



The Steeple ■ February 18, 2024

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

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

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

The liturgical color is purple symbolizing the season of self denial.

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

Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Larson
(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 Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

* **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 Harriet Clark
(Following, children ages 4 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 201, Wesley Bldg.)

Anthem "Oh How He Loves You and Me" arr. Purifoy
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-10 Rosalin Robinson
Pew Bible OT pg. 475

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 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Diemer

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

(Continued on the next page.)

* Hymn of Preparation	“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”	UMH #128
* Scripture	Psalm 63; Deuteronomy 4:29	<i>Pew Bible OT, pgs. 498, 155</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Don’t Really Know Him”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“Oh How He Loves You and Me”	TFWS #2108
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“Sinfonia”	Purcell

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Attendance

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to **register your attendance. Members may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.**

Sunday School for all ages—4 through adult—9:00 to 9:45AM.

Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship.

FIRST CHURCH KIDS

First Church invites families to worship together at our 10AM services. We offer childcare with our loving team of workers from ages infant to 1st grade. If this is your first Sunday with us, please take your children to check them in the Wesley Building after the children’s message.

Beginning Sunday 2/25/24, the following room assignments are:

Nursery, ages 0-12 mos in Wesley room #101

Toddlers, 1-3 yrs in Wesley room #106.

Children’s Church for ages 4yrs to 1st grade is offered after the Children’s message in worship in Wesley room #102.

First Church Kids values child safety and the ease of checking children in and out during your worship time with us.

****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 loving memory of her husband, Jim Hadstate from Debbie Hadstate.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 24; 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.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app (fume mb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

Serving in Worship

GREETERS—FEBRUARY

Front Entrance Anne & Ron Andrews

Office Entrance Carl Townsend

Atrium Entrance Jean Clemmons

USHERS—FEBRUARY

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

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen



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.



Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 26th at 6:00PM, Chapel

All committee chairs are highly urged to attend or send a representative. The meeting is open to all.

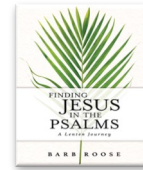
Lenten Study (6 weeks) led by Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

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



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 7 (2/18/24): Genesis 9, Isaiah 58, 1 Peter 3, Psalm 25, Matthew 6

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"

"Trust God, let Him guide you, and His love for you will be yours forever."

~ Ronnie Felts

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Feb 19 John 13:31-35; 17:1
 Feb 20 Romans 14:7-9
 Feb 21 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
 Feb 22 Hebrews 2:5-18
 Feb 23 Matthew 10:39; 16:24-26
 Feb 24 Mark 8:31-37
 Feb 25 John 12:20-36

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 12 months W-101
 Toddlers-1 to 3 yr olds W-106
 4 yrs to PreK 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

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "Prayer in Troubled Times"
 John 12:20-36



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. 20th — Burning Ridge Golf Course

Feb. 22nd — 11:15AM Wesley Hall (2/8 attendance, 84)

Program — Stan Greenawalt, Cyber Security; **Meal** — Pizza

Feb. 13th Beachwood Golf Scores—35 golfers

1st place Tie Score 69: -Tommy Moore, Curt Dumbleton, Scott Bowen
-Derek Peters, Joe Scali, Bill Koppel, John Feith

2nd place Score Tie Score 70:

-Peter Brown, John Aycok, John Schwindel, Ron Reichman
-Don Shillingburg, Jeff Harshbarger, Bob Edwards, Les Haga



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.



Potluck
Dinner

Women's Fellowship Meal
Tuesday, March 5th from 5PM to 7PM
Wesley Fellowship Hall

All women of First Church are invited for fellowship and to bring a covered dish for the meal. **Special guests:** Ruth, Esther, Mary, Martha and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Proceeds of the meal will benefit local missions.

Join us for a re-enactment of the
Living Last Supper.

Meet Jesus and His disciples in "The Upper Room" as they gather to celebrate the Passover Meal. We will join in communion with them, remembering Jesus' passion.

March 28, 2024—6:30PM, N Campus
Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N



The women of First Church and First Presbyterian Church invite you to
SPRING SURGE 2024 — MARCH 16th — 9AM to NOON

First Presbyterian Church, 3810 Grissom Parkway, Myrtle Beach



Help support the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center and their Tiny Home project in Myrtle Beach!

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.



2/18 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 2/21 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.
 2/25 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
derek@fumcmb.org

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

March 3rd and 10th New Member Classes
 Church Parlor at 11:15AM



Have pizza with the pastors and discover what being a member of God's Church is all about. Questions? **Please contact Pastor Michelle,** mdlouk@umcsc.org.



**SHROVE TUESDAY
 BREAKFAST BUFFET
 FOR SUPPER**



Thank you to Miss Jayne and her exceptional "Krewe" of youth and adults for the scrumptious meal enjoyed by all to help us prepare for fasting in the season of Lent!



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 2/11/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 33,794
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 193,681
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 217,834
Difference YTD:	- \$ 24,153

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	\$ 104,935
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 19,086

Presence 2/11/2024

◆ Worship in person:	402
◆ Worship online:	642
◆ Fox TV & promos (Nov. mo. est):	24,640
◆ Social Media impressions:	3,294
◆ Sunday School:	178

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



**BUNNY BREAKFAST
and EGG HUNT
MARCH 23rd**

**Child Development Ministry,
904 65th Ave N, MB
9AM Bunny Breakfast
9:45AM Easter Story Time
10AM Easter Egg Hunt**
(activities, pictures)
Children of the church
through 5th grade
and their family and guests
are invited.
More information to come!



MOMCo (formerly
MOPS) meets on
the **1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at
9:30AM in the Wesley Hall for
Bible study and fellowship.** All
mothers with preschoolers
are welcome to this
fellowship group. Child care
is available and additional
volunteer help is needed.
Please call **Barbara Cherry,
301-379-5055.**

Thank you!

To the Anonymous Donor, you
are a blessing for our Church,
and we are grateful for your love
of the Lord! Thank you.
~ Open Fellowship
Sunday School Class

Looking Ahead!

- 2/25 Senior Sweetheart Lunch
- 2/26 Church Council Meeting
- 3/1 CDM registration opens
- 3/3&10 New member classes
- 3/10 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 3/23 CDM Bunny Breakfast
- 3/24 Palm Sunday, 2 services
- 3/25 CDM Book Fair
- 3/28 Living Last Supper, N Campus
- 3/31 Easter, sunrise & 2 services
- 4/21 Youth Sunday
- 5/19 Senior/Graduation Sunday
- 6/2 Confirmation Sunday

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

- 8:30AM--
- 11:15AM **Nursery & Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 9:00AM **Confirmation Class**
SONSHINE HOUSE
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY CTR ^YouTube
- 5:30PM **Youth Group** N CAMPUS

MONDAY, Feb. 19

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** THE 925
- 2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PARLOR
- 3:00PM **Grief Support** ASBURY #104
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, Feb. 20

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
- 12NOON **Lenten Study** THE 925
- 5:30PM **Trustees Mtg** PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 9:30AM **MOMCo** WESLEY HALL
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
- 1:30PM **Bible Study** THE 925
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Feb. 22

- 11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**
WESLEY HALL
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 5:30PM **Lions Club** THE 925



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

