



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ February 25, 2024

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

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Kelsey
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH #126

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. McMakin | 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
(Following, children ages 4 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 102, Wesley Bldg.)

Anthem "Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk" arr. Mabry/Schwarz

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:7, 14-21 Gae Riddleberger
Pew Bible NT pg. 182

Pastoral Prayer Rev. McMakin

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 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" arr. Carter
(Theme, Variations 1 & 2)

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. McMakin

(Continued on the next page.)

* Hymn of Preparation	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	UMH #496
* Scripture	Matthew 6:5-8	<i>Pew Bible NT, pg. 5</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Not in Prayer”	Rev. Creel
* Closing Hymn	“Take Time To Be Holy”	UMH #395
* Benediction		Rev. Creel
* Postlude	“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” <i>(Variations 3 & 4)</i>	arr. Carter

(**) 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 in Wesley Building rooms 101 and 106.

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 go with your child/children to check them into the **Wesley Building, room 102**, after the children’s message.

****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 memory of my mother, Hilda Crocker, from Teresa Crocker.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 24; May 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 (fumc 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.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

March 3rd and 10th New Member Classes

New location—The 925 classroom at 11:15AM



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

2024 Bible Reading Plan

Week 8 (2/25/24): Genesis 17, Mark 8, Romans 4, Psalm 22, Psalm 51

Wednesday Bible Study—1:30PM in The 925

Book of Revelation, chapters 13, 14, 15 mdlouk@umcsc.org



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Surrender is the strongest thing you can do in this world. It takes strength to show you are weak and courage to ask for help."

~ Holly Whitaker, author

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Feb 26 Exodus 24:1-8
 Feb 27 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Feb 28 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 Feb 29 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
 Mar 1 Colossians 3:12-17
 Mar 2 John 6:35-51
 Mar 3 Matthew 26:26-30

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 Pre-K 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
 "Jesus' Dinner Prayer"
 Matthew 26



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. 27th — River Club Golf Course

Feb. 29th — 11:15AM Chapel (2/15 attendance, 81)

Program — John Paul Miller, piano; **Meal** by Jayne Smith

Feb. 20th Burning Ridge Golf Scores—33 golfers

1st place Tie Score 68: - Beryl Flickner, Bob Carone, Dave Heinzer, Ralph Boyle; - Don Shillingburg, Earl LaFave, Bob Edwards, Jeff Harshbarger

2nd place Score Score 69: Walt Meyer, Ann Bush, KC Bush, Roger Davis



“BIG TOM & FRIENDS” first Friday men's lunch will be **March 1st at 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, downstairs**. **All men of the church are cordially invited.**

Women's Potluck 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.



Sisters In Service (“SIS”) Circle
BBQ Dinner Fundraiser from Kenny's

March 15th —Tickets \$10/plat

Purchase tickets from a “SIS” member

Pick up orders at the **CDM Youth Center, 904 65 Ave N**
from 11AM to 2PM. Proceeds benefit local missions.

Questions? Contact Ellen Boyles, 843-449-7831.

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

March 28, 2024—6:30PM, N Campus

Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N

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



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!

More details forthcoming.



2/25 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 2/28 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.
 3/3 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
derek@fumcmb.org

FIRST CHURCH KIDS

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Whether your child attends Sunday school at 9AM or Children's Church at 10AM, We will focus on the life of Jesus each week during Lent and Easter. In order to make it easier for you to know what your child is learning, look for your child's "Family Time" take home sheets beginning March 3rd to share your faith at home.

EVENTS

2/25 11:30AM Senior Sweetheart Luncheon with First Church Kids
 3/23 9:00AM Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT—March 23rd
Child Development Ministry, 904 65th Ave N, MB
9AM Bunny Breakfast, \$10/family or \$3 each
RSVP to CDM, 843-692-9272 by March 19th
9:45AM Easter Story Time | 10AM Easter Egg Hunt
 Take pictures with the Easter Bunny during the egg hunt.
 Children of the church through 5th grade,
 family, and guests are invited.

CANDY NEEDED!

FIRST CHURCH CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Individually wrapped **candy small enough** to stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. **Please drop off candy by March 19th** at CDM, 904 65th Ave N, MB or at the church office.



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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Financials and Attendance

As of 2/18/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 18,907
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 216,928
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 228,476
Difference YTD:	- \$ 11,548

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	\$ 105,635
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 20,219

Presence 2/18/2024

♦ Worship in person:	380
♦ Worship online:	748
♦ Fox TV & promos (Jan. mo. est):	19,130
♦ Social Media impressions:	3,099
♦ Sunday School:	168

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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

The Sunshiners

Don't know what to do with gently-used costume jewelry?

Deposit items in the donation box for The Sunshiners located in the church office, and we will find a new use for them. We also accept unopened hotel sized soaps, lotions, shampoos, Kleenex, Chapstick, puzzle books, decks of cards, and ribbons in all sizes and colors. Thank you!



MARCH 10TH AT 2AM



MORE HAPPENINGS AT CDM

March 1st: Registration opens for 2024-25 school year

March 25th-28th: Scholastics Book Fair at CDM campus

Looking Ahead!

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 25, 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
11:30AM **Senior Sweetheart Luncheon**
WESLEY HALL
5:15PM **Youth Group** N CAMPUS

MONDAY, Feb. 26

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** The 925
5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
6:00PM **Church Council** CHAPEL

TUESDAY, Feb. 27

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
NOON **Lenten Study** THE 925
2:00PM **Congregational Care**
PARLOR
6:00PM **SLT Meeting** THE 925

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28

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

LEAP DAY, Feb. 29

- 11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**
CHAPEL & WESLEY HALL
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, March 1

- 11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends Men's Lunch**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, downstairs



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

