



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ December 10, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship,
Wesley Worship Ctr

*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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing the watching and waiting for the Messiah to come.

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

Pre-Service

Medley of Carols
"How Quietly"
Adult Handbell Choir

Children's Choirs
arr. Raney

Prelude

"Mary Did You Know?" arr. Coates
(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 Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

UMH #196

Lighting of the Advent Candle—Hope

Beth & Jim Rozier

Congregational Response:

We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

* **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

Children's Message

Rev. Donna Cassity

(Following, children ages 3 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Little Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 201, Wesley Bldg.)

Anthem

"Walk In the Light"

arr. Thomas

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.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

(Continued on the next page.)

Offertory	“The First Noel”	arr. Held
* The Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	UMH #189
* Scripture	Isaiah 9:2, 6	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 198</i>
Sermon	“The Remembrance of Christmas Past”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“The First Noel”	UMH #245
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“God Rest You Merry”	arr. Held

(* Please stand 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 for all ages—3 through adult—9:00 to 9:50AM. Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship.	First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 yrs 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.

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

We are blessed to welcome everyone in our presence today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ together in worship.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in memory of Bob Poston by Phyllis Poston on what would have been our 65th wedding anniversary.

Worship flowers are needed for (2024) Jan. 14, 21, Feb. 4, 25. 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—DECEMBER

Front Entrance Eileen and Louis Quattrocchi **Office Entrance** Annette & Ed Willett

USHERS—DECEMBER

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

ACOLYTE Drew Kelly

CRUCIFER Michael Kelly

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick **Slides/Lighting** Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Lisa and Rusty Watson

Advent Readers: Linda & Vance Shields

Children’s Message Ayla Clayton

Little Church Sarah Wood, Ayla Clayton



Monthly Mission—DECEMBER



Please find the Congregation Care committee's announcement in this newsletter about their **Angel Tree project** and make every effort to **“Be An Angel” in December.**

Coming in January, 2024 | MISSIONS IMPACT SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

More info on the bottom of the next page.

Congratulations to Caroline and Kyler Kahn on the birth of their daughter, **Laura McHale Kahn**, on November 28, 2023. Proud big sister is Elsie, and equally proud grandparents are **Shai and Steve Kahn**.
A Cradle Cross and flower are placed on the altar to honor this new life.

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Gary Smith** and family on the passing of his grandson, **Austin Howell**, on November 30, 2023 in Colorado; and to **Gene Singleton** and family on the passing of his aunt, **Hazel Singleton**, on December 3, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, December 11th at 6:00PM in the Chapel.
All leadership chairs are strongly urged to attend.
The meeting is open to everyone.



PIZZA!



PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

Sunday, December 10th, anyone interested in joining First Church is invited to have pizza with the pastors and discover what being a member of God's Church is all about.

Meet us in the **Church Parlor at 11:15AM**. Questions? **Please contact Pastor Michelle**, mdlouk@umcsc.org.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 50 (12/10/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

The Book Revelation, chapters 8-12

The Bible reading study will resume in January, 2024.

“Gifts” ADVENT Study, 1:30PM in THE 925, led by Pastor Michelle.



Big Tom's “A Quote”

“When Christ was born, so was HOPE.” ~ Max Lucado, Christian author

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Dec 11 Psalm 119:121-128
Dec 12 James 1:17-18
Dec 13 Genesis 1:1-2; 2:4-7
Dec 14 John 3:1-10
Dec 15 Psalm 104:24-30
Dec 16 Psalm 139:1-18
Dec 17 Luke 1:24-25, 39-45

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
“A Spirit-Filled Blessing”
Luke 1; 3

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 2 years W-106
3 & 4 yr olds W-102
K & 1st grades W-202
2nd & 3rd grades W-203
4th & 5th grades W-204


Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sunshine 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
Seekers A-207

This is the third year the **Congregational Care committee** has decorated **two Angel Trees**. One tree is located in the narthex of the main sanctuary and the other is in the Contemporary worship center. Each tree is decorated with angel tags including the names of our Outreach members.



Please **select one of the “Angels”** and also **pick up one of the stockings** which has a suggested **list inside of suitable stocking stuffers**. The member’s contact information is located on the reverse side of the selected angel to help you with contact and **delivery before Christmas**.



During this Advent season, it is our hope that all of us will reflect on our many blessings and to **“Be and Angel to one of our own!”** Thank you.



First Church has completed its 4 discernment informational meetings with regard to the United Methodist Church. A Church Conference has been scheduled with the District Superintendent for **January 21, 2024 at 3:30PM in the Sanctuary for the membership vote**. Please verify your membership status with Trisha, trisha@fumcmb.org **no later than January 8th**. Thank you.

Ladies Lunch & Devotion


Donna Cassity will bring the devotion on **Wednesday, December 13th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia’s@26th, upstairs. We encourage all ladies to attend and invite a friend!

The **Cloister Circle** is sponsoring the sale of **poinsettias** to adorn our worship spaces at Christmas. Plants are **\$15 each** and may be given **“in memory of or in honor of a loved one”**. Find **order forms** at worship entrances and the church office. Turn **orders in by Dec. 10th**. Purchased plants may be taken home after the 7PM Christmas Eve service. **Proceeds to benefit Alzheimer’s care**.

Light the Big Oak this Christmas!
\$20/String of Lights

Help us light the big Oak Tree this Christmas **in honor or in memory of your loved ones**. **Proceeds** go to United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) for **local mission projects**. Order forms are outside each worship entrance and in the church office.



You Are Invited

MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY

Please join FUMC of Myrtle Beach
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th
for combined 9AM Sunday school (youth and adults) in Wesley Hall and 10AM worship, Sanctuary, followed by a catered BBQ lunch, Wesley Hall

We are excited to share updates and to hear from several of our local, regional & global Mission organizations!

**If you plan to attend lunch,
Please RSVP* by JANUARY 10th to Penny, jpkkhale@live.com**

*Please indicate the # of adults attending lunch AND if childcare is needed (include # of children and age of each child). A separate lunch will be provided.



12/10 11:15AM Shepherd's Child, meet at Wesley Bldg. parking lot
 12/10 4:30PM Youth Progressive Dinner, meet at N Campus
 12/13 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.
 12/16 7:00PM Zach Williams concert, meet at Beach Church
 12/17 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus

January 12-15, 2024 Look Up Lodge Winter Camp; deadline TODAY

The payment due date is approaching with limited availability. Please **sign up for Lookup Lodge ASAP**. The **price per student is \$227; due by 12/10/23**. Payment may be cash, check or Venmo (@Firstchurchmb). Cost includes all meals, lodging, activities, and programming. *Financial assistance available upon request. *Questions? derek@fumcmb.org.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING | DEC. 17th

We will **visit three nursing homes to share the joy of Christmas with our voices**. **Children and adults** are invited to meet at CDM on **Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2:00PM** to travel together by bus to each location.



Small Group Feedback Needed!

At First Church, your feedback is valuable to us! We continually strive to better serve our congregation and community. You are invited to complete a brief survey to help us understand your needs and preferences regarding small group topics and participation.

Your input will help shape our focus and ensure that we provide the best possible support and spiritual guidance.

Click below or scan the QR code to complete the survey:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/46f91a74/YsbQzsKKiEanK4rzEekynQ?u=https://forms.gle/zjGRZ7VsaamJ4MFQ6>



Thanks for Your Support!

Financials and Attendance

As of 12/3/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of: \$ 49,971
 Total Revenue YTD: \$ 1,470,647
 Total Expenses YTD: \$ 1,618,766
 Difference YTD: **- \$148,119**

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise: \$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts: \$79,435

Presence 11/26/2023

◆ Worship in person: 364
 ◆ Fox TV & promos (Oct. mo. est): 23,300
 ◆ Worship online: 540
 ◆ Social Media: 3,248
 ◆ Sunday School: 145

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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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

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Opportunities to Fellowship and Serve
Mondays, 10:30AM—12 Noon
2nd Monday (Dec 11)
Frozen Meals prep
Meet in the Wesley Kitchen
Contact: Phyllis Townsend
3rd Monday (Dec 18)
Gift Ministry—plating brownies for Myrtle Beach First Responders
4th Monday (Dec 25)—no meeting
Merry Christmas!

Thank you!

Our family wants to thank the church for your love and prayers throughout this long illness that Rock so courageously fought. Although he could not attend church the last years of his life, he participated online and felt a part of you. The enormous outpouring of prayers, visits, flowers, cards, calls, and food sustained us with your love and care. What a difference it made! Words cannot express how grateful our family is to be a part and members of First Church.

*~ Donna G. Smith
and the Stewarts*

Thanks to all for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. Thanks to Dr. Craig Sealander, I am finally on the road to recovery. God bless you all for thinking of me and my family.

~ Don Myers

See what's ahead!

12/17: 10AM Worship/music
2:30PM Christmas Caroling
12/24: Christmas Eve Worship
10AM, 2 regular services
7PM, 1 candlelight service
12/31: 10 AM, 2 regular services
1/7/24: Community Kitchen week

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

8:45AM--
11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
11:15AM **New Member Class** PARLOR
2:00PM **Shepherd's Child** WESLEY HALL
4:30PM **Youth Progressive Dinner**
MEET @ NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, Dec. 11

10:30AM **The Sonshiners** WESLEY KITCHEN
3:00PM **Grief Support Grp** THE 925
5:00PM **Wesley Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
6:00PM **Church Council** CHAPEL

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-UPSTAIRS
11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS
12 Noon **"Wonder" Advent Study** **THE 925**
3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**
PARLOR
4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**
MEMBER HOME
4:30PM **Missions Cmtee** OFC UPSTAIRS

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devotion**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, Upstairs
1:30PM **"Gifts" Advent Study** **THE 925**
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
Adult Handbells SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, Dec. 14

11:45AM **Cloister Circle Lunch**
CAROLINA ROADHOUSE 46TH AVE
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
5:45PM **CDM Christmas program**
NORTH CAMPUS-904 65th Ave N

SATURDAY, Dec. 16

6:00PM **Youth event**
Zach Williams BEACH CHURCH

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



Snowbirds & Seagulls



A Senior Adult Ministry
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Snowbirds & Seagulls

The Snowbirds-Seagulls program is an inviting mutual fellowship opportunity in a Christian setting for our visiting winter residents (Snowbirds) with our own members (Seagulls).

There are many exciting things on our horizon, including Bible studies, golf, food, fellowship, and worship services. Please consider all of them as you enjoy the sun, sand and warmer weather.

The church staff and local residents are available to assist you in any way while you are in Myrtle Beach. Our commitment is to deeper faith, making disciples, nurturing relationships and transforming the world together.

If you are interested in joining the Snowbirds & Seagulls in their 40th anniversary year of ministry, please contact Scott Bowen, 843-236-1823, to register for the activities!

Snowbirds/Seagulls 2024 Activities

SBSG Golf Schedule

January 9 River Oaks	February 6 True Blue
January 16 Arrowhead	February 13 Beachwood
January 23 Whispering Pines	February 20 Burning Ridge
January 30 Arcadian Shores	February 27 River Club

Programs/Meals

All meals, \$5 per person

11:15AM in Wesley Fellowship Hall
unless otherwise noted

January 4 (Chapel)

Big Tom / John-Paul Miller
Scott Bellamy's Chicken Bog

January 11

Rev. McMakin & Rev. Louk
Taco Soup

January 18

Greg Rowles, Entertainer
Meal by Jayne Smith

January 25

Dr. Terry Mullins
'The Melungeon People'
Firehouse Subs

February 1

Ed Piotrowski, Meteorologist
Meal by Mrs. Fish

February 8

Chuck Fisher, Guitarist
Baked Spaghetti

February 15

Kenny & Chelle Duncan,
Musicians
Potato Bar

February 22

Stan Greenawalt,
Cyber Security
Pizza

February 29 (Chapel)

John Paul Miller, Piano
Meal by Jayne Smith

March 7

Bingo Fun
The Snak Shak

March 14

Rick Cimmino, Singer
Catered by Magnolia's

March 21 (Chapel)

Briley Altman, Piano
Meal by Jayne Smith

Registration forms may be found in the
church office information racks or at the
Wesley Worship Center entrance.

Sunday Worship Services

10:00AM, Traditional, Sanctuary
10:00AM, Contemporary Worship
Wesley Worship Center
9:00AM Sunday School, all ages

Winter Events

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Women's Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 7:30AM, Prayer Room

Big Tom & Friends Men's Lunch & Devotion

1st Friday 11:30AM Magnolia's@26th, upstairs

Ladies Lunch/Devotion

2nd Wednesday, 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, upstairs

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st & 3rd Mondays, 2:00PM, Parlor

Christmas Events

Dec 10th—9AM Children's Program

Dec 17th—10AM worship

Choral Music and Hand Bells, Sanctuary

Dec 24th—10AM, both morning services

7PM Christmas Eve (one service only)

Candlelight & Communion, Sanctuary

Lent & Easter Dates

Shrove Tuesday 2/13/24

Ash Wednesday 2/14/24

Palm Sunday Worship 3/24/24

Maundy Thursday 3/28/24

Easter Worship 3/31/24