



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

## The Steeple ■ January 7, 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

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2024

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

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

**Prelude**

"We Three Kings"

arr. Taylor

*(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**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

UMH #224

\* **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 **3 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 27:1-4

Sharri Hammond  
Pew Bible OT pg. 476

**Anthem**

"I Love You Lord/My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. Pethel

**Mission Moment**

Scott Bowen, Missions Co-chair

**Pastoral Prayer**

Claire Sturzenbecker/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**

"The Three Kings"

arr. Held

\* **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

\* **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Creel

\* **Preparatory Hymn**

"We Three Kings"

UMH #254

*(Continued on the next page.)*

<b>* Scripture</b>	Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12	<i>Pew Bible NT pgs. 1, 2</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“An Illuminating Discovery”	Rev. McMakin
<b>Service of Word and Table</b>		UMH #12
<b>Communion Reflection</b>		Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. Your communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit Mobile Meals.</i>	
<b>New Members Reception</b>	<i>Debbie Hadstate Sandra Kandel Edward Suchonic Jill &amp; Paul Swaim</i>	UMH #48
<b>* Closing Hymn</b>	“Emmanuel”	UMH #204
<b>* Benediction</b>		Rev. McMakin
<b>* Postlude</b>	“We Three Kings”	arr. Whitworth

(\*) *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 also offer “Little Church” to children <b>ages 3 yrs to 1st grade</b> after the Children’s Message in worship. Little Church is a child-friendly time to worship and learn about God’s Word in room 201, Wesley Building (upstairs). 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 loving memory of Harrison Clemmons on his birthday by Mom and Dad.

Worship flowers are needed for Jan. 21; Feb. 4; Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. 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—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

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Brenda Bellamy, Jessica Smith, Michelle Bowers, Neal Bowers, Meredith Bowers, Preston Bowers

**ACOLYTE** Drew Kelly

**CRUCIFER** Michael Kelly

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Melinda Morgan

### *Serving in Contemporary Worship*

**Camera/Livestream** Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick  
**Ushers** TBD  
**Communion Stewards** Macie McMillan, Mackinley Jane Blackwell, Ella Atkinson, Wilson Atkinson

**Slides/Lighting** Jonathan Kittle  
**Little Church** Michelle Sturzenbecker, Piper Butler



## 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!

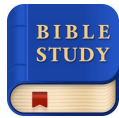
**If you stay for Lunch with your children**, please contact Trisha in the Church Office,  
843-448-7164, to **register the number of children** and age of each child.  
**Childcare is available** for ages infants to 3 years.

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

**Condolences**—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to:

The family of **Rev. Mike Black** on his passing December 29, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, SC; and

**Tom Winn and Rhonda Singleton** and families on the passing of their cousin, **Claude R. Newton**, on December 27, 2023 in Mt. Pleasant, SC.



### 2024 Bible Reading Challenge!

Our challenge this year is to read the Scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary ("RCL"). The RCL is a **three-year cycle of weekly readings**, built around the season of the Church year, that often include an **Old Testament reading, a Psalter reading, a Gospel reading, and an Epistle (New Testament) reading**. Enjoy your challenge reading the Scriptures each week. **Reading plan copies are located at worship entrances, in the church office, and [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org).**

The Wednesday Bible study resumes on  
**January 10, 2024 at 1:30PM in The 925**  
continuing in the New Testament, the Book of 1 John



### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"May I listen to God's voice always, and always do what He asks of me."  
~ Annette Willett

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

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

Jan 8	Acts 7:9-22
Jan 9	Mark 6:1-6
Jan 10	Ephesians 1:15-23
Jan 11	Ephesians 3:7-21
Jan 12	Romans 11:33-35
Jan 13	Matthew 11:19; 12:42; 13:51-58
Jan 14	Proverbs 2:11-12; Genesis 50:15-21

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series  
"The Marks of True Wisdom"  
Proverbs 2:11-12, 3:1-18; Genesis 39:21-23;  
Genesis 41; 45:5-8; 50:15-21

### *Sunday School Classes*

**Children's Classes** (Wesley Bldg)  
Infants to 2 years W-106  
3 & 4 yr olds W-102  
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**. Weekly programs are held Thursday mornings, and weekly golf outings take place Tuesday mornings. **Information packets and applications are available on the church website or in the church office.** The weekly schedule is shown below. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-236-1823.**

**Jan. 9th | River Oaks Golf Course**

**Jan. 11th—11:15AM Wesley Hall**

**Program—Rev. Joel McMakin, Rev. Michelle Louk; Meal—Taco Soup**



A **final membership discernment meeting** will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 7, 2024** in the **Sanctuary**. The **membership vote will take place on January 21, 2024 at 3:30PM** in the **Sanctuary**. Prior to the vote, please join us for a time of **prayer in the Chapel from 2:45PM—3:15PM on January 21st** leading up to the vote. In addition, both the **Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer** during regular office hours and on Sundays. **Be sure to verify your membership status no later than Jan. 8th** with Trisha, [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org). Thank you.



### Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Teresa Crocker will bring the devotion on **Wednesday, January 10th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. We encourage all ladies to attend and invite a friend!



THE MOMCO  
BY MOPS INTERNATIONAL

**MOMCo** (formerly MOPS) is coming! **Mothers of Preschoolers** will begin meeting here at First Church on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30AM in the Wesley Hall** for **Bible study and fellowship**. All mothers with pre-schoolers are welcome to this fellowship group. **Volunteer help is needed for child care.** Please **call Barbara Cherry, 301-379-5055.**

**Thank you** for bringing flower vases for the Flower Ministry. At this time, we have no more storage space. Please hold your vases for a month or two until we have additional space.



### 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/zjGRZ7VSaamJ4MFQ6>





1/7 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus  
 1/10 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.  
**January 12-15, 2024 Look Up Lodge—Youth Winter Camp**  
 1/14 **NO YOUTH GROUP** due to LookUp Lodge  
 1/17 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus  
 1/21 Youth movie night, Wesley Hall immediately following the church vote [derek@fumcmb.org](mailto: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!




**FIRST CHURCH KIDS**

**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](mailto: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*



**2nd Monday (Jan 8)** Casserole cooking Wesley Kitchen; Contact: Phyllis Townsend  
**3rd Monday (Jan 15)** Sunshine Gifts, The 925; Contact: Linda Evans

**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](mailto:kay@fumcmb.org).




### 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.

**venmo**

**As of 12/31/2023 (includes online giving):**

Contributions week of:	\$ 86,287
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,730,561
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,706,478
Difference YTD:	\$24,082

*Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.*

**MISSION IMPACT 2023**

<b>Faith Promise:</b>	<b>\$ 111,160</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts:</b>	<b>\$89,926</b>

**Presence 12/31/2023**

♦ Worship in person:	360
♦ Worship online:	576
♦ Fox TV & promos (Oct. mo. est):	23,300
♦ Social Media impressions:	2,970
♦ Sunday School:	47

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**Request The Steeple via email: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto: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, **December 31, 2023.**

## Traditional worship:

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to**



**Sandra Waugh** and she was then received by profession of faith.

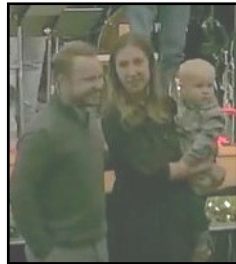


**Joyce and David Coffman** by reaffirmation of faith.

## Contemporary worship:

**Haley and Derek Price (Luke)**

by transfer from Solid Rock in Market Common.



## Looking Ahead!

1/8/24 Community Kitchen week  
1/10/24 Ladies lunch/devotion  
1/17/24 MOMCo fellowship  
1/12-15/24 Youth—LookUp Lodge  
1/21/24 Discernment VOTE

## Happening This Week

### SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

- 8:45AM--  
12:15PM **Nursery/Toddlers** WESLEY CTR  
9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES  
10:00AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY \*Facebook  
10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube  
11:15AM **Discernment Mtg** SANCTUARY  
5:15PM **Youth Group** @ N CAMPUS

### MONDAY, Jan. 8

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** WESLEY KITCHEN  
2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** CHAPEL  
3:00PM **Grief Support** THE 925  
5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG  
5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-upstairs  
6:00PM **Worship Mtg** PARLOR

### TUESDAY, Jan. 9

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs  
11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
COVENANT TOWERS  
3:00PM **Lautrelle-Merchant Circle**  
PARLOR  
4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**  
MEMBER HOME  
4:30PM **Missions Committee**  
OFC-upstairs  
6:00PM **Cloister Circle** MEMBER HOME

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
11:30AM **Ladies Lunch Devotion**  
MAGNOLIAL'S@26TH, upstairs  
1:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG  
1:30PM **Bible Study challenge**  
THE 925  
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
CHAPEL

### THURSDAY, Jan. 11

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

### FRIDAY, Jan 12

- 10:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle** PARLOR  
1/12-1/15 **Youth—LookUp Lodge**

## 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 DECEMBER 2023 BULLETIN**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Bill Bellamy**

Rock Smith Family (Epworth Children's Home)  
Marilyn Mason (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)  
Chris & Randy Wallace (Youth Fund)

**Gerald Boyles**

Chris & Randy Wallace (Youth Fund)

**Mr. & Mrs. Rowan Crews**

Girls @ H.B. Springs Company (Memorial Fund)

**John Diemer**

John & Neita Denny (Memorial Fund)

**Loreene Glandt**

Marilyn Mason (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

**Ann Harmon**

Marilyn Mason (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

**Austin Howell**

Kathy & Bill Rodwell (Handbell Fund)

**Harold & Vera Jackson**

Grand Children & Great Grand Children  
(Memorial Fund)

**Sue Latimer**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Ted Herman Mullinix**

Rock Smit Family (Youth Fund)  
Donnie & Amy Strong (Memorial Fund)

**Gael Sansbury**

Tempe Anne Oehler (Memorial Fund)

**Rock Smith**

Delan & Linda Stevens (Memorial Fund)  
Rhett Sansbury (Memorial Fund)  
Barbara McAlister (Memorial Fund)  
Donnie & Amy Strong (Memorial Fund)  
Eugene & Lynn Todd (Memorial Fund)  
Barbara Small (Memorial Fund)  
Tommy & Kent Gray (Memorial Fund)  
Ed & Annette Willett (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)  
Jim & Beth Rozier (Memorial Fund)  
Meredith & Larry Hyman (Memorial Fund)  
Jackie & Cathy Starnes (Memorial Fund)  
Conway Feed & Garden Center (Memorial Fund)  
Joe & Jerri Woodle (Memorial Fund)  
Jim & Ann Monroe (Memorial Fund)  
Madison & Kitty Howell (Memorial Fund)  
Pete & Tamera Stewart (Memorial Fund)  
Jimmy & Ann Hayes (Memorial Fund)

**Rock Smith (continued):**

Bobby & Ann Anderson (Memorial Fund)  
Ray & Deborah Floyd (Epworth Children's Home)  
Frank & Harriet Clark (General Fund)  
Ruell & Deborah Hicks (Youth Fund)  
Marilyn Mason (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)  
Chris & Randy Wallace (Youth Fund)  
Scott & Lisa Brandon (Memorial Fund)

**Albert Springs, III**

Girls @ H. B. Springs Company (Memorial Fund)

**Wilson Springs**

Girls @ H. B. Springs Company (Memorial Fund)

**Marjorie Wing**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Tom Brittain**

Robert & Shirley Schmidt (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Jim Creel, Jr.**

Ed & Annette Willett (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

**Rick & Linda Hussey**

Frank Clark (General Funds)

**Jim Lewis**

Charles Chrstedt (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

**Joel McMakin**

Charles Chrstedt (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

**Grant Nesmith**

Charles Chrstedt (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

**Carmen Springs**

Girls @ H.B. Springs Company (Memorial Fund)

**Sandra Springs**

Girls @ H.B. Springs Company (Memorial Fund)

**Susan Smith**

Frank & Harriet Clark (General Fund)

**Emmy Wasserman**

Marilyn Mason (Handbell Fund)

**Chris & Randy Wallace**

Frank Clark (General Funds)