



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ December 11, 2022

8:30AM\* & 11:00AM Traditional Worship  
Sanctuary  
11:00AM\* Contemporary Worship  
Wesley Worship Center

\*Facebook Live-stream



3rd Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME

We are blessed to have you with us in worship this day!  
**Our mission: "Follow Jesus! Share Him with Others!"**

## Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

*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.*

**Prelude** Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming" Gordon Young  
*(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 Hour**

\* **Opening Hymn** "O, Come All Ye Faithful" UMH #234

\* **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

**Advent Wreath Lighting** Joy Beth & John Morrow Family **8:30**  
Rosalin & Dudley Robinson **11:00**

**Anthem** "Sing Glory to the King" arr. Schmidt

**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.*

*(11:00—Children 3 years old 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** "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" arr. D.S. Ferguson

\* **The Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

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# Monthly Mission Impact—DECEMBER

First Church is sponsoring a **COAT DRIVE**, all ages, to benefit **New Directions Family Shelter and Help4Kids**. Only **new coats** will be accepted. Please drop off coats to the collection bins located at all worship entrances and in the church office. Your support is appreciated.



## Congratulations

The **Dutch Cradle Crosses** on the altar are in honor of the birth of **Evie Jewell Singleton** on November 15, 2022, daughter of **Emily and David Singleton**, and little sister to **Caroline and Sutton**; proud grandparents are **Mary Page and David Singleton**; and in honor of the birth of **Lincoln Theodore Eagerton** on November 21, 2022, son of **Breanna and Matthew Eagerton**, and little brother to **Jesse Eagerton**; proud grandparents are **Jamie and Donald Eagerton**.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
**Sunday, Dec. 18th @ 2PM** Meet at CDM to bus around spreading Christmas Joy!

Parents, join us at 4:30PM at the Brittain Center for a pizza party, Christmas bingo, cookie decorating and crafts.

SCAN TO REGISTER

*Children's*  
**CHRISTMAS** *choirs program*  
 TODAY! December 11th — 10AM, Sanctuary

*Come to the Parlor before and after the Children's Christmas program to enjoy light refreshments of coffee and pastries.*

## Big Tom's "A Quote"

"My sincere thanks to each of you who gave a gift to Wofford College, Spartanburg Methodist College and Epworth Children's Home to honor my 'Book writing.'"  
 ~ Big Tom

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

### *First Church Weekly Readings: \**

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

Dec 12	James 2:1-7
Dec 13	Luke 18:9-14
Dec 14	Revelation 18:9-10
Dec 15	Revelation 18:11-14
Dec 16	Revelation 18:15-17
Dec 17	Revelation 18:17-19
Dec 18	Matthew 2:1-12

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
 "To Whom Do We Pay Homage"  
 Matthew 2:1-12*

### *Sunday School Classes*

<b>Children's Classes</b> (Wesley Bldg)	
0-2 year-olds	W-101
3 & 4 year-olds pre-K	W-102
Kindergarten/First Gr	W-205
2nd & 3rd Grades	W-203
4th & 5th Grades	W-204

<b>Youth Classes</b>	
6th-12th Grades	Sonshine House

<b>Adult Classes</b>	
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

**Nursery Volunteers are needed** for each of the **Christmas Eve** services and also for **Christmas Day and New Year's Day**. If you feel led to serve for one or more of these services, please contact Yvonne Brittain, [yvonnebrittain@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnebrittain@gmail.com).



**Ladies Lunch & Devotion**  
**Wednesday, December 14th at 11:30AM**, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs. Missi McMakin will bring the devotion after a time of food and fellowship.



**Christmas Poinsettias orders are due by Dec. 12th** to have the plants to adorn our worship spaces during Christmas week. Plants are **\$16 each** given "in memory of or in honor of a loved one" and may be taken home after worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Proceeds will benefit **A Safe Place**, a center for victims of human trafficking. [www.asafeplacetogo.com](http://www.asafeplacetogo.com)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

 **Community Kitchen**  
Of Myrtle Beach


Please support our church by giving of your time to one of our local mission organizations. **FUMC** provides volunteers at Community Kitchen in Myrtle Beach four weeks per year. Our next week of service is **Monday thru Friday, January 2-6, 2023**. Two volunteers are needed for each shift per day.

**Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM**  
Please contact Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253 to volunteer.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**  
**Saturday, December 24th**

**3:00PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary**  
**5:00PM Family Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr**  
**7:00PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary**

**Christmas Day, Combined Worship @ 10AM, Sanctuary**  
*Children are welcome to attend in pajamas! No Sunday School.*  
*(Nursery provided, all services.)*

 **MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT SCHOOL**  
In-person | Feb. 5 & 12 | 2:30PM—8:00PM  
Socastee UMC | 5575 Dick Pond Rd, MB  
Fee: \$30 due at online registration (deadline Jan. 3)  
[bit.ly/MarionLSM](http://bit.ly/MarionLSM)

**Classes:** Lay Servant Basic Course, Leading Worship, Soul Reset, Our United Methodist Heritage, Campus Ministry  
**Zoom Class:** Aging & Ministry—Feb 4, 9AM-Noon | Feb 11, 2-5PM  
**Questions:** Contact Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965  
Registration forms available in the church office.

**2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE!**

Our new worship time starts on January 8th. Join us for 9AM Sunday School and 10AM worship.

**10:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary**  
**10:00AM Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Center**

For the **5th Sunday each quarter**, we will meet together for Combined worship at 10AM in the Sanctuary; Sunday School remains at 9AM.





## Youth Schedule...



- Dec 11: 11AM Youth** prep for Shepherd's Child  
Wesley Building
- Dec 14: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
Chick Fil-a, Seaboard St.
- Dec 18: 5PM Youth Progressive Dinner**
- Dec 25: NO YOUTH**—Merry Christmas!
- Jan 1, 2023: NO YOUTH**—Happy New Year!

**REVOLUTION—January 27-29, 2023**—3-day youth event in Columbia SC. Sign-Up by 12/21 for early registration at <http://scmyp.org/revolution/>.

**REVOLUTION**

**ProMedica Hospice** will hold a **Celebration of Life Ceremony** on **Monday, December 19th, 5:30PM in the Sanctuary**. All are invited. The Adult Handbell Choir will provide music.



### **ABCs needed to serve for Christmas Eve Services**

**Acolyte, Bible Bearer, and Crucifers** are needed for **3PM and 7PM** Traditional services on **Christmas Eve**. Parents, if your child or children are available to serve, please **contact Michelle Bowers at 843-655-2253**.

*Thank you!*

Thank you to the congregation for your caring, supportive, and generous spirit to the Angel Trees for our shut-ins. Anyone who missed picking up a stocking may find extras in the church office. You are the shining example of being the hands and feet of Christ during the Christmas season. ~ Congregational Care Committee

The College Ministry Team wishes to thank the congregation for helping the Team send out 38 Christmas packages to our students. ~ College Ministry Team



## Financials and Attendance

### As of 12/4/2022 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 28,030
Total Revenue YTD 2022:	\$ 1,599,649
Total Expenses YTD 2022:	\$ 1,601,349
Difference YTD 2022:	- \$1,700

*Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.*

<b>Missions Faith Promise:</b>	<b>\$ 101,000</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 117,510</b>

### Presence 12/4/2022

♦ Worship:	398
♦ Fox TV (Oct wkly est)	1,680
♦ Worship Facebook/Web:	417
♦ All Social Media:	1,326
♦ Sunday School:	177

**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.



**venmo**

**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](mailto:office@fumcmb.org) Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)  
 Follow on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FUMCMB](http://www.facebook.com/FUMCMB) Instagram: [firstchurchmb](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchmb)  
 Request emailed **Steeple: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeple@fumcmb.org)**  
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

**Contemporary Worship**  
**Sunday, 11AM**  
**Wesley Worship Center**

Join us for a 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!

**Pastor Michelle will bring the message.**

**Holy Baptism**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to **Olive Huxley Elliott** on December 4, 2022 in 8:30AM traditional worship by Rev. Michelle Louk. Olive is the daughter of **Erica Butler Elliott and Sam Elliott**, little brother of Giovanni, and niece of Holly McMillan.



**CHECK OUT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE!**

- 12/18** Christmas Music in Worship  
8:30 & 11AM, Sanctuary
- 12/18** Children's Caroling, 2PM
- 12/24** Christmas Eve Candlelight  
3PM & 7PM Traditional  
5PM Family Contemporary
- 12/25** Christmas Day Worship  
One Combined Service  
10AM, Sanctuary, No SS
- 12/26** Church Office Closed
- 1/1/23** New Year's Day Worship  
One Combined Service  
10AM, Sanctuary, 9AM SS
- 1/2/23** Church office Closed
- 1/8/23** **NEW SUNDAY HOURS**  
9AM Sunday School  
10AM Traditional, Sanctuary  
10AM Contemporary, Wesley

**Happening This Week**



**SUNDAY, December 11, 2022**

- 8:30-12PM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY \*Livestreamed
- 9:30AM **Light refreshments** PARLOR
- 9:45AM **Sunday School** OR MUSIC
- 10:00AM **Children's Christmas Music**  
SANCTUARY
- 10:55AM **Youth—Shepherd's Child**
- 11:00AM **Contemporary Worship\***  
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY
- 12PM-3PM **Shepherd's Child**  
WESLEY HALL

**MONDAY, Dec 12**

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5:30PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY BUILDING

**TUESDAY, Dec 13**

- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
COVENANT TOWERS
- NOON **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**  
LUNCH—offsite
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**  
OFFICE, Upstairs
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** DINNER—offsite

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 14**

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK FIL-A, SEABOARD ST
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devo**  
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26TH, Upstairs
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC CENTER

**THURSDAY, Dec 15**

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

**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**



## Order Your Poinsettias Today!



The Cloister Circle is offering the opportunity to make the holidays bright and our worship spaces beautiful. Take a moment to honor or remember a loved one with a lovely poinsettia. Poinsettias are **\$16.00** each and payment *must accompany your order* (one form per order). Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office—

***On or BEFORE Monday, DECEMBER 12th.***

All proceeds will benefit A Safe Place, Outreach Center.

### PLEASE PRINT

I would like to give a poinsettia

     In MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

     In HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My **check**      / **cash**      in the amount of \$16.00 is attached.  
Please make checks payable to First UMC and note "Poinsettia."

Given by (**PLEASE PRINT**): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Poinsettias may be picked up on a first come, first served basis following worship on either Saturday, Dec. 24th or Sunday, Dec. 25th.