



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

## The Steeple ■ February 4, 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

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

*The liturgical color is white celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

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

**Prelude** "Seek Ye First" arr. Smith  
*(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** "Come Thou Almighty King" UMH #61

\* **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

*(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.)*

**Scripture Reading** 2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Clark Butler  
*Pew Bible NT pg. 175*

**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** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Raney  
*Lisa Washburn, flute*

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

\* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

\* **Hymn of Preparation** "Seek Ye First" UMH #405

*(Continued on the next page.)*

* <b>Scripture</b>	Lamentations 3:21-23	<i>Pew Bible OT, pg 720</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“God’s Faithfulness”	Rev. McMakin
<b>Service of Word and Table</b>		UMH #12
<b>Anthem</b>	“In Remembrance” <i>Lisa Washburn, flute</i>	arr. Red
<b>Communion Reflection</b>		Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. A communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit New Directions Shelters.</i>	
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”	UMH #334
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. McMakin
* <b>Postlude</b>	“Psalm XX”	Young

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

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to <b>register your attendance. Members have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> for all ages—3 through adult—9:00 to 9:50AM. Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship.	First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children <b>ages 4 yrs to 1st grade</b> after the Children’s Message in worship. <b>Toddlers, ages 2 &amp; 3, will be provided childcare</b> in the Wesley <b>toddler room #106</b> . 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 in our presence 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 honor of our sweet grandchildren from Carol Anne and Ronnie Felts.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 3, 24, 31; Apr 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, [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164 x207.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website ([www.fumcmb.org](http://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

**ACOLYTE** TBD

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Scott Bowen

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr., Brenda Bennett, Lesa Jones, Geoff Jones, Linda Lox, John Lox

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

**Camera/Livestream** Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick  
**Ushers** Rusty Watson, Lisa Watson  
**Little Church** Pastor Donna

**Slides/Lighting** Jonathan Kittle



# 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.**

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Joe Perry Johnson**

**November 4, 1942—January 28, 2024**

*“I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live.”*

**Congratulations to Jill and Jamie Lang** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Mia James Lang**, on January 22, 2024. Proud parents are **Ashlee and Jay Lang** and first-time great-grandmother, **Marcia Lang**. A Cradle Cross and flower are placed on the altar in honor of Mia James.

## 2024 Bible Reading Plan!

We are reading the scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary, a **3-year cycle of weekly readings** following the Church year. **Copies of the reading plan are available throughout the church.** **Week 5 (2/4/24):** Isaiah 40, Psalm 21, 1 Corinthians 9, Psalm 147, Proverbs 4



The **Wednesday Bible study** meets **at 1:30PM in The 925** continuing in the New Testament in the Book of Revelation, chapters 7, 8, and 9 [mdlouk@umcsc.org](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)

## Big Tom's "A Quote"

*“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger and full of mercy.”*  
~ Psalm 145:8

### First Church Weekly Readings:\*

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

Feb 5 Psalm 50  
Feb 6 Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Feb 7 Hosea 6:1-6  
Feb 8 Zechariah 7:8-14  
Feb 9 Matthew 9:10-13  
Feb 10 Matthew 12:1-7  
Feb 11 Matthew 6:1-8

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series  
“True Devotion”  
Isaiah 58*

### Sunday School Classes

**Children's Classes** (Wesley Bldg)  
Infants to 18 months W-101  
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. 6 — True Blue Golf Course**

**Feb. 8th — 11:15AM** Wesley Hall (1/25 attendance, 75)

**Program** — Chuck Fisher, guitarist; **Meal** — Baked spaghetti



**Jan. 30th Arcadian Shores Golf Scores**—32 participants

**1st place Score 69:** Don Shillingburg, Mitch Ashby, Bob Edwards, Jeff Harshbarger

**2nd place Score 70:** Tommy Moore, Curt Dumbleton, Les Haga, Roger Davis



Shrove Tuesday

### SHROVE TUESDAY

#### BREAKFAST/SUPPER BUFFET

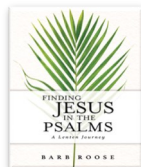
February 13th, 5:30PM to 7:00PM

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](mailto: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!



**The Walk to Emmaus** is a spiritual renewal program (for persons ages 18 and up) designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians. The Walk brings individuals closer to Jesus and instills a willingness to serve when they return to their local church. Thousands of people around the world have participated in this renewal experience.

**Upcoming dates for The 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.



2/4 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus  
 2/7 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.  
 2/11 9:00AM Confirmation begins—student & parent meeting  
 (grade 7 and above) in the Sunshine House. Contact Derek.  
 2/11 5:30PM Youth Group, Super Bowl watch party, Wesley Hall  
 2/13 5:15PM Help serve at Shrove Tuesday Supper

[derek@fumcmb.org](mailto:derek@fumcmb.org)



## Preston and Meredith **REVOLUTION**

**Bowers** represented FUMC at the annual Revolution Conference in Columbia this past weekend. They experienced three days of worship and fellowship with youth across the entire state. Preston is serving in his second year on the Youth Council planning committee on behalf of our church.



## SAVE THE DATE! | CHURCH YARD SALE | AUGUST 10, 2024

Brittain Center, 905 65th Ave N

Save your yard sale treasures to donate. Details coming.

Questions? Contact Janice Myers, 843-455-4373.



THE MOMCO  
BY MOPS INTERNATIONAL

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



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 1/28/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$22,799
Total Revenue YTD:	\$90,936
Total Expenses YTD:	\$156,646
Difference YTD:	- \$ 65,710

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

### MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	\$ 99,485
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 11,703

### Presence 1/28/2024

◆ Worship in person:	360
◆ Worship online:	580
◆ Fox TV & promos (Nov. mo. est):	24,640
◆ Social Media impressions:	4,865
◆ Sunday School:	85

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YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

Request *The Steeple* via email: [thesteeples@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeples@fumcmb.org)

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

**Thank you to the Missions Committee** for their hard work, dedication planning, preparing and executing Mission Impact Sunday! We would like to recognize those who serve on the Missions Committee: Rod Adelstone, Michelle Bowers, Myla Butler, Carol Ann Felts, Tara Howser, Geoff Jones, Cam McCarl, Ginger Serey & Gary Smith. We are also truly grateful for the support and assistance from our pastors Revs. Joel, Michelle and Jim, and for their guidance with missions throughout the year. Thank you to Rev. Donna Cassity for heading up the activities for the children and for helping them with a wonderful, mission-related activity on Sunday. A special thank you to the entire First Church staff without whose support Mission Impact Sunday would not be a success. Thank you Trisha Tuite and Rhonda Singleton for designing the Faith Promise cards and posters throughout the church, Melinda Morgan for all the communications in the **Steeple** and elsewhere, Jim Lewis for the audio visual presentations, Kay Roensch for the financial record keeping and everyone else behind the scenes. Lastly, thank you to our congregation for your continued participation and support of our Missions Outreach.

Blessings,  
 Scott Bowen, Penny Hale  
 Mission Committee Co-Chairs



## Happening This Week

### Holy Communion

#### SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

- 8:30AM--
- 11:15AM **Nursery/Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES-WESLEY
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY \*Facebook
- 11:15AM **Contemporary Worship^**  
WESLEY CTR ^YouTube
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

#### MONDAY, Feb. 5

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

#### TUESDAY, Feb. 6

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
- 10:00AM **Exec Women's Board Mtg**  
PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Evangelism Mtg** PARLOR
- 6:00PM **Worship Mtg** OFC-upstairs

#### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7

- 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. 8

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

#### FRIDAY, Feb. 9

- 11:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle** PARLOR

#### Looking Ahead!

- 2/11 Confirmation meeting
- 2/13 Shrove Tuesday Supper
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday, 4-6PM
- 2/25 Senior Sweetheart Lunch
- 3/24 Palm Sunday, 2 services
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday
- 3/31 Easter, 2 services
- 5/19 Graduation Sunday
- 6/2 Confirmation

### 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*



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS  
FOR JANUARY 2024 BULLETIN**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Bill Bellamy**

Jon & Robin Howell (Epworth Children's Home)  
Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Rev. Mike Black**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Harrison Clemmons**

Steve & Tara Clemmons (Memorial Fund)

**Jim & Lib Iseman**

Jim & Dianne Iseman (General Fund)

**Don Ketron**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Claude R. Newton**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Gael Sansbury**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Rock Smith**

Jon & Robin Howell (Youth Fund)  
Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)  
Kathy & Jim Render (Memorial Fund)  
Dennis & Kay Graham (Youth Fund)  
Harold & Brenda Barron (Youth Fund)  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Winemillers (Youth Fund)  
Bill Bullock (Youth Fund)

**Albert Springs III**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Wilson Springs**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**David Taylor**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Wynn Baggott Zuercher**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Church Ministers & Church Staff**

Frank & Harriet Clark (General Fund)

**Scott Bellamy**

Snowbirds/Seagulls (Missions)

**Tom Brittain**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Jim Creel, Jr**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Rhys Asher DeLucas**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Tinsley Evelyn Felts**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Rick Harmon**

United Methodist Women (Sonshiners Fund)

**Rick & Linda Hussey**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Jim Lewis**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Claire Sturzenbecker**

Rachel Platt (Children's Ministry)

**Chris & Randy Wallace**

Thomas W. Davis, Sr. (Memorial Fund)

**Penny Hale, Scott Bowen & Mission Committee**

Frank & Harriet Clark (Faith Promise)

**Kieran James Waldorf**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)