



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ January 21, 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

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 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 "God, the Almighty" Davidson
(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** "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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** Pastor Donna
(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 Psalm 40:1-5 Debbie Rose
Pew Bible OT pg. 486

Anthem "Will You Come and Follow Me" arr. Trenney

Mission Moment Cam McCarl

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 "Chanter" arr. Robertson

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. McMakin

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* Hymn of Preparation	“Here I Am, Lord”	UMH #593
* Scripture	Psalm 86:8-13 Isaiah 55:1-2, 7-9	<i>Pew Bible OT pg. 514</i> <i>Pew Bible OT pg. 644</i>
Sermon	“Taking God Out of the Box”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	UMH #577
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“Gigue”	Young

(* Please stand 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 have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</p> <p>Sunday School for all ages—3 through adult—9:00 to 9:50AM. Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 my wife, Susan Guinn’s 80th birthday from John Guinn.

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 TBD

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick **Slides/Lighting** Jonathan Kittle
Ushers Mary Margaret Kittle, James Sturgeon
Children’s Message Kate Horsley
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!

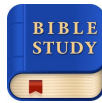
If you stay for Lunch with your children, please contact Trisha in the Church Office,
843-448-7164, to **register the number of children** and age of each child.
Childcare is available for ages infants to 3 years.

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

Congratulations to **Jean Clemmons** on the birth of her great grand-daughter, **Nora James Renfrow**, on January 15, 2024. Proud parents are **Camilla and Hunter Renfrow**, and grandparents, **Suzanne and Tim Renfrow**. A *Cradle Cross and flower* are placed on the altar in honor of this new life.



A Church Conference and vote will take place today, January 21, 2024 at 3:30PM in the **Sanctuary** regarding Church Council's recommendation that First UMC disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. **Doors will open for registration at 2:45PM. Child care is available** in the Wesley Building for children 5th grade and under beginning at 2:45PM and lasting the duration of the meeting.



2024 Bible Reading Challenge!

This year, we are reading the scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary ("RCL"), a **three-year cycle of weekly readings** formed around the Church year seasons. **Copies of the reading plan are located at worship entrances, in the Church Office, and www.fumcmb.org.**
Week 3 (1/21/24): [Jonah 3](#), [Mark 1](#), [1 Corinthians 7](#), [Psalm 62](#), [Proverbs 2](#)

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"When GOD sends signs, be FAITHFUL." ~ Max Lucado, minister/author

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Jan 22 Daniel 1:3-5
Jan 23 Daniel 1:17-21
Jan 24 Daniel 8:27; 9:20-23
Jan 25 Daniel 10:10-19
Jan 26 Daniel 12:1-12
Jan 27 Revelation 17:9-14
Jan 28 Proverbs 2:6-7; Daniel 2:14-30

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"All Glory to God!"
Daniel 1:3-5, 17-21; 2; Proverbs 8:1-36*

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**.

Jan. 23rd — Whispering Pines Golf Course

Jan. 25th — 11:15AM Wesley Hall

Program — Dr. Terry Mullins, "The Melungeon People"

Meal — Firehouses Subs

Jan. 16th Golf Scores

1st place Score 67: Tommy Moore, Curt Dumbleton, Earl LaFave, Dick Stevens

2nd place Score 68: Candice Lovett, Dereck Peters, Scott Bowen



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

The Sunshiners It is a New Year and the **Sonshiners** are back to work.

On the first Monday each month, a group visits nursing homes (Myrtle Beach Manor at present) to connect with residents and share hymns, stories, and Christian love.

On the second Monday, a group meets in the Wesley kitchen to cook casseroles. These are then frozen and kept in the kitchen freezer for any church member to distribute to the homebound, recovering from surgery, new parents, or those who would benefit of a meal from our church.

The third Monday finds a group in the 925 room making gifts for seniors, first responders, new members, etc. to share God's love and caring.

Week four is a gathering time for games and Christian fellowship. All persons are invited to join wherever their interests in service lie. Please refer to the **Steeple** for times.

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.



The **Wednesday Bible study** meets at **1:30PM in The 925** continuing in the New Testament in the Book of Revelation, chapters 1, 2, and 3 mdlouk@umcsc.org



 **Child Development Ministry**
OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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





- 1/21 Youth movie night, Wesley Hall** immediately following the church vote
- 1/24 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast**, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.
- 1/28 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus**
- 2/11 Confirmation classes** begin for interested students, grade 7 and above. Contact Derek to sign up or for more information. 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 **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.



Local mission work—Nana's Hope House
 L: Michelle Bowers, Preston Bowers
 R: Rod Adelstone, Gary Smith
 Others: Geoff Smith, Scott Bowen



Thanks for Your Support!

Financials and Attendance

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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As of 1/14/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$23,164
Total Revenue YTD:	\$42,739
Total Expenses YTD:	\$81,497
Difference YTD:	- \$ 38,758

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	TBD
Faith Promise Receipts:	TBD

Presence 1/14/2024

◆ Worship in person:	387
◆ Worship online:	882
◆ Fox TV & promos (Nov. mo. est):	24,640
◆ Social Media impressions:	4,205
◆ Sunday School:	98

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 Facebook.com/FUMCMB Instagram.com/firstchurchmb YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363
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 14, 2024**, in Contemporary worship:



The Tuite Family—Patrick, Tricia, Landon, and Lane—by letter of transfer from Trinity UMC, Myrtle Beach SC.



Sam Elliott by profession of faith; his wife, Erica, by his side.

Rosalie Bellamy by transfer from another denomination.

The **Seekers Sunday School class** invites newcomers to their class **Sunday, Jan. 21st at 9AM**, in Room 207 of the Asbury Building. If you are interested, feel free to join us for breakfast and fellowship!

Looking Ahead!

2/11 Confirmation classes begin
2/14 Ash Wednesday
3/24 Palm Sunday
3/28 Maundy Thursday
3/29 Good Friday
3/31 Easter
6/2 Confirmation

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, January 21, 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
3:30PM **Church Conference**
Disaffiliation Vote SANCTUARY
DOORS OPEN AT 2:45PM
FOLLOWING THE MTG **Youth Group Movie Night**
WESLEY HALL

MONDAY, Jan. 22

10:30AM **Sonshiners** THE 925
3:00PM **Grief Support** ASBURY #104
5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, Jan. 23

9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
2:00PM **Congregational Care** PARLOR
6:00PM **Strategic Leadership** THE 925

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 25

11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**
WESLEY HALL
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
5:30PM **Lions Club** THE 925

MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY January 28, 2024

8:30AM--
11:15AM **Nursery/Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
Sunday School WESLEY HALL
8:45AM COMBINED ADULTS & YOUTH
9:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL WESLEY
10:00AM **COMBINED WORSHIP***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
11:15AM **Catered Lunch** Adults & Youth
Childcare/Nursery to 3 yrs
Children's Lunch/Project WESLEY
4 yrs to 5th grade
5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

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

