



# The Steeple ■ January 2, 2022

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30AM\* & 11:00AM Traditional, Sanctuary

11:00AM\* Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

**NO MONDAY WORSHIP**

\*also Facebook Live-stream

## Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

## Order of Worship

Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2022

*The liturgical color is white, receiving the gift of God in His Son.*

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

**Prelude** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Richard Lind  
*(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God.  
Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.)*

**Welcome** Rev. Jennifer Donkle

\* **The Chiming of the Hour** (*congregation stands*)

\* **Opening Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

\* **Affirmation of Faith** Chad Mullinix | UMH #881

\* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70

**Pastoral Prayer** Mr. 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.*

### Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

*(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)*

**Offertory** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" arr. D.S. Ferguson

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

\* **Offertory Prayer** Mr. Mullinix

**Children's Message** Rev. Donkle

*11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church.  
Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Bldg.*

\* **Hymn of Preparation** "We Three Kings" UMH #254

\* **Sermon Text** Matthew 2:1-12  
Brenda Bellamy **8:30**  
Shelby Sansbury **11:00**

*(Continued on the next page.)*

<b>Anthem</b>	“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” Kim Alexander, Rhonda Singleton, Lisa Washburn, <i>Ladies Trio</i>	arr. Brunner
<b>Sermon</b>	“What’s Your Response?”	Rev. Donkle
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	UMH #221 v. 1 & 4
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Donkle
<b>Postlude</b>	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	arr. Hugo Gehrke

(\*) *Stand as you are able.*

**Attendance**

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew for everyone to register their attendance.

**Sunday School**

Classes are available for Children ages 3 through Adult every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM.

\*\*\*Ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals\*\*\*

**Children**

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 through 1st grade following the Children’s Message in 11AM 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.

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Helen Clemmons’ birthday by her family.

**Flowers are needed for the following dates: Feb 6, 13, 20.** To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 or [jennifer@fumcmb.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcmb.org).

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Traditional Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM, Contemporary Worship at 11AM, on the website ([fumcmb.org](http://fumcmb.org)), on mobile app, or on FOX TV (ch 7) Sundays at 10AM (one week delay).

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE on the Pew Pads. Please use personal discretion for Masks and Distancing in all church buildings and be respectful of others. Masks are STRONG RECOMMENDED.**

**Assisting in Worship**

**GREETERS**

<b>8:30 Front</b> Linda Lox	<b>11:00 Front</b> Sherrill & Charlie Allen
<b>8:30 Broadway</b> Ann & Ron Anderson	<b>11:00 Broadway</b> Naomi & Harris D'Antignac
<b>8:30 Office</b> Martha & Joe Castellano	<b>11:00 Office</b> Ann Anderson

**USHERS**

**8:30 Toby Ward, Harold Branton;** Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Claylene Gore, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Dennis Neptune, Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn.  
**11:00AM Annette Willett:** Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, CarolAnn Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, John Poupore, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Dennis Ruby, Ed Willett

<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>8:30</b> Ava Hussey	<b>11:00</b> James Hamrick
<b>BIBLE BEARER</b>		<b>11:00</b> Samuel Hamrick
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	<b>8:30</b> Reagan McQueen	<b>11:00</b> Dorothy Hamrick

**VIDEO** | Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** **8:30** Melinda Morgan  
**11:00** Scott Bowen



# Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!



Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a weekly program that starts January 4th and continues through March. This ministry is geared for the local and snowbird seniors. Weekly programs are held on Thursday mornings, and weekly golf outings take place on Tuesday mornings. Information packets and applications are available online or in the church office. For more information, please contact Scott Bowen 843-448-7164. Weekly programs and Tournament Winners will be shown below. **All meals are \$5.00 per person.**

**January 4 | Traditions Golf Course**  
**January 6 Program | 11:15AM | Wesley Center | Scott Bellamy-Chicken Bog**  
 Big Tom with John Paul Miller, Piano



**PLAN TO ATTEND—MISSIONS IMPACT WEEKEND**  
**January 28-30, 2022**

**Friday, January 28th**  
**5:00—8:00PM** – Congregational Dinner (catered) and Missioners' Exhibits

**Saturday, January 29th**  
**9:30AM—12 Noon** – Focused Missioner Presentations

**Sunday, January 30th**  
**8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional and Contemporary worship**  
 Guest Missioner Speakers in each service

**Congratulations to Dixie Dugan** on becoming a great-grandmother for the birth of her great-granddaughter, **Renee Linda French**, on December 1, 2021. Proud parents are **Stacy and Robert French** and equally proud grandparents are **Susan and Michael Montebella**.

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Don't try to be someone else. Don't try to be something else. No one can be better at being you than you." ~ Anonymous

### *First Church Weekly Readings:\**

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

- Jan 3 Genesis 3:6-8
- Jan 4 Jeremiah 23:23-24
- Jan 5 Psalm 34:17-19
- Jan 6 Psalm 16:7-11
- Jan 7 Matthew 5:8
- Jan 8 Genesis 28:10-17
- Jan 9 Isaiah 6:1-13

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
 Isaiah 6:1-13  
 "Coming Into God's Presence"*

### *Sunday School Classes*

#### Children's Classes

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-old pre Kindergarten/First Gr	Wesley 102
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 205
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 203
	Wesley 204

#### Youth Classes

6th - 12th Grades Sonshine House

#### Adult Classes

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 101
Faith Foundations	Asbury 103
MD Moore*	Wesley 105
New Horizons	Asbury 201
Open Doors*	Wesley 103
Open Fellowship*	Music Center 101

**WORSHIP GUIDELINES:** Join us for worship as your health permits. Please use personal discretion for Masks and Distancing; however, masks are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.

**Deadly tornadoes recently ravaged five UMC conferences.**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in communication with disaster response coordinators in these conferences and has initiated solidarity grants with three of the most severely affected: Kentucky, Western Tennessee, Arkansas. These early emergency grants help meet the immediate needs of survivors and offer conferences flexibility to meet those needs. As search/recovery efforts continue, here's how SC United Methodists may help.



**1) Pray, then pray more**

**2) Stay out of the way** - The SC Conference cannot send Early Response Teams to other conferences without a formal invitation. ERT members will be notified. UMCOR stands ready to journey with the affected conferences from disaster chaos toward holistic, long-term recovery.

**3) Give to UMCOR** - to provide the resources that will be so critically needed over the coming weeks, months and years. When giving through the Advance, **100% of the gift goes to serve others** in the way that you choose.

**Donate to the UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery**

**(Advance #901670)** — <https://umcmmission.org/give-to-umcor/>

Do not send supplies or other materials to affected areas. Officials and volunteers are not ready to accept physical donations.



**Ladies Lunch & Devotion**  
**Wednesday, January 12th, 11:30AM at Magnolia's**



**Compassionate Caregivers** offers information and support for anyone caring for a family member suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia. We meet in the First Church **Parlor** on the **first and third Thursdays** each month from 10AM-11:30AM. For more information, please **contact Sherrill Allen** and leave a message, 843-251-1163.

**E-Steeple recipients:** A communications error occurred when last Thursday's **Steeple** was emailed. Initially, the error occurred for those who have a *sc.rr.com* email provider; however, it appears that other email providers were also affected. If your email is registered with the church to receive the weekly **Steeple**, and other communications, but you are not receiving them, please try to resolve with one of the following suggestions:

1. Review your phone or computer's "junk" or "spam" mailbox to determine if the message landed in either of these boxes. If so, identify that message as *not junk/spam* and move it to your Inbox; or
2. Go online to your provider's email site and "add" this sender contact to your Contacts folder, **tsfumc@fumcmb.org**.
3. If all else fails, please call/email Melinda Morgan in the church office, [melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164.

Thank you for your patience during this challenge.





## Youth Schedule...

- Jan 2:** NO YOUTH—Happy New Year!
- Jan 5:** 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast  
Southern House of Pancakes (\$7)
- Jan 9:** 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus
- Jan 29:** Revolution, Columbia SC

**IMPORTANT DATE—Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**MANDATORY Safe Sanctuary Training**  
 Wesley Worship Center **10AM to 12PM**  
 Donuts & Coffee will be provided



**Training is REQUIRED for all volunteers who work with our children or youth IN ANY CAPACITY** throughout the year (VBS, cooks, chaperones, youth counselors, children and youth Sunday School teachers and those on Children and Youth Councils). **Ushers MUST also attend** this training. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Jennifer Donkle at 843-448-7164 or [donkle@fumcmb.org](mailto:donkle@fumcmb.org).

**Newcomers to First Church**—feel free to explore our website online at [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org) to find out more about getting involved in the life of the church. We offer Sunday School for all ages, UMYF grades 6-12, choirs for adults and children, United Methodist Women (UMW), small groups, and many opportunities to serve. You will also find membership info on the webpage—click "I'm New/About Us".

**I'm moving!**



Please remember to notify FUMC when you have a **change of address, phone number, or email**. It is important that the church's contact information be kept current. Please provide updates to **Jennifer Julian** in the church office at 843-448-7164 or [jennifer@fumcmb.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcmb.org).

**Please pick up 2022 Offering Envelopes** in the church office. To order envelopes, please **notify Kay** in the church office, [kay@fumcmb.org](mailto:kay@fumcmb.org) or 843-488-7164.

**Offering Envelopes**



## Financials and Attendance

**Give electronically** with a cell phone. **Scan the QR Code** with your phone's camera, tap the link at the top of the screen to open VENMO to give.



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### Gifts as of 12/26/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 92,573
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,624,628
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,710,196
Difference YTD:	- 85,568

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 12/26/2021

◆ Worship 12/24:	621
◆ Worship 12/26:	154
◆ Fox TV (November)	1,089
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	2,227
◆ All Social Media:	6,356
◆ Sunday School:	No SS

## Thank You

A sincere thank you to the M.D. Moore Sunday School Class and to First Church for all the prayers, cards, calls, and prayer shawl during my recent surgery, hospital stay, and now rehab. Your thoughtfulness and care continue to help pull me through this challenging time.

Blessings,  
Dixie Dugan



## Happening This Week

### SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

- 8:30-Noon **Nursery Provided** WESLEY BLDG  
8:30AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE  
9:45AM **Sunday School—All Ages**  
**No Confirmation Class**  
11:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR | FACEBOOK  
11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY

**Sunday dinners and programming  
start again on 1/9/2022**  
**Monday Night Worship resumes 1/10**

### MONDAY, January 3

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**New Year Holiday**

**THRIFT STORE CLOSED**

- 6:30PM **Festive Brass Rehearsal**  
THE 925

### TUESDAY, January 4

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting**  
OFC-2nd FLOOR  
10:00AM **UMW Exec Board Mtg**  
PARLOR

### WEDNESDAY, January 5

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)  
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
6:30PM **Adult Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC CENTER

### THURSDAY, January 6

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group**  
1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**  
6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAY, January 7

- 8:30AM **Band Rehearsal**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER

### Ministers

**Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor**

**Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus**  
**Rev. Jennifer Donkle, Minister,**  
*Christian Education/Programming*

First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC  
Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:00AM-5:00PM—CLOSED FRIDAY  
North Campus: Thomas N Brittain Center, 905 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC



**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  
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