family (Chancel Choir Fund)

Loreen Glandt

Harold & Brenda Barron (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Ann Harmon

Harold & Brenda Barron (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Leon "Billy" Huls

Harold & Brenda Barron (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Effie Gladys Johnson

Tom & Judy Winn (Snowbirds/Seagulls Funds)
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Patricia Martinez

Open Fellowship Class (TV Ministry)

Phil Mulholland

Harold & Brenda Barron (Handbell Choir Fund)

Daniel Nickerson

Jim & Helen Clemmons (Memorial Fund)
Susan Guinn (Special Events Music)

Mike Thompkins

Harold & Brenda Barron (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

IN HONOR OF:

Emily Suiter Wasserman

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Volunteers

Judy & Tom Winn (Thrift Store)