



The Steeple ■ January 15, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM* Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

*Facebook Live-stream

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

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

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 "How Great Thou Art" arr. Marilyn Ham
(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** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:19-22 Brenda Bellamy

Anthem "Peace Like a River" arr. Moore

Pastoral Prayer Mr. 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.

Teacher Recognition Rev. McMakin

*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 "Blessed Assurance" arr. Leatherman

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

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* Offertory Prayer		Mr. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“They’ll Know We are Christians”	TFWS #2223
* Sermon Text		
Sermon	“Spiritual Growth Pathway: Grow”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“Marching to Zion”	UMH #733
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”	arr. R.C. Wilson

(* 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 or check-in on the Realm app on your mobile device.</p> <p>Sunday School Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. <i>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</i></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 of the 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.

Flowers for worship are needed for Jan. 22; Feb. 5, 12; Mar 5, 12, 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, 843-448-7164 x207 or trisha@fumcmb.org.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app, or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7).

Serving in Traditional Worship

GREETERS—JANUARY

Front Kathi & Cam McCarl

Office Sylvia Harmon

USHERS/Traditional—JANUARY

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

Acolyte Will Sturzenbecker **Bible Bearer** Claire Sturzenbecker **Crucifer** Wes Sturzenbecker

Video Jim Lewis

Audio Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Livestream Jason Gildner

Slides Ethan Gildner or Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Mary Margaret Kittle, Don Myers, Daniel Shuler



Monthly Mission Impact—JANUARY

MISSIONS IMPACT WEEKEND — January 27-29, 2023

Friday, January 27th, Wesley Hall
5:00PM-8:00PM—Dinner, Wesley Hall, Missioner's Exhibits

Saturday, January 28th, Wesley Hall
9:00AM-11:00AM—Focused Missioner Presentations

Sunday, January 29th, Combined Traditional/Contemporary Worship
10:00AM—Worship, Guest Speakers, Faith Promise

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Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Kevin Williamson** and family on the passing of his brother, **Mark Williamson**, on January 8, 2023 in Denver, CO.

New Member Classes—January 15, 22, February 5, 12
9AM—Resource Library, Wesley Building Room 104
Email Pastor Michelle for more info, mdlouk@umcsc.org.



Join **The Seekers** Sunday School class at 9AM in the **Asbury Building, Room 207** for a discussion-based class diving into their first study on the **"Parables of Jesus"** led by **Jody Davis and Debbie Conner**. The class is open to any adults seeking to learn more about Biblical principles and God's word.

Pastor Joel's challenge is for everyone to **read the New Testament in a year**. **Pastor Michelle will lead a weekly Bible study** using this reading plan. **Beginning January 18th, and each Wednesday at 1:15PM**, we will explore the readings of the previous week. Anyone is invited to join us at **Magnolia's @ 26th**, upstairs. If you would like to arrive early, feel free to purchase your lunch and join others upstairs for a time of food and fellowship before the study.



BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!
Week 3 reading schedule (one chapter per day): Matthew, chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don't already have one.

Jan 16	John 15:12-17
Jan 17	Deuteronomy 7:6-8
Jan 18	2 Thessalonians 2:13-15
Jan 19	Isaiah 43:5-10
Jan 20	2 Peter 2:4-7
Jan 21	Psalms 105:43-45
Jan 22	Colossians 3:12-17

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
"Controlled by Peace"
Colossians 3:1-17

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**. Information packets and applications are available on the church website or on the various information tables near worship spaces. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.

January 17 Whispering Pines Golf Course

January 19 Program | 11:15AM | Wesley Center | Meal by Jayne Smith
Greg Rowles, Entertainer

January 10 Arrowhead Golf Tournament Winners—24 Participants

1st Place Tie: Score of 67

- ♦ Walt Meyer, Steve Wells, John Aycock, Les Haga
- ♦ Terry Balla, Bill Koppel, Carl Palmberg, Scott Bowen

2nd Place: Score of 68

- ♦ Don Shillingburg, Joe Scali, Dereck Peters, Tommy Moore

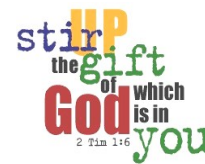


Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Live each day as if it were your last."

~ Seneca

Ephesians 4:11-13 says, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."



Today, Sunday, January 15th, we honor our **Sunday School teachers** for their dedication to teaching the Word of God to all ages. On **Sunday, January 22nd**, we will recognize our **2023 Lay Leadership** for their commitment to serve God's Church in many ways. We invite these **volunteers to join us on their designated date at either of our 10:00AM worship services** so we may take a moment to say, "Thank you!"



Church Council meeting follow-up. As many of you have probably heard already, hundreds of UM churches have disaffiliated from the UMC. The vast majority of those churches are traditional/conservative and want to leave the denomination that they see as headed too far in a liberal/progressive direction.

On Monday, January 9, Church Council approved the formation of a **Lay Advisory Committee** consisting of the following members—Alicia Bame, Case Brittain, Clark Butler, Ron Carpenter, Debbie Conner, Ruell Hicks, Rick Hussey, Neil McCoy, Randy Wallace, Drew Langway, and Brenda Bellamy—who will explore and collect relevant information pertaining to the division within the United Methodist Church. This advisory committee **will work collectively to ensure that the members of FUMC Myrtle Beach are well informed** of all pertinent issues and information in order **to make a well-informed decision** pertaining to the future of our church.

A **congregational meeting will be held in the very near future** to begin open communication with everyone.



Youth Schedule...

Jan. 15: NO YOUTH GROUP, holiday weekend

Jan. 18: Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A

Jan. 22: 5:15PM Youth @ N Campus

Jan. 27-29: Revolution, Columbia SC

The **December Coat Drive** yielded over **130 coats** for distribution to New Directions Family Shelter and Help4Kids. **Thank you** to First Church for your generosity and caring. Your thoughtful actions have been a welcomed need for those in our community who would have otherwise gone without proper winter outerwear.



ABC Training

Acolytes—Bible Bearers—Crucifers

January 21st @ 11AM OR February 12th @ 9AM

Sanctuary

All children ages 8 & up interested in serving their church, please attend this educational training.

Children only need to attend one of these dates.

Rachel Platt and Norman McQueen, trainers



Children's Christmas Caroling



Thanks for Your Support!

As of Year-end*, 12/31/2022:

Total Revenue: \$ 1,875,989.71

Total Expenses: \$ 1,698,505.32

Difference: \$ 177,484.39

**Unadjusted*

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Missions Faith Promise Goal 2022:

\$ 101,000

Faith Promise Receipts 12/31/22:

\$ 128,204

Financials and Attendance

As of 1/8/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of 1/8/23: \$ 33,505

Total Revenue YTD: \$ 41,144

Total Expenses YTD: \$ 24,784

Difference YTD: \$ 16,360

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise Goal 2023: \$ TBD

Faith Promise Receipts 2023: \$ 391

Presence 1/8/2023

- ◆ Worship: 430
- ◆ Fox TV (Oct wkly est) 1,680
- ◆ Worship Facebook/Web: 713
- ◆ All Social Media: 3,028
- ◆ Sunday School: 159

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: www.facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram: firstchurchmb

Request emailed **Steeple**: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

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 Michelle will bring the message.



Racepath Center Mission work

DECEMBER
2022!



Shepherd's
Child



Gather
Grow
Give
Go
FUMC



Handbells—Covenant Towers

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, January 15, 2023

- 8:30-11 AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** all ages
- 9:00AM **Confirmation Class** 921
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Livestreamed
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship***
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR

MONDAY, Jan. 16

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

TUESDAY, Jan. 17

Snowbird & Seagulls Golf
WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18

- 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
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
MUSIC SUITE

THURSDAY, Jan. 19

- 9-Noon **Library** (Peggy Ecker, Librarian)
- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 11:15AM **Snowbirds & Seagulls**
WESLEY HALL
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

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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Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chad W. Mullinix, Youth Director

Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor
Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus





FIRST CHURCH

MYRTLE BEACH

Sunday School offers an opportunity, for all ages, to explore God's word within the fellowship of believers, helping us to grow in our understanding of the Scripture, value God's word, and appropriately apply God's Holy word to our lives.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS DIRECTORY ✨

ARK - THE 925

Format: Discussion based with multiple teachers rotating
Curriculum: Varied studies, Bible
Class philosophy: Strives to learn how to develop a closer relationship with Jesus. Class socializes inside and outside of church.
Age Range: 50's to 90's, but all are welcome

BRITAIN - A101

Format: Varies, discussion or lecture
Curriculum: Teacher's Discretion
Class philosophy: To learn, serve, and fellowship
Age Range: 55 & up, everyone is welcome

FAITH FOUNDATIONS/ NEW HORIZONS - A20

Format: Open Discussion
Curriculum: Various Bible Topics
Class philosophy: Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others
Age Range: All are welcome

M.D. MOORE - W105

Format: Lecture and Discussion Based
Curriculum: Uniform International Lesson Series
Class Philosophy: Striving to learn, understand and obey God's Word!
Age Range: Mostly seniors, but all are warmly welcomed

OPEN DOORS - W103

Format: Discussion Based with multiple teachers
Curriculum: International Lecture Series
Class Philosophy: Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others
Age Range: 50's and up, but all are welcome

OPEN FELLOWSHIP MUSIC CENTER

Format: Lecture and Discussion with multiple teachers
Curriculum: International Series and some special series by different authors at the group's request
Class philosophy: To Love and Share Jesus
Age Range: All ages are welcome

SEEKERS - A207

Format: Discussion based
Curriculum: Multiple curricula used
Class Philosophy: Newly formed class, first Study is the Parables of Jesus
Age Range: All are welcome

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS DIRECTORY

NURSERY - W101

First Church offers a nursery for ages newborn – early threes during our Sunday School and our Worship hour. Our well-trained, paid staff have received instruction in CPR and First Aid and adhere to our Safe Sanctuary Policy.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

All children's classes are in the Wesley Building

3 & 4 YEAR OLDS W102

K-1ST GRADE W205

2-3RD GRADE W203

3-4TH GRADE W204

All children's classes use age-appropriate Celebrate Wonder as their Sunday school curriculum that engages children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love. A safe environment is created where kids can ask big questions—helping them explore the Bible in ways that feed their imagination and encourage creativity. Using carefully selected Bible stories, songs, videos, and hands-on activities, Celebrate Wonder gives children the tools to explore their faith while incorporating it into their daily lives.

YOUTH CLASSES

All Youth Classes are in the Sunshine Building

6-12TH GRADE

Our mission is to prepare our youth for a lifelong walk with Jesus, by teaching the truths of His word. We aim to guide our youth as they build a firm foundation in Christ, through biblical study, prayer and application

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class is in the Sunshine Building

Confirm: Your Faith. Your Commitment. God's Call. Confirmation is a 30-week class that leads youth into a mature, adult faith. Confirm treats confirmation as more than a decision. Instead, it is the beginning of a conversation about what it means to be a Christian, living out your faith, your commitment, and God's call.



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A Pathway to a Stronger Relationship with Jesus



Maturing in Christ

Jesus is your intimate friend. Following Jesus is the most important part of your life, and you are eager to serve God and share God's love and Good News with others.

Growing in Christ

Jesus is Your Close Friend. Your intentional following and learning from Jesus have led you to become close with him. Your life has changed significantly because of your relationship with Jesus.



Beginning with Christ

Jesus is Your Friend. You believe in Jesus, but your faith is young and vulnerable. Your life is starting to change because of your new faith.



Exploring Christ

Jesus is an Acquaintance. You don't know if you believe in him yet, but you are open to it. You are starting to believe there is more to life than eating, working, and sleeping.



NEXT STEPS →



NEXT STEPS

With Others

Personal Growth

Service

Maturing in Christ

Continue participating in and possibly leading Sunday School Classes or Bible Studies.

Find someone to mentor in the faith.

Read about spiritual disciplines: Soul Feast by Marjorie Thompson and other Christian books.

Commit to reading the whole Bible.

Commit to tithing (10%) back to God.

Constantly look for opportunities to share your faith in Christ.

Look for ways to volunteer or serve at church and in the community.

Seek to represent Jesus to all people.

Take a UMC District Lay Servant Ministries Class.

Growing in Christ

Join the church and a Sunday School Class if you haven't already.

Take a Bible Study Class at church.

Commit to reading the whole New Testament. Read *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Commit to reading Scripture and praying daily.

Commit to giving a tithe (10%) of your income back to God. (Or start working toward tithing.)

Lead or co-lead a Sunday School class or Bible study.

Talk to others about church and Jesus.

Volunteer at a ministry.

Take a UMC District Lay Servant Ministries Class.

Beginning with Christ

Attend our 4 week New Member's Class.

Join the church and a Sunday School Class.

Write and learn to tell your faith story.

Commit to reading the Bible with our provided plan.

Daily devotional

Commit to memorizing a verse of Scripture each month.

Commit to giving to support the church financially.

Consider serving at church or in the community.

Invite someone to church or find someone with whom to share your faith.

Exploring Christ

Commit to worshipping at church as often as possible.

Consider attending our 4 week New Member's Class.

Read our Getting Started With The Bible flyer.

Commit to reading a brief daily devotional such as *Jesus Calling* or *The Upper Room*

Share with someone that you are attending church.

Read *In The Grip of Grace*, by Max Lucado.

Do something kind for someone outside of your family or close friends.