



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ February 26, 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

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Larson
(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** "My Hope is Built" UMH #368

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Chad Mullinix | 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** Psalm 32 Cam McCarl

Anthem "Written in Red" arr. Kirkland

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Mullinix

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 "Aria Da Chiesa" Martini

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Mullinix

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* Preparatory Hymn	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	UMH #526
* Sermon Text	Luke 7:36-50	
Sermon	“Fan or Follower?”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“I Am Thine O Lord”	UMH #419
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Allegro”	Walther

(* Please and as you are able.

<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sunday School Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. ***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children</p> <p>First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 through 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.</p>
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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 loving memory of my mother, Hilda Gray Crocker, by Teresa Crocker.

Worship Flowers are needed for March 26; April 2, 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 Susan Soehner for offering her music 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

ACOLYTE Wes Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker

CRUCIFER Will Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Livestream Jason Gildner

Slides Ethan Gildner or Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Daniel Shuler, Don Myers

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.

MARCH MISSION IMPACT "PREVIEW"—FUMC College Ministry, Time Sensitive!
Our youth are helping to fill Easter Jars on **March 19th** to prepare for the Easter mailing to college students. Needed immediately—**Individually-wrapped candy**. More details will be listed in the March **Steeple**. Thank you for your support and donations!

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Penny Huls Styers** and family on the passing of her brother, **Leon "Billy" Lindsay Huls, Jr.**, on February 15, 2023 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Congratulations to **Debbie and Tracy Conner** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Lorraine (Rory) Pressley Lyons**, on February February 19, 2023 in Durham, NC. Proud parents are **Kayla and Andrew Lyons**.



Congregational Meeting SUNDAY (today), February 26th, at 11:20AM in the Wesley Hall for a **follow-up Q&A** with the Lay Advisory Committee regarding the **future with the UMC and our church**. Child care will be available.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 9 reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Mark, chapters 13-16, Book of Luke, chapter 1

Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"I love saying, 'Good timber doesn't grow with ease; the stronger the wind, the stronger the tree.'" ~ Apolo Anton Ohno, Olympic athlete

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Feb 27	John 15:18-20
Feb 28	Mark 13:9-13
Mar 1	Jeremiah 19:14-20:2
Mar 2	Jeremiah 26:10-15
Mar 3	Revelation 10:8-11
Mar 4	Psalms 112:6-10
Mar 5	Matthew 20:20-28

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
"Sharing in Jesus' Cup"
Matthew 20:17-28

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (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

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sonshine House

Adult Classes (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. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.

March 2 11:15AM | Wesley Center | Pizza & Salad
Program—Bingo fun

February 17 River Club Golf Tournament Winners—37 Participants
1st Place Tie: Score of 68

- ◆ Ken Conner, Craig Conner, Terry Balla, Carl Palmberg
- ◆ Les Haga, Roger Davis, Scott Bowen

2nd Place: Score of 69

- ◆ Earl LaFave, Candice Lovett, Tommy Moore, Mike Foster



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" First Friday Men's Lunch meets March 3, 2023, 11:30AM at Magnolia's @ 26th, dining upstairs. All men of the church are cordially invited. Pastor Joel will bring the devotion.

On Saturday, February 25th, Pastor Joel and Scott Bowen went **"Over the Edge"** for New Directions Shelters as his **commitment to our Missions Promise for 2023**. Watch next week's **The Steeple** to see picture evidence of the 17-story challenge.



BUTTER BRAID PASTIRES—order now! Delicious Danish-style pastries Freeze, thaw, bake

To place an order, forms are an insert in this **Steeple** or **contact any member of United Women in Faith (UWF)** or pick up a form at worship entrances and the church office. The price is **\$16 each** and come in **5 flavors: apple, Bavarian crème, blueberry & cream cheese, strawberry & cream cheese, or cinnamon**. Orders are due by **March 14th accompanied by payment**. Pastries will be **delivered on April 3rd**. Get yours now for holiday serving, gifts to neighbors or keep frozen to enjoy later. Proceeds **support UWF local mission projects**.

MISSION MOMENT

The established Vocation School of **Project AGAPE in Armenia** continues inspiring numerous individuals to learn about their chosen fields and excel in them as to-be professionals. Moreover, the program gives them the needed support to sustain themselves in times of uncertainty under the aggression of the neighboring country. It allows them to change their life for the positive and gain confidence in a desperate situation.



It is crucial to mention that when completing the course, the graduates receive the incredible skills they can utilize for their job and supplies they might need to help them grow in their chosen industry. They also receive a certificate of completion as a symbol of their hard work and perseverance.

The gratitude of the graduated individuals is endless to all the people from Project AGAPE who seek to help them with any means necessary. We are thankful for your support and dedication to this God-given project. ~ Nara Melkonyan, Country Director





Youth Schedule...

Feb. 26: 5:15PM Youth @ N Campus

Mar. 1: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A

Mar. 5: 5:15PM Youth @ N Campus



Coastal Carolina Chrysalis SPRING FLIGHTS

BOYS FLIGHT #59 MAR 3-5, 2023

Register online—<https://www.ccchrysalis.com/>



CDM Monthly Highlight:

Dear Church Family,

Please watch here for a monthly update from CDM, the childcare program of First Church.

- **CDM Mission:** To make a difference in God's kingdom for every child; to partner with parents; to support each other; to find joy in each day!
- **Mark your calendars:** Annual Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is **March 1st-15th**. Registration includes full-time childcare for infants - 4 years old, school age after-school program, and summer school age program. Call **CDM for more information, 843-692-9272.** ~ CDM Advisory Committee

The **Church Library** now has a copy of **The Cost of Discipleship** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This book is mentioned by our pastors for the Growing in Christ series. The book will be on the display shelf in the library.



Daylight Saving Time begins **March 12th** at 2AM.



Financials and Attendance

As of 2/19/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 26,798
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 214,524
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 228,374
Difference YTD:	- \$ 13,850

Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise 2023:	\$ 110,060
Faith Promise Receipts 2023:	\$ 17,923

Presence 2/19/2023

♦ Worship in person:	328
♦ Fox TV (Dec wkly est)	2,966
♦ Worship online:	519
♦ Social Media:	2,252
♦ Sunday School:	157

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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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**




Happening This Week

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 on Sunday.

A special "thank you" to First Church children's ministry for sponsoring the widows and widowers luncheon last week. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with one another. A big thanks to Scott Bellamy for preparing the delicious meal. My heart was blessed by the children who did such an outstanding job of serving the tables with such enthusiasm. They are to be commended for their kindness and loving heart to serve.
 ~ Jean Clemmons

Upcoming Dates to Note 

- 2/26 Congregational Q&A Mtg
Wesley Hall, 11:20AM
Future of UMC & our church
- 3/3 Big Tom & Friends Men's Lunch
Magnolia's upstairs, 11:30AM
- 3/8 Ladies Lunch/Devo
Magnolia's upstairs, 11:30AM
- 4/1 CDM Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt
N Campus, 10AM
- 4/6 Maundy Thursday
7PM worship, Sanctuary
- 4/7 Good Friday
No service
- 4/9 Easter
6:30AM Sunrise worship
10AM Traditional worship
10AM Contemporary worship
- 4/10 Easter Monday
Church Office CLOSED

- SUNDAY, February 26, 2023**
- 8:30A-1PM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
 - 9:00AM **Sunday School** all ages
 - 9:00AM **Confirmation Class**
OFFICE-2nd FLOOR
 - 10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
 - 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
 - 11:20AM **Congregational Meeting**
WESLEY HALL
 - 4:15PM **Children's Choirs**
WESLEY BLDG
 - 4:15PM **Christian Education Cmte**
WESLEY RESOURCE CENTER
 - 5:15PM **Youth @ North Campus**

- MONDAY, Feb 27**
- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
 - 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
 - 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY BUILDING

- TUESDAY, Feb 28**
- 2:00PM **Congregational Care Mtg**
PARLOR

- WEDNESDAY, March 1**
- 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, March 2**
- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
 - 11:15AM **Snowbirds & Seagulls**
WESLEY HALL
 - 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
 - 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
 - 5:30PM **Lion's Club Mtg** THE 925
 - 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

- FRIDAY, March 3**
- 11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends**
1st Friday Men's Lunch/Devo
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th, UPSTAIRS



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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MYRTLE BEACH

FUND RAISER

United Women in Faith are selling Butter Braided Frozen Pastries which you will receive in time for Easter and for gift giving. There are five different flavors which come frozen, ready for you to thaw and bake. They keep in the freezer for months so order several.

Members can order online at tinyurl.com/uwf23 (find your name) or fill out this form and turn it in with money by **March 14, 2023**. The price is \$16.00 each. They will be available for pick up by April 3, 2023. Proceeds will be used to support local missions.

FLAVORS	NUMBER@ \$16.00 each	PRICE
Apple	_____	_____
Bavarian Crème (chocolate icing)	_____	_____
Blueberry & Cream Cheese	_____	_____
Strawberry & Cream Cheese	_____	_____
Cinnamon	_____	_____
TOTAL		\$ _____

Make check payable to UMW and return to church with order form or mail to Darlene Rebeck, 4886 Bermuda Way N, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (must be received by March 14, 2023)

Name/Address/Phone No. _____
