



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ January 14, 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 after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Memley
(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** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

* **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**

(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 Isaiah 65:17-19, 25 Sherrill Allen
Pew Bible OT pg. 654

Anthem "If My People Will Pray/Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" arr. Christopher

Mission Moment Penny Hale, Missions Co-chair

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 "Just As I Am" arr. Hegarty

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

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* Hymn of Preparation	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	UMH #519
* Scripture	1 John 3:11-20	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 226</i>
Sermon	“Real Faith”	Rev. Louk
New Member Reception		UMH #48
* Closing Hymn	“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”	UMH #357
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“Toccata”	arr. 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 register your attendance. Members have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device. <i>Sunday School</i> 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 ages 4 yrs to 1st grade after the Children’s Message in worship. Toddlers, ages 2 & 3, will be provided childcare in the Wesley toddler room #106 . 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 for a Happy 85th Birthday to Marion Bellamy from his loving family.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31; Apr 7, 14, 21, 28. 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 x207.

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 Worship

GREETERS—JANUARY

Front Entrance Kathi & Cam McCarl
Atrium Entrance Sherrill Allen

Office Entrance Darlene Rebeck

USHERS—JANUARY

Annette Willett: Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

ACOLYTE Wes Sturzenbecker
CRUCIFER Will Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick ***Slides/Lighting*** Jonathan Kittle
Ushers TBD
Children’s Message Pastor Donna
Little Church Amanda Sturgeon, Michelle Sturzenbecker



We Look Forward to Seeing You

MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY

Please join FUMC of Myrtle Beach

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

for combined **8:45AM youth and adult Sunday school** in Wesley Hall and 10AM worship, Sanctuary, followed by a catered BBQ lunch, Wesley Hall

We are excited to share updates and to hear from several of our local, regional & global Mission organizations!

If you stay for Lunch with your children, please contact Trisha in the Church Office, 843-448-7164, to **register the number of children** and age of each child.

Childcare is available for ages infants to 3 years.

Pastor Donna Cassity will host a **Special Mission Project** for children, **ages 4 through 5th Grade**. **A separate children's lunch will be provided.**



The **membership vote will take place on January 21, 2024 at 3:30PM** in the **Sanctuary**. The doors will open at 2:45PM for professing members to register to vote, and the meeting will begin promptly at 3:30PM. All are encouraged to arrive early. The **Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer** during regular office hours and on Sundays. **Voting instructions are included as an insert in this Steeple.**



2024 Bible Reading Challenge!

This year, let us read the scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary ("RCL"), a **three-year cycle of weekly readings** built around the Church year seasons. The plan includes an Old Testament reading, a Psalter reading, a Gospel reading, and an Epistle (New Testament) reading. **Copies of the reading plan are located at worship entrances, in the church office, and www.fumcmb.org.**

The Wednesday Bible study resumes on **January 17, 2024 at 1:30PM in The 925** continuing in the New Testament in the Books of 2 John, 3 John, Jude mdlouk@umcsc.org



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Come to me, all ye who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
~ Matthew 11:28

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Jan 15 2 Samuel 14:1-20
Jan 16 Exodus 31:1-11; 35:30-35
Jan 17 Proverbs 8:10-21
Jan 18 Luke 2:40, 52; 11:31, 49
Jan 19 James 1:5-27
Jan 20 James 3:13-18
Jan 21 1 Kings 3:3-15; Proverbs 2:3-5

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"A Discerning Mind"
2 Samuel 14:1-24; Proverbs 4:1-13

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)
Infants to 2 years 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 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



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**.

Jan. 16th — Arrowhead Golf Course

Jan. 18th — 11:15AM Wesley Hall

Program — Greg Rowles, entertainer; **Meal** by Jayne Smith

Jan. 9th golf at River Oaks was cancelled due to the weather.

There were 72 participants for the meal on January 4th.



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jayne Smith and Eve Harris** for their service to the **Children's Music Program**. Eve has served for the past 5 years, and Jayne has been teaching handbells for as long as anyone can remember!!! This spring, we are taking a break from Children's Music as we look to the future. As other Children's programming is put into place, we will see how music fits into that program. Until that time, we would like **to thank these ladies for their service and love of children**.

Calling all **children, youth, and adults interested in serving** in traditional worship to bring in the light of Christ on Sunday mornings are asked to **email Rhonda Singleton, volunteers@fumcmb.org**, to let her know of your availability to serve.



A huge **THANK YOU** to all of those who served at Community Kitchen this past week: Myla Butler, Jayne and Gary Smith, Dru and Randy McLean, Ned Timmerman, Pam Ford, Melissa Sadin, Sherrill Allen, Ron Andrews, John Lox, Gay Disco, Jan Niski, and Tara Howser. Our **next opportunity to serve** will be **March 25th-March 29th**. Please contact Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253 to sign up!



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 to this fellowship group. **Volunteer help is needed for child care**. Please **call Barbara Cherry, 301-379-5055**.



Small Group Feedback Needed!

At First Church, your feedback is valuable to us! We continually strive to better serve our congregation and community. You are invited to complete a brief survey to help us understand your needs and preferences regarding small group topics and participation.

Your input will help shape our focus and ensure that we provide the best possible support and spiritual guidance.

Click below or scan the QR code to complete the survey:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/46f91a74/YsbQzsKKiEanK4rzEekynQ?u=https://forms.gle/zjGRZ7VSaqmJ4MFQ6>





1/14 NO YOUTH GROUP due to LookUp Lodge
1/17 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.
1/21 Youth movie night, Wesley Hall immediately following the church vote

derek@fumcmb.org

Do you attend **Contemporary Worship?**
Ushers (Youth & Adults) are needed to serve in Contemporary worship. To serve, please **text James Sturgeon at 843-424-6537**. Thank you!



This is YOUR CHURCH! The **Children's Ministry** at First Church **urgently needs additional servants** for Children's Church and Children's message time. **Contact Pastor Donna**, donna@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164 x204, to let her know your availability. Thank you.

Opportunities to Fellowship and Serve
Mondays, 10:30AM—12 Noon

The Sunshiners

3rd Monday (Jan 15) Sonshine Gifts, The 925; Contact: Linda Evans
4th Monday (Jan 22) Fellowship, Contacts: Jean Clemmons or Sandy Springs

CDM Annual BBQ Fundraiser
Friday, February 2nd, from 11AM to 2PM

Cost: \$10/plate prepared by Kennys Barbeque
 BBQ, rice/gravy, sweet potato soufflé, cole slaw, bread
Pick up only from the CDM Youth Center, 904 65th Ave N, MB
Local delivery for orders of 20 plates or more
Purchase tickets from any CDM parent or call CDM, 843-692-9272



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 1/7/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$15,611
Total Revenue YTD:	\$19,504
Total Expenses YTD:	\$52,344
Difference YTD:	- \$ 32,840

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$90,277

Presence 1/7/2024

◆ Worship in person:	440
◆ Worship online:	849
◆ Fox TV & promos (Nov. mo. est):	24,640
◆ Social Media impressions:	3,169
◆ Sunday School:	131

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

Welcome!

It is our blessing to welcome the following **new members** who were received into First Church membership on Sunday, **January 7, 2024**, in Traditional worship:

Debbie Hadstate

by transfer from another denomination.



Sandra Kandel

by transfer from another denomination.



Edward Suchonic

by transfer from another denomination.

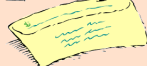


Jill, Paul and Walker Swaim by letter of transfer

from Florence Methodist Church, Florence, KY; **Coleman and Caroline** are received on the preparatory roll.

Offering Envelopes

2024 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Church office on Sunday. If you do not find your name on a box, please contact **Kay** in the church office, 843-488-7164 or kay@fumcmb.org.



Happening This Week

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

- 8:45AM--
11:15AM **Nursery/Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube

MONDAY, Jan. 15

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** WESLEY KITCHEN
2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** CHAPEL
3:00PM **Grief Support** THE 925
5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, Jan. 16

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17

- 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 challenge**
THE 925
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Jan. 18

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**
WESLEY HALL
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

Looking Ahead!

1/21 3:30PM **Discernment VOTE**
2/14 **Ash Wednesday**
3/24 **Palm Sunday**
3/28 **Maundy Thursday**
3/29 **Good Friday**
3/31 **Easter**

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



Instructions for the Church Conference Vote on Disaffiliation
January 21, 2024, 3:30PM in the Sanctuary

Please arrive early as there will be a registration process for professing members. We will open the doors at 2:45PM. The meeting will start at 3:30PM. Please come early to ensure that you are properly registered to vote and seated before the meeting begins.

You may enter the sanctuary through any door. There will be four registration tables in front of the altar rail in the sanctuary. Please register at the table according to your last name. Full professing members will sign and receive a wristband. Spouses or family members who are not professing members will not sign in nor receive a wristband but may attend the meeting. We will reserve the first two pews for those with mobility concerns. We ask that if your last name comes early in the alphabet, please sit near the front half of the sanctuary. If your last name comes later in the alphabet, please sit near the back half of the sanctuary. This will help in the distribution of ballots.

Childcare is available for children 5th grade and under. Parents need to sign in their children in the Wesley Building and sign them out in the same place.

Once all of our professing members have signed in, the District Superintendent will start the Church Conference. Rev. McMakin will pray, and we will sing a congregational hymn. Our Church Council chairperson will give a synopsis of our discernment process and present a motion from Church Council that our church disaffiliate/separate from the United Methodist Church.

The District Superintendent will follow Robert's Rules of Order and allow up to three speeches in favor of the motion to disaffiliate and up to three speeches against the motion to disaffiliate. Speeches will be limited to three minutes or less.

To distribute the ballots for the vote, the District Superintendent will call the roll of professing members who have signed in. As each person's name is called, one of our ushers or Trustees will take a ballot to them. This may be a lengthy process, but this is what the District Superintendent has required in order to ensure that only professing members be given a ballot.

Once all of the professing members have received their ballots, they will have the opportunity to mark their ballots. The two options will be: (Select only one option)

- YES (I am in favor of the motion to separate from the United Methodist Church)
 NO (I am not in favor of the motion to separate from the United Methodist Church)

Once all the ballots have been marked, we will collect the ballots. The District Superintendent and two of our Trustees will count the ballots in the sanctuary. All professing members are asked to stay while the ballots are counted in order to hear the results of the vote.

After the results are reported, there will be a prayer, a closing hymn and a benediction.

We appreciate the manner in which everyone has conducted themselves so far through this process, and we ask that everyone continue to conduct themselves in a manner that is pleasing unto the Lord.