



The Steeple ■ December 31, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship,
Wesley Worship Ctr



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH
A United Methodist Congregation

*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

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2023

The liturgical color is white, receiving the gift of God in His Son.

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

Prelude "Angels We Have Heard On High" arr. Kraus
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Michelle Louk

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Joy to the World" UMH #246

* **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 Laura Bowden
(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.)

Scripture Reading Psalm 98 *Pew Bible OT pg. 521*

Anthem "Were You There On That Christmas Night?" arr. Sleeth

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.)

Offertory "Ding Dong! Merrily On High" arr. Lopez

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

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* Preparatory Hymn	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	UMH #251
* Scripture	1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 218</i>
Sermon	“A Hallelujah New Year”	Rev. Louk
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant		Rev. Louk
Sacrament of Holy Baptism	<i>Sandra Waugh</i>	UMH #45
New Member Reception	<i>Sandra Waugh, Joyce & David Coffman</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”	TFWS #2129
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“Drummer Boy/Pat-A-Pan”	arr. Bish

(*) *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 honor of Helen and Carter Clemmons’ birthdays from Steve and Tara Clemmons.

Worship flowers are needed for (2024) Jan. 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 TBD

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

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

Ushers James Sturgeon

Children’s Message Pastor Donna

Little Church Pastor Donna



We Look Forward to Seeing You

MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY

Please join FUMC of Myrtle Beach

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

for combined 8:45AM youth and adult Sunday school 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 stay for Lunch with your children, please contact Trisha in the Church Office, 843-448-7164, to **register the number of children** and age of each child.

Childcare is available for ages infants to 3 years.

Pastor Donna Cassity will host a **Special Mission Project** for children, **ages 4 through 5th Grade. A separate children's lunch will be provided.**

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to:

Derek Price and family on the passing of his grandfather, **Don Ketron**, on December 12, 2023 in Kingsport, TN;

Susan Smith and family on the passing of her cousin, **David Taylor**, on December 21, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, SC;

Veda Schivera and family on the passing of her daughter, **Wynn Baggott Zuercher**, on December 22, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Congratulations to **Tiffany and John DeLucas** on the birth of their son, **Rhys Asher**, on December 16, 2023. Proud grandparents are **Janet and Jimmy Waldorf, Scarlet and Andy Fowler**, and great-grandparents, **Mabel and Red Waldorf**. A *Cradle Cross and flower* are placed on the altar in honor of this new life.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!
The Bible reading study will resume in January, 2024.

Bible Study



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Blow a horn, use a noise-maker, applaud, and cheer! Celebrate your freedom in Christ today."

~ Sharon Hinck, Christian author

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Jan 1	Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 12:15-21
Jan 2	Matthew 4:1-11
Jan 3	Matthew 28:1-20
Jan 4	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Jan 5	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Jan 6	1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Jan 7	Proverbs 2:8-9; Matthew 2:1-12

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"The Wisdom of the Magi"
Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 2:1-12*

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-204
4th & 5th grades	W-203

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sonshine 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



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. The weekly schedule is shown below. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.

Jan. 4th—11:15AM, Chapel; **Program**—Big Tom with John-Paul Miller, piano
Meal—Scott Bellamy's Chicken Bog
Jan. 9th | **River Oaks Golf Course**



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 join us for **daily prayer leading up to the vote**. The **Sanctuary and Chapel are available** during regular office hours and on Sundays. **Be sure to verify your membership status with Trisha, trisha@fumcmb.org no later than January 8th.** Thank you.



A **final membership discernment meeting** will be held **Sunday, January 7, 2024 following worship** in the **Sanctuary**. The membership vote will be held on January 21, 2024 at 3:30PM in the Sanctuary



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be **January 5th, 2024, 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, upstairs**. **John Prueff** will bring the devotion. **All men** of the church are **cordially invited**.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen**
January 8-12, 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.



THE MOMCO
BY MOPS INTERNATIONAL

MOMCo (formerly MOPS) is coming! **Mothers of PreSchoolers** will begin meeting here at First Church on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** for **bible study and fellowship** starting **January 3rd at 9:30AM in the Wesley Hall**. All mothers with preschoolers are welcome to be a part of this fellowship group. **Volunteer help is needed for child care**. Please **call Barbara Cherry, 301-379-5055**.

Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Teresa Crocker will bring the devotion on **Wednesday, January 10th at 11:30AM** at **Magnolia's@26th, upstairs**. We encourage all ladies to attend and invite a friend!





12/31 No Youth Group—Happy New Year!

1/3 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.

1/7 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus

1/10 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.

January 12-15, 2024 Look Up Lodge Winter Camp

derek@fumcmb.org



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.

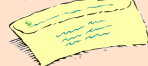
Your input will help shape our focus and ensure that we provide the best possible support and spiritual guidance.

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

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/46f91a74/YsbQzsKKiEanK4rzEekynQ?u=https://forms.gle/zjGRZ7VsaqmJ4MFQ6>



Offering Envelopes



2024 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Church office on Sunday. If you do not find your name on a box, please contact **Kay** in the church office, 843-488-7164 or kay@fumcmb.org.

All 2023 year-end giving to the church, via US Mail, must be **postmarked no later than December 31st.**



Thanks for Your Support!

Financials and Attendance

As of 12/24/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 63,165
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,638,451
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,687,768
Difference YTD:	-\$49,317

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$86,051

Presence 12/24/2023

◆ 12/24 AM Worship:	463
◆ 12/24 PM Worship:	459
◆ Fox TV & promos (Oct. mo. est):	23,300
◆ Worship online:	1,233
◆ Social Media:	6,888
◆ Sunday School:	40

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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Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

Request *The Steeple* via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

The Sunshiners

Opportunities to Fellowship and Serve
Mondays, 10:30AM—12 Noon
1st Monday (Jan 1)—no meeting
Happy New Year!
2nd Monday (Jan 8)
Casserole Cooking Wesley Kitchen
Contact: Phyllis Townsend



As 2023 winds down and we celebrate the holidays, we would like to thank you for your support. Community members such as you have made such an impact in providing services to those in need. We feel very fortunate to have so many people who contribute and open their hearts to give to us. Wishing you Happy Holidays and a healthy and safe New Year from all of us at Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach! www.helpinghandmb.org

Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers on Sundays in Contemporary worship. To serve, please text James Sturgeon at 843,424,6537.



FIRST CHURCH KIDS

The **Children's Ministry** at First Church **needs**

your help with Children's Church volunteers and Children's message time.

Contact Pastor Donna, donna@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164 x204, to let her know your availability. Thank you!

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, Dec. 31, 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



MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

New Year's Day
Office closed

TUESDAY, Jan. 2

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
5:30PM **Evangelism Cmtee** PARLOR
6:00PM **Worship Cmtee** OFC-upstairs

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Jan. 4

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**
WESLEY HALL
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

See what's coming in 2024!

- 1/3/24 MOMCo fellowship
1/5/24 Big Tom & Friends lunch
1/7/24 Community Kitchen week
1/10/24 Ladies lunch/devotion
1/12-15/24 LookUp Lodge

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

