



The Steeple ■ February 11, 2024

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube livestreamed

FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

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

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

Liturgical color is white, receiving the transfiguration of our Lord.

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

Prelude

"Highland Cathedral"

arr. Turner/McChesney

Adult Handbell Choir

(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**

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

UMH #371

* **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

Meghan Nesmith

*(Following, children ages **4 years to 1st grade**, may be dismissed to Little Church.*

Parents may pick up children after worship in room 201, Wesley Bldg.)

Anthem

"As Long As I Have Breath"

arr. Farrar

Wesley Chancel Choir and Handbells

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:9-13

Buddy Styers

Pew Bible NT pg. 150

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

"Allegro"

Handel

* **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Creel

(Continued on the next page.)

* Hymn of Preparation	“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”	UMH #363
* Scripture	Romans 5:6-11	<i>Pew Bible NT, pg 145</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Not Sure He Loves You”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“Victory in Jesus”	UMH #370
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“Allegro”	Handel

(*) *Please stand as you are able.*

Attendance

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.

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children **ages 4 yrs to 1st grade** after the Children’s Message in worship. **Toddlers, ages 2 & 3, will be provided childcare** in the Wesley **toddler room #106**. Little Church is a child-friendly time to worship and learn about God’s Word in room 201, Wesley Building. 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 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 celebration of Jack Rebeck’s 80th birthday and Darlene’s birthday.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 24, 31; Apr 7; May 19, 26. 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—FEBRUARY

Front Entrance Anne & Ron Andrews
Atrium Entrance Jean Clemmons

Office Entrance Carl Townsend

USHERS—FEBRUARY

Greg Clemmons: Ashley Booth, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Steve Louk

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick ***Slides/Lighting*** Jonathan Kittle
Ushers Rusty Watson, Lisa Watson
Children’s Message Pastor Donna
Little Church Pastor Donna, Michelle Sturzenbecker



Monthly Mission—FEBRUARY



New Directions exists to help those experiencing homelessness, poverty, and addiction move from crisis, to connection, to community.

URGENT NEEDS—toilet paper, bleach, Pine-Sol, antibacterial spray/wipes, large black trash bags (55-60 gallon)

Please visit their **website for ongoing needs.**

<https://helpnewdirections.org/current-needs>

Order from **Amazon online** (Amazon Wishlist) and have your order **delivered directly** to New Directions.

Collection bins are located in the church office and all worship entrances.

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Roger Hall** and family on the passing of his brother, **Randall Hall**, on January 30, 2024 in Champion, Ohio.



Church Council Meeting
Monday, February 26th at 6:00PM, Chapel
 All committee chairs are urged to attend.
 The meeting is open to everyone.

2024 Bible Reading Plan!

Read the scriptures with us from the Revised Common Lectionary, a **3-year cycle of weekly readings** following the Church year.



Week 6 (2/11/24): 2 Kings 2, Mark 9, 2 Corinthians 4, Psalm 50, Proverbs 5



The **Wednesday Bible study** meets **at 1:30PM in The 925** continuing in the New Testament in the Book of Revelation, chapters 10, 11, 12 mdlouk@umcsc.org

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Asking for help is not giving up; it is refusing to give up."

~ Charlie Mackesy, artist/author

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

Feb 12 Jeremiah 15:15-21
 Feb 13 Genesis 18:16-33
 Feb 14 Numbers 11:4-15
 Feb 15 Job 3:1-26
 Feb 16 I Kings 8:22-53
 Feb 17 Nehemiah 9:6-37
 Feb 18 Matthew 6:9-13

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "Pray Like This"
 Matthew 6:9-13

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 18 months W-101
 Toddlers-2 & 3 yr olds W-106
 K & 1st grades W-202
 2nd & 3rd grades W-204
 4th & 5th grades W-203

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



Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. **Information packets and applications are available on the church website or in the church office**. This week's schedule is shown below. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-236-1823**.

Feb. 13th — Beachwood Golf Course

Feb. 15th — 11:15AM Wesley Hall (2/8 attendance, 95)

Program — Kenny & Chelle Duncan, musicians; **Meal** — Potato Bar

Feb. 6th True Blue Golf Scores—38 golfers

1st place Score 63: Don Shillingburg, Mitch Ashby, Bob Edwards, Jeff Harshbarger.

2nd place Score 66: Tommy Moore, Curt Dumbleton, Earl LaFave, Peter Brown



Shrove
Tuesday

SHROVE TUESDAY BREAKFAST/SUPPER BUFFET

February 13th, 5:30PM to 7:00PM

Donations benefit First Church Youth



Supper includes pancakes, waffles, egg/cheese casserole, French toast, bacon, sausage, grits, hash browns, biscuits, stewed apples, fruit, King cake, beverages. A delectable delight!

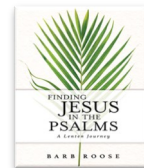


Ash Wednesday falls on **February 14th**. We will observe the **imposition of ashes** in the **Chapel** from **4:00PM to 6:00PM**. Please enter in prayer, receive the ashes, and remain as you desire for reflection and meditation.

Lenten Study (6 weeks) led by Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.
Tuesdays beginning February 20th, Noon in The 925.

Finding Jesus in the Psalms, A Lenten Journey

All are invited. **Contact Trish to register,**
843-448-7164 or trisha@fumcmb.org Book cost: \$15



Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Lindsay Gibson will bring the devotion on **Wednesday, February 14th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. We encourage all ladies to attend and invite a friend!

You are cordially invited to a

Senior Sweetheart Luncheon for Singles
Feb. 25th at 11:30AM in the Wesley Hall

Offered by First Church Kids Children's Ministry

Please RSVP with Trisha in the office, trisha@fumcmb.org, 843-448-7164.



The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program (for persons ages 18 and up) designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians. www.seasideemmaus.com/

Upcoming dates—Walk to Emmaus | FFA Camp, Cherry Grove
Men's Walk—February 22-25 | Women's Walk—February 29-March 3

If interested, please contact Michelle Blythe, 843-446-9936.



- 2/11 9:00AM Confirmation begins—student & parent meeting (grade 7 and above) in the Sunshine House.
- 2/11 5:30PM Youth Group, Super Bowl watch party, Wesley Hall
- 2/14 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.
- 2/18 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus derek@fumcmb.org



PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

On Sundays, March 3rd and 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.



Thank you to the Trustees for the great work they accomplished recently with new landscaping in

Financials and Attendance



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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As of 2/4/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$64,644
Total Revenue YTD:	\$159,831
Total Expenses YTD:	\$173,207
Difference YTD:	- \$ 13,376

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	\$ 103,085
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 15,934

Presence 2/4/2024

♦ Worship in person:	395
♦ Worship online:	755
♦ Fox TV & promos (Nov. mo. est):	24,640
♦ Social Media impressions:	3,828
♦ Sunday School:	149

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

Happening This Week

Happening around CDM:

- ◆ All teachers and staff completed their **15 hours of required continuing education** this month.
- ◆ Our preschool playground and classroom **renovations are almost complete** with funds through a grant.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who supported our **BBQ fundraiser. We raised over \$2,000** which will go toward completing the playground.

CDM Save the Dates:

- March 1st:** Registration opens for 2024-25 school year
- March 23rd:** **Bunny Breakfast** and **Egg Hunt**, CDM campus, 10AM
- March 25th-28th:** Scholastics Book Fair at CDM campus



SAVE THE DATE!
CHURCH YARD SALE
AUGUST 10, 2024

Brittain Center
905 65th Ave N

Start setting aside your yard sale treasures to donate. Details coming. **Questions? Contact Janice Myers, 843-455-4373.**

Looking Ahead!

- 2/25 Senior Sweetheart Lunch
- 2/26 Church Council Meeting
- 3/3&10 New members classes
- 3/24 Palm Sunday, 2 services
- 3/28 Living Last Supper at CDM
- 3/31 Easter, sunrise & 2 services
- 4/21 Youth Sunday
- 5/19 Senior/Graduation Sunday
- 6/2 Confirmation

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

- 8:30AM--
- 11:15AM **Nursery/Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES-WESLEY
- 9:00AM **Confirmation STUDENT/PARENT MEETING** SONSHINE HOUSE
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship*** SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^** WESLEY CTR ^YouTube
- 5:30PM **Youth-Super Bowl watch party** WESLEY HALL

MONDAY, Feb. 12

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** WESLEY KITCHEN
- 3:00PM **Grief Support** ASBURY #104
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
- 6:00PM **SPRC Mtg** OFC-upstairs

TUESDAY, Feb. 13

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle** COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle-Merchant Circle** PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle** MEMBER HOME
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee** OFC-upstairs
- 5:30PM **Shrove Tuesday Supper** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** MEMBER HOME

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

- 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
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
- 4-6PM **Ash Wednesday Ashes & Prayer** CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Feb. 15

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



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*



**To Our Friends
at First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach:**

It is with immense gratitude that we express our deepest appreciation for your incredibly generous donation of \$8,000 to Project AGAPE. Your act of kindness has not only touched our hearts, but has also brought us one step closer to realizing the goals and impact we aspire to achieve through this project.

Your support is a beacon of hope, illuminating the path towards positive change and making a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of refugees of Artsakh exodus we serve. It is people like you who make the world a better place through their selfless acts of kindness and generosity. Your donation goes beyond the monetary value; it symbolizes a shared vision for a brighter future and a community united in the pursuit of a common goal.

We embark on this journey with renewed energy and determination as we know that dedicated people like you are an integral part of the Project AGAPE family. Your support fuels our passion, and we are inspired by the positive change we can achieve together.

Once again, thank you from the depths of our hearts for your extraordinary generosity. We look forward to keeping you updated on the progress of Project AGAPE through our newsletters and the impact that we are able to create with your invaluable support. *[Find Project Agape newsletters on the church website, <https://www.fumcmb.org/project-agape.html>]*

Our endless gratitude is to all the people who are part of this amazing Project AGAPE family and whose involvement makes it possible to move things forward: THANK YOU again and again, for everything you have done and continue to do!

With sincere gratitude,
Nara Melkonyan, Country Director

