



FIRST CHURCH  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ December 18, 2022

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

\*Facebook Live-stream



4th Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME

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

## Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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

"Angel Songs"

Lloyd Larson

*Adult Handbell Choir, Jayne Smith, director*

*(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 Hour

### \* Opening Hymn

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Moklebust

*Wesley Chancel Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Organ, Congregation*

### \* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Louk | 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

Love

Steve Kahn Family 8:30

The Clark & Zito Families 11:00

### Anthem

"Tidings!"

arr. Wagner

*Wesley Chancel Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Organ*

### 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.*

*(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

"Were You There on that Christmas Night?"

arr. Sleeth

*Wesley Chancel Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Piano*

### \* 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**—through **December**—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. Thank you.



**Condolences**—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Larry Gates** and family on the passing of his mother, **Alma Gene Gates**, on December 7, 2022 in Columbia, SC.



## 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.)*



### 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE!

The new weekly worship schedule 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 at one time together for Combined worship, 10AM in the Sanctuary; Sunday School at 9AM.

**"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" First Friday Men's Lunch meets January 6, 2023, 11:30AM at Magnolia's @ 26th**, upstairs (elevator available). **All men of the church are cordially invited.** Harry Gardner will bring the devotional.

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ, the Lord."  
~ Luke 2:4

**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 19	Genesis 12:10-15
Dec 20	Psalm 105:12-15
Dec 21	Genesis 26:17-22
Dec 22	Ruth 1:1-5
Dec 23	1 Kings 19:1-6
Dec 24	Matthew 8:19-20
Dec 25	Matthew 2:13-15

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
"The Holy Family Becomes Refugees"  
Matthew 2:13-23

### *Sunday School Classes*

**Children's Classes** (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

**Youth Classes**  
6th-12th Grades Sunshine House

**Adult Classes**  
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





## Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. Weekly programs are held Thursday mornings, and weekly golf outings take place Tuesday mornings. Information packets and applications are available on the church website or in the church office. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.



**Nursery Volunteers are needed for Christmas Day.** If you are able to serve, please contact Yvonne Brittain, [ymbrittain@gmail.com](mailto:yvbrittain@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



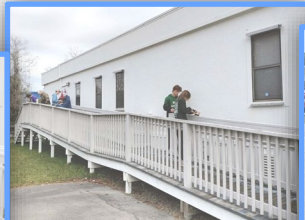
Help **First Church** provide volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach. Our next week of service is **January 2-6, 2023, Monday thru Friday**. Two volunteers are needed for each shift each day.  
**Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM**  
Please contact **Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253** to volunteer.



**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)

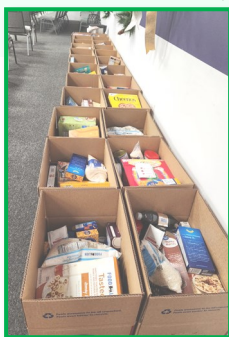
**Questions:** Contact Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965  
Registration forms available in the church office and online.

Recently, our **Youth** led by Rev. Chad Mullinix painted the 56-foot ramp at **Race Path Community Center** as a community service project. They prepared, scraped, sanded, and painted the entire ramp structure. We are grateful and proud of our Youth supporting **Missions Outreach**. Thanks to Wilson Atkinson, Oliver Butler, Wyatt Cannon, Anna Hussey, Jonathan Kittle, Nathan Kittle, Rick Hussey, David Kelly, and Brady Runser. Job well done!



*I would like to personally say **Thank You** to each church member who made **Shepherd's Child** a **HUGE** success! First Church helped the families of 25 children from our community with monetary donations, donating blankets and food, shopping for fun toys and spending invaluable time with each of the children. This was truly a multi-generational event and it took each person with their various contributions to make this event so successful. I witnessed **CHRIST** shining in our community last Sunday.*

~ Tonia Clemmons





## Youth Schedule...

Dec 18: 4:15PM Youth Progressive Dinner, N Campus  
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, <http://scmyp.org/revolution/>. **REVOLUTION****

### ABCs needed to serve—Christmas Eve

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

**JANUARY 27 – 29, 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MISSIONS IMPACT / FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND**

Save the dates to learn about local, regional, national & global mission organizations and how you can become part of spreading God's love around the globe!



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY, Dec 18th at 2PM**

Meet at CDM to bus around spreading Christmas Joy!

**PARENTS**, join us at 4:30PM at the Brittain Center (904 65th Ave N) for a pizza party, Christmas bingo, cookie decorating and crafts.



**All 2022 year-end giving** to the church, via US Mail, must be **postmarked no later than December 31st**.



**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**

## **Financials and Attendance**

### As of 12/11/2022 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 56,230
Total Revenue YTD 2022:	\$ 1,660,023
Total Expenses YTD 2022:	\$ 1,621,319
Difference YTD 2022:	\$ 38,704

*Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.*

<b>Missions Faith Promise:</b>	<b>\$ 101,000</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 123,743</b>

### Presence 12/11/2022

◆ Worship:	343
◆ Fox TV (Oct wklly est)	1,680
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	510
◆ All Social Media:	1,503
◆ Sunday School:	163

### ***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 Joel will bring the message.**

**Sisters in Service**  
**BBQ/Mission Fundraiser**

\$10 per plate, tickets available  
 Take-out only, Wesley Hall  
**January 8, 2023 11:15AM—1PM**  
 BBQ, rice & gravy, baked beans, cole slaw, bread, dessert

**2022 Offering Envelopes** are available to pick up in the Sanctuary Narthex on Sunday or in the church office. If you do not find your name on a box, please contact **Kay** in the church office, 843-488-7164 or [kay@fumcmb.org](mailto:kay@fumcmb.org).

**CHECK OUT THE**  
**UPCOMING SCHEDULE!**

- 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
- 1/6/23 Men's Lunch Devotional
- 1/8/23 NEW SUNDAY HOURS  
 9AM Sunday School  
 10AM Traditional, Sanctuary  
 10AM Contemporary, Wesley Ctr
- 1/8 BBQ/Mission Fundraiser

*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, December 18, 2022**

- 8:30-12PM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship\***  
 SANCTUARY \*Livestreamed
- 9:45AM **Sunday School** OR MUSIC
- 9:45AM **Confirmation Class**  
 OFC-2nd FLOOR
- 11:00AM **Contemporary Worship\***  
 WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
 SANCTUARY
- 2:00PM **Children's Caroling & Crafts**  
 NORTH CAMPUS
- 4:15PM **Youth Progressive Dinner**  
 NORTH CAMPUS

**MONDAY, Dec 19**

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5:30PM **ProMedica Celebration of Life** SANCTUARY

**TUESDAY, Dec 20**

NO SCHEDULED MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 21**

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
 PRAYER ROOM
- 6:00PM **Chancel & Bell Choirs**  
 Holiday party OFFSITE

**THURSDAY, Dec 22**

- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

**FRIDAY, Dec 23**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec 24**

- 3:00PM **Candlelight Worship**  
 SANCTUARY
- 5:00PM **Contemporary Family**  
**Worship** WESLEY WORSHIP CTR
- 7:00PM **Candlelight Worship**  
 SANCTUARY

**CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec 25**

- 10:00AM **Combined Worship**  
 SANCTUARY (No Sunday School)



**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**



Poinsettias given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

**All Our Loved Ones**

By Les & Jan Haga

**Julianne Arnold**

By Willa Wrenn

**Lydia Banks**

By Jean & Mike Hussey

**Janice Moe & Duane Beck, Sr.**

By Alyson & Duane Beck

**Matthew Beers**

By Rachel Platt

**Beloved Grandpa's & Dad's**

By The Bowers Family

**Karl Bowers**

By The Bowers Family

**Jean Casey Brittain**

By Rev. Tom Brittain

**Doris & James Edwin Brunson, Jr.**

By James Brunson

**Everett Butler**

By Holly, Jim, Carlin & Christian Creel

**Harrison Clemmons**

By Morgan Clemmons

**Lincoln Denz**

By Rachel Platt

**Wade Donahue**

By Rev. Tom Brittain

**Denise Ellis**

By Stokes & Susan Graves

**Dottie Elsea**

By Deborah Terry

**Jackie Fuchs**

By the Bowers Family

**Kenneth Glandt**

By Jim & Lynn Wood

**Mary Grabert**

By Carla Grabert-Lowenstein

**Rosemary Graves**

By Stokes & Susan Graves

**Nedra Greene**

By Carla Grabert-Lowenstein

**Ann Gorton-Horan**

By Melissa Sadin

**Wayne & Beth Hucks**

By Jean & Mike Hussey

**Pearline & Richard Hussey**

By The Rick Hussey Family

By Jean & Mike Hussey

**Fay Jensen**

By Carla Grabert-Lowenstein

**Herman & Frances Jones**

By Susan Smith

**Jackie Lowenstein**

By Carla Grabert-Lowenstein

**Crys & Jim Lynn**

By Willa Wrenn

**John Phillip McCoy, Jr.**

**John Phillip McCoy, Sr.**

By Allyson & Tony Hirsh

**Betty & Ken McCutcheon**

By Beth & Jim Rozier

**Alex & Susan Mordvinov**

By Daniel & Maria Shuler

**Jennifer Nichols**

By Jean & Mike Hussey

**Our Parents**

By Jack & Darlene Rebeck

**Carol, LeRoy & Randy Platt**

By Rachel Platt

**Mom Rodwell**

By Bill & Kathy Rodwell

**Joanne Ross**

By Stokes & Susan Graves

**Miriam & Jake Rozier**

By Beth & Jim Rozier

**Bob Sansbury**

**Gail Sansbury**

By Shelby Sansbury

**Peggy Sansbury**

By Jean & Mike Hussey

**Claude Shuler**

By Daniel & Maria Shuler

**Danny Singleton**

By Gene & Rhonda Singleton

**Barney Wheeler**

By Terri Wheeler

**Margaret Whitney**

By Tom & Rhonda Slavish

**Rev. Needham R. Williamson**

By Roselle Williamson

**Gordon & Nell Wood**

By James & Lynn Wood

Poinsettias given to the Glory of God and in Honor of:

**Tom Brittain**

By Joanne Herring  
By Tom & Judy Winn

**Linda Butler**

By Holly, Jim, Carlin & Christian Creel

**Jim & Helen Clemmons**

By Morgan Clemmons

**Holly Creel**

By Jim, Carlin & Christian Creel

**Jim & Carolyn Creel**

By Jim, Holly, Carlin & Christian Creel

**Megan Feller**

**Mike & Danice Feller**

By Carla Grabert-Lowenstein

**First Church Staff**

By Jim & Holly Creel

**Debbie Jones**

By Cloister Circle

**Henry Lowenstein**

By Carla Lowenstein

**Norman McQueen**

By Joanne Herring

**Janice Myers**

**President of Women In Faith**

By Lautrelle Merchant Circle

**Darlene Rebeck**

By Martha Stanton

**Karen Singleton**

By Gene & Rhonda Singleton

**Ray & Arminia Thomas**

By Craig & Leslie Thomas

**Tom & Judy Winn**

By Gene & Rhonda Singleton