



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ February 12, 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

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

*The liturgical color is green symbolizing the time when we remember discipleship.*

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

**Prelude** "Standin' in the Need of Prayer" arr. Stephenson  
*(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** "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH #64

\* **Affirmation of Faith** 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

\* **Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 18:15-18 Roger Hodges

**Anthem** "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" arr. Giardinieri

**Pastoral Prayer** Mr. 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.*

**Children's Message** Yvonne Brittain

*(Children, ages 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** "Hallelujah" arr. Raney

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

\* **Offertory Prayer** Mr. Creel

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| * <b>Preparatory Hymn</b> | “As The Deer”                        | TFWS #2025 |
| * <b>Sermon Text</b>      | Ezekiel 11:14-25                     |            |
| <b>Sermon</b>             | “God Will Restore Israel”            | Rev. Louk  |
| * <b>Closing Hymn</b>     | “O Worship the King”                 | UMH #73    |
| * <b>Benediction</b>      |                                      | Rev. Louk  |
| <b>Postlude</b>           | “Love, Divine, All Love’s Excelling” | arr. Raney |

(\* *Please and as you are able.*)

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| <b><i>Attendance</i></b>  | <b><i>Children</i></b>  |
| Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to <b>register your attendance. Members may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</b> | First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children <b>ages 3 through 1st grade</b> after the Children’s Message in worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201, Wesley Building (upstairs). |
| <b><i>Sunday School</i></b><br>Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM.   | Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.  |
| <i>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</i>   |   |

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

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Jacie Julian on her birthday, February 11th, by her grandmother, Sharri Hammond.

Worship Flowers are needed for March 5, 12, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 30; May 7, 14, 21. 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, 843-448-7164 x207 or trisha@fumcmb.org.

Thank you to Darleen Smith for her music today in worship.

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 Traditional Worship***

***GREETERS—FEBRUARY***

***Front Entrance*** Pat & Barry Thigpen

***Office Entrance*** Carl Townsend

***USHERS/Traditional—FEBRUARY***

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

***VIDEO*** Jim Lewis

***AUDIO*** Melinda Morgan

### ***Serving in Contemporary Worship***

***Livestream*** Jason Gildner

***Slides*** Ethan Gildner or Jonathan Kittle

***Ushers*** Carol Romanski, Carole Scarpa

***Children’s Message*** Erin Perry ***Little Church*** Yvonne Brittain



# Monthly Mission Impact—FEBRUARY



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

**NEEDS**—Donations of **NEW (only)** items: T-shirts, sweats, pajama's, men's & women's undergarments, socks, coats, gloves, hats, scarves. Toiletries: Shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, shaving cream/razors, deodorant, combs/brushes, hair clips/ties and hairpins, toothbrush/toothpaste, floss. See all **other needs** listed on their **website**, <https://helpnewdirections.org/current-needs>.

**Collection bins in the office and worship areas.**


## FEBRUARY MISSION IMPACT—PART 2

First Church has exceeded Pastor Joel's challenge of the Mission Impact Faith Promise commitment. We will **Push the Pastor "Over the Edge"** as part of New Directions 2023 financial challenge to rappel the 17-story Avista Resort on Feb. 25th!

Our **Missions Impact Weekend was a success** due to the amazing talent and efforts by Rhonda Singleton, Trisha Tuite, Melinda Morgan, Jim Lewis, all our volunteers, and our Missions Committee chaired by Penny Hale. The 17 Outreach **Mission Representatives hosted tables Friday night**, and 6 Mission **Representatives spoke Saturday morning** updating us on how our funds



assist their organizations and future outreach. A special thank you to **Rev. Kathy James of Epworth Children's Home** who delivered the Sermon Sunday morning. **Thank you** to all our church family for your support and faith promises so these organizations can continue doing God's work, and thank you to Revs. Joel and Michelle for their support."

The next **Congregational Meeting will be held on February 26th at 11:20AM in the Sanctuary** for a **follow-up Q&A** with the Lay Advisory Committee regarding the future with the UMC and our church. 

**BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!**  
**Week 7** reading schedule (one chapter per day): Book of Mark, chapters 3-7  
**Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs**

**Big Tom's "A Quote"**  
 "At some point, you have to let go of what you thought should happen and LIVE in what is happening!"  
 ~ Maria Shriver, journalist

### First Church Weekly Readings: \*

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

|        |                                |
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| Feb 13 | 1 Corinthians 13:12-13         |
| Feb 14 | Proverbs 27:5-10               |
| Feb 15 | Romans 5:1-5                   |
| Feb 16 | Proverbs 18:22-24              |
| Feb 17 | Zechariah 8:7-8                |
| Feb 18 | James 2:21-23                  |
| Feb 19 | 1 Samuel 18:1-4;<br>19:1-7, 20 |

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
 "True Friendship"  
 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7, 20; 1 John 4:7-21

### Sunday School Classes

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| <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> (W=Wesley; A=Asbury) |                |
| Ark                                       | The 925        |
| Brittain Fellowship                       | A-101          |
| Faith Foundations/New Horizons            | A-203          |
| MD Moore*                                 | W-105          |
| Open Doors*                               | W-103          |
| Open Fellowship*                          | Music Ctr      |
| The Seekers                               | A-207          |



## Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a series of **weekly programs and golf outings** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. View the website for details, [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org). For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.

**February 14** Wild Wing Golf Course

**February 16** 11:15AM | Wesley Center | Potato Bar  
Program—Gary Dawson, Radio/TV

**February 7** Beachwood Golf Tournament Winners—26 Participants

**1st Place: Score of 67**

◆ Eileen Brown, Peter Brown, Roger Davis

**2nd Place 3-way Tie: Score of 68**

◆ Terry Balla, Carl Palmberg, Bill Koppel, Ken Conner

◆ Bob Edwards, Don Shillingburg, Tom Winn, Mike Foster

◆ Derek Peters, Joe Scali, Scott Bowen



### THE IMPORTANCE OF GREETERS: WARM & WELCOMING

**Contemporary Worship is seeking people with warm smiles and welcoming dispositions. Hours are few. Benefits are eternal!**

Within 10 seconds of arriving, guests have an opinion about our church!

What are we saying to guests as they enter First Church? Neglecting to



notice or help people or to offer a smile are sure ways to make a poor impression. Therefore, we want to **be available with a smile and a kind word** as both guests and members enter the building for Sunday School and worship. Do you have what it takes to

**energetically welcome people to worship**, help them

**locate areas** of the building, and **distribute helpful information?** To apply, please email **Rhonda at [volunteers@fumcmb.org](mailto:volunteers@fumcmb.org)** or call **843-448-7164**.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY Breakfast Buffet**

**Tuesday, February 21st**

**5:30PM, Wesley Hall**

➡ **RSVP** to [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org)  
Donations benefit Youth Ministry

### **Butter Braid Pastries are coming!**

Delicious Danish-style pastries

**Freeze, thaw, bake** when needed

Order details coming

Proceeds **support UWF missions**

### **MISSION IMPACT MOMENT**

Dear First Church-Myrtle Beach family,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for the honor and I'm deeply grateful for your support. I want to thank you for the opportunity you are giving me and my family.

In Ephesians 5:16-17 it says "making good use of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Through this passage I learned that you must be patient. That is, we must live according to the Lord's timing. And when we have an opportunity like this, we must do our best so that the person who is helping is happy.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I feel very motivated to study and do my best.

Sincerely, Gabriela Tinga

*(First Church has committed for the scholarship of Gabriela at Africa University over her 4-year course of study.)*





## Youth Schedule...

- Feb 12: 6-9PM Youth @ Wesley Hall  
Super Bowl Party, Pot Luck
- Feb. 15: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A
- Feb. 19: NO YOUTH (school holiday)
- Feb. 24: Senior High Movie Night

### Church-Wide Work Day—March 4th!

A church-wide work-day will be held on **Saturday, March 4th**. As good stewards of God's church, we will work on **various repairs** around the church's main campus. **Read *The Steeple*** for more details to come.

**ABC TRAINING | Acolytes—Bible Bearers—Crucifers**  
**TODAY, February 12th @ 9AM before worship, Sanctuary**  
 All children ages 8 & up interested in serving their church,  
 please attend this educational training.  
 (Training for those who missed the training on Jan. 22nd.)  
 Rachel Platt and Norman McQueen, trainers



### Sound & Audio Technicians Needed

**Contemporary worship** does not function well without **audio visual assistance**. Volunteers are the most valuable part of this team!



While church staff compiles information to be presented on the screen and sets up sound equipment, there are too few staff to run each aspect necessary for two services to flow well simultaneously. We need to assemble **a team of**

**volunteers to share the operation** of audio visual equipment needed in worship. **Training will be available**. Anyone with an interest in technology and a **desire to assist** in a smooth flow of worship are asked to **contact Grant Nesmith, grant@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164**.



**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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## Financials and Attendance

### As of 2/5/2023 (includes online giving):

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Contributions week of: | \$ 22,028  |
| Total Revenue YTD:     | \$ 160,702 |
| Total Expenses YTD:    | \$ 170,323 |
| Difference YTD:        | - \$ 9,621 |

*Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.*

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Faith Promise 2023:          | \$ 103,710 |
| Faith Promise Receipts 2023: | \$ 12,361  |

### Presence 2/5/2023

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|-------------------------|-------|
| ♦ Worship in person:    | 338   |
| ♦ Fox TV (Dec wkly est) | 2,966 |
| ♦ Worship online:       | 580   |
| ♦ Social Media:         | 2,609 |
| ♦ Sunday School:        | 198   |

### 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 Website: www.fumcmb.org  
 Follow on Facebook: FUMCMB Instagram: firstchurchmb YouTube: @firstchurch6363  
 Request *The Steeple* via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org  
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7



**Contemporary Worship**  
**Sunday, 10AM**  
**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.**



Welcome **Laurie and Ron Peterson** who were received into membership on February 5, 2023 in Contemporary worship by transfer of faith from Church of Christ, Norman, OK.



**Upcoming Dates to Note**



- 2/21 Shrove Tuesday Breakfast Buffet, Wesley Hall, 5:30PM  
 RSVP to [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org)  
 Donations benefit Youth Ministry
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday services  
 Noon and 7PM, Chapel
- 2/24 Sr. High Movie Night  
 Wesley Hall, 6:30PM
- 2/26 Congregational Q&A Mtg  
 Sanctuary, 11:20AM  
 Future of UMC & our church
- 3/4 Church-Wide Work Day  
 Main Campus, time TBD
- 4/1 CDM Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt  
 N Campus, 10AM
- 4/6 Maundy Thursday  
 Service time TBD
- 4/7 Good Friday  
 Service time TBD
- 4/9 Easter  
 Service times TBD
- 4/10 Monday after Easter  
 Church Office closed

*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, February 12, 2023**

- 8:30-11 AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** all ages
- 9:00AM **Confirmation Class** 921
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship\***  
 SANCTUARY \*Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**  
 WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
- 11:15AM **Lay Advisory Committee**  
 OFFICE-2nd FLOOR
- 11:30AM **Valentine Day Luncheon for our Widows & Widowers**  
 WESLEY HALL
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs**  
 WESLEY BLDG
- 6-9PM **Youth Super Bowl Potluck**  
 WESLEY HALL

**MONDAY, Feb 13**

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
 WESLEY BUILDING
- 5:30PM **Staff Parish Committee**  
 OFFICE 2nd FLOOR

**TUESDAY, Feb 14**

- Snowbird & Seagulls Golf**  
 WILD WING GOLF COURSE
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
 COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**  
 PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**  
 CHAPEL
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**  
 OFFICE—Upstairs
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** MEMBER HOME

**WEDNESDAY, Feb 15**

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
 CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
 PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
 WESLEY BUILDING
- 1:15PM **Bible Study** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
 MUSIC SUITE

**THURSDAY, Feb 16**

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR  
 COVENANT TOWERS
- 11:15AM **Snowbirds & Seagulls**  
 WESLEY HALL
- 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**

