



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ January 8, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM* Contemporary Worship
Wesley Worship Ctr



*Facebook Live-stream

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

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

The liturgical color is white remembering Jesus' baptism.

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

Prelude

"O Zion Haste"

Mark Sedio

(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**

"We Gather Together"

UMH #131

* **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

Psalm 29:1-11; Matthew 18:20

Buddy Styers

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.

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

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory

"Offertory on a German Communion Hymn"

Flor Peeters

* **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Creel

* **Preparatory Hymn**

"Shall We Gather at the River"

UMH #723 vs. 1,4

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* Sermon Text	Hebrews 10:19-25	
Sermon	“Gather”	Rev. Louk
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Anthem	“Gather Us In”	
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. Communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit Missions.</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“Softly and Tenderly”	UMH #348
* Benediction		
Postlude	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	J. Bert Carlson

(* Please and as you are able.

Attendance

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.**

Sunday School

Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM.

Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals

Children

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.

We welcome everyone today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together. **Please register your attendance** in the pew pad or check in on your mobile device.

Thank you to Darleen Smith for offering her musical talents in worship today.

The **Flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in appreciation of the Wesley Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir for their beautiful music and dedication by Frank and Harriet Clark.

Flowers for worship are needed for Jan. 15, 22; Feb. 5, 12, 19. 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

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Jan and Les Haga, Sharri Hammond, Susan Smith, Michelle and Mark Sturzenbecker

Acolyte Michael Kelley **Bible Bearer** Dru Kelley **Crucifer** Meredith Bowers

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

Communion Steward Meghan Nesmith



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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Congratulations to **Jean and Mike Hussey** on the birth of their grandson, **“Owen” Michael Rich**, on December 16, 2022 in Greenville, SC. Proud parents are **Pamela and Zak Rich** and big sisters **Kennedy and Charley Jane**; and to **Laiken and Bruce James** on the birth of their daughter, **Ocie Rose James** on December 10, 2022. The **Dutch Cradle Crosses** on the altar are placed in honor of these births.

Church Council will meet on **Monday, January 9th** at **5:30PM** in the **Chapel**. All leadership committee chairs are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to all.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Wednesday, January 11th at 11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs. Pastor Michelle will bring the devotion after a time of food and fellowship.

Big Tom's “A Quote”

“Stay close to Jesus Christ. Read God's Word. Pray.”

~ Billy Graham

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 2 reading schedule (one chapter per day): Matthew, chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Dec 12 James 2:1-7
Dec 13 Luke 18:9-14
Dec 14 Revelation 18:9-10
Dec 15 Revelation 18:11-14
Dec 16 Revelation 18:15-17
Dec 17 Revelation 18:17-19
Dec 18 Matthew 2:1-12

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
“To Whom Do We Pay Homage”
Matthew 2:1-12

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 Sunshine 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 10 | Arrowhead Golf Course

January 12 Program | 11:15AM | Wesley Center | Meal—Rodney Jones
Pastor Joel and Pastor Michelle

January 3 River Oaks Golf Tournament Winners—19 Participants

1st Place: Score of 68

Roger Davis, Les Haga, Derek Peters, Joe Scali

2nd Place Tie: Score of 69

- Ken Conner, Carl Palmberg, Bill Kopper, Terry Balla

- Tom Winn, Walter Meyers, Steve Wells, Dick Stevens



New Adult Sunday School Class—January 8 at 9AM

Join **The Seekers** 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.

New Member Classes will be held **January 15, 22, and February 5, 12**. Classes will be held in the **Resource Library, Wesley Building Room 104**. Email **Pastor Michelle** for more info, mdlouk@umcsc.org.



Racepath Mission Project—The Missions Committee wishes to express their appreciation to **Verlon Wulf and Carolina Cool** for their support in parts and labor on the installation of the plumbing needed to create a **Nurses' Station** at the local Race Path Community Center. Without Mr. Wulf's support, the need for this health service would not be possible.



The Station will help provide wellness checkups to the youth attending RPCC as well as those in the neighborhood. **In addition, Tom Sutton** from our church family built and installed **two cubicle units** for use by the Racepath Community Center. phoenixrenaissancemb.com



Thank you so much to **all who volunteered** to serve at the **Community Kitchen** this week on behalf of FUMC. We were blessed to have been represented by Cam McCarl, Sandra Weddington, John Lox, Judi Merchant, Dru McLean, Randy McLean, Arnie Pedersen, Doreen Pedersen, Debbie Sturkey, David Ayer's, Kim Stoutamyer, Melissa Sadin, Ron Andrews, Leigh Meese and Jen Kelley!

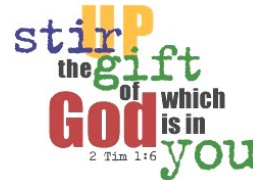
Our next opportunity to serve this local mission will be in a couple of months. **Watch for details** in **The Steeple**. In the meantime, please contact **Michelle Bowers**, bowers2253@gmail.com, to volunteer. Plan to attend **Missions Impact Weekend, January 27th-29th**—this is a terrific opportunity to obtain information on all the missions supported by our church.



Youth Schedule...

Jan. 8: 5:15PM Youth @ N Campus
Jan. 11: Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A
Jan. 15: NO YOUTH GROUP, holiday weekend
Jan. 27-29: Revolution, Columbia SC

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."



On **Sunday, January 15th**, we will honor our **Sunday School teachers** for their dedication to teaching the Word of God to all ages. Then, 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!"

Following our recent **Stewardship campaign**, telephone calls and emails were made to reach out to all on our **membership roster** to confirm the opportunity to do their part in the campaign as well as to obtain updated, current contact information. That task is now completed. **Anyone who has not received communication, please contact Kay in the church office to update contact information.**

A BIG shout out to Harriet and Frank Clark for going the extra mile to ensure everyone was contacted in some form—a Herculean task, indeed! Thank you for your devoted efforts!



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 12/31/2022 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of 1/1/23: \$ 81,811
 Total Revenue YTD 12/31/2022: \$ 1,867,489
 Total Expenses YTD 12/31/2022: \$ 1,698,505
 Difference YTD 12/31/2022: \$ 168,984
Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Missions Faith Promise 2022: \$ 101,000
Faith Promise Receipts 12/31/22: \$ 127,994

Presence 1/1/2023

◆ Worship: 301
 ◆ Fox TV (Oct wkly est) 1,680
 ◆ Worship Facebook/Web: 502
 ◆ All Social Media: 1,117
 ◆ Sunday School: 58

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, 11AM
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 Joel will bring the message.

Welcome!

Welcome **new members** who joined on January 1, 2023 in combined worship, 10AM. **Jonathan Vasquez** joined by profession of faith.

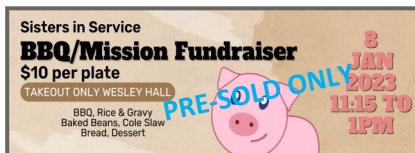


Martha, Jody, and Gracie Davis joined by transfer from 1st Baptist, Conway SC.

BBQ Fundraiser

Meal pick-up
TODAY 1/8/23
(ticket holders only)

11:15AM to 1:00PM
Wesley Building kitchen
OR
drive-through at the
Wesley Bldg entrance



Happening This Week

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, January 8, 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
- 11:15PM **Children's Council Mtg**
WESLEY HALL
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, Jan. 9

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5:30PM **Church Council Mtg** CHAPEL

TUESDAY, Jan. 10

- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**
PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service** CHAPEL
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**
OFFICE-UPSTAIRS
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** J HAGA HOME

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch Devotional**
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26TH, upstairs
- 6:00PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
MUSIC SUITE

THURSDAY, Jan. 12

- 9-Noon **Library** (Peggy Ecker, Librarian)
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, Jan. 13

- 8A-5PM **CDM Training** BRITAIN CENTER
- 10:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle** PARLOR

SATURDAY, Jan. 14

- 8A-5PM **CDM Training** BRITAIN CENTER

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



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FOR DECEMBER 2022 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Bobby Barbour

Open Fellowship Class (Help4Kids)

Florene Cochenour

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Alma Gene Gates

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Arlene Godbold

Helen Rourk (Meals on Wheels)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Martha Wagner (Flower Fund)

Janice Hall

Karen Collins (Memorial Fund)

Ron Hall

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Mary Ellen Howell

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Edith Skinner

Ray & Deborah Floyd (Child Development Ministry)

Lee & Linda Proctor (TV Ministry)

Marilyn Mason (TV Ministry)

Albert Springs, III

Wilson Springs

Mr. & Mrs. Rowan Crews

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

IN HONOR OF:

Mary Bowie

Martha Wagner (TV Ministry)

Lincoln Theodore Eagerton

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Tara Howser

Sisters in Service (Music Fund)

Janie McKnight

Martha Wagner (Flower Fund)

Norman McQueen

Beth & Jim Rozier (Music Fund)

Martha Wagner (Choir Fund)

Judy & Roger Hall

Ulrike Wriglesw (Memorial Fund)

Evie Jewell Singleton

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Jayne Smith

Kitchen Helpers (Shepherd's Child)

John & Jenny Trantum (Handbell Choir Fund)

Carmen Springs

Sandra Springs

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

Ed & Annette Willett

Martha Wagner (Flower Fund)