



The Steeple ■ July 23, 2023

10:00AM* COMBINED WORSHIP
Sanctuary

*Facebook livestreamed



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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

The liturgical color is green symbolizing a focus on our Christian growth.

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

Prelude "Rondeau" Mouret
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Michelle Louk

* **Praise Song** "Who You Say I Am" Praise Band

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Michelle Louk | 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

Celebration of New Appointment See Insert

* **Scripture Reading** Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 Rachel Platt
Pew Bible NT pg. #190

Anthem "Same God" Praise Band

Prayers Miss Claire Sturzenbecker

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.

VBS Special Music *Host of Heroes*
(Children, ages 3 years 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 "Air" Mouret

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

(Continued on the next page.)

* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Praise Song	“How Great Thou Art”	UMH #77, v.1,4
* Sermon Text	Colossians 1:15-22	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 188</i>
Sermon	“Jesus, Our True Hero”	Rev. Joel McMakin
* Praise Song	“Gratitude”	Praise Band
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Fanfare”	Mouret

(* Please and as you are able.

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
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. <i>Sunday School</i> 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***	First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 to 1st grade after the Children’s Message in worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201, 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.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Toby Ward’s 93rd birthday by Tara and Toby, Jr.

Worship Flowers are needed for Sept 24; Oct 22, 29. 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—JULY

Front Entrance Debbie Rose

Office Entrance Imogene & Ashley Booth

USHERS—JULY

Tom Winn: Anne & Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Bob Gallagher, Clayllene Gore, Jack Rebeck, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn

ACOLYTE Meredith Bowers

CRUCIFER Sully Merchant

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melissa Sadin

LITTLE CHURCH Amanda & James Sturgeon, Meghan Nesmith, Barbara Cherry



Monthly Mission Impact—JULY



Helping Hand is a short-term crisis and referral agency and full time pantry seeking to address the needs of our community not met by existing institutions, assisting individuals and families with immediate needs. Food is one of the most requested services of those in need.

The agency is dependent on donations from the community to be able to meet the needs of those who are hungry. www.helpinghandmb.org

Following is a list of food items that are always needed (normal-size, unopened items, no expired items): Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned tuna/chicken/spam, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, canned fruit, grits (box/individual pkts), oatmeal (boxes/pkts), rice, pork & beans, juice (bottles/pouches), ramen noodles, cheese/peanut butter crackers.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach the week of **August 14-18, 2023, Monday thru Friday.**

Two volunteers are needed for each shift each day.

Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM

Please contact Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253 to volunteer.

NOTE THE WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE BELOW:

JULY 23rd—TODAY! **Combined worship**, in the **Sanctuary** hosting the **VBS children in song**. After worship, stay for a **church-wide picnic** on the front lawn including inflatables for the children. **Bring your lawn chairs!**

JULY 30th—Regular 10AM worship, 2 services

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 30 (7/23/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of 1 Corinthians, chapters 13-16; Book of 2 Corinthians, chap. 1

Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's@26th, 2nd floor, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited to grab lunch downstairs and join us upstairs for fellowship and study. mdlouk@umcsc.org



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"What I find beautiful is someone who is kind, happy and authentic."

~ Bobbi Brown, entertainer

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

July 24	Matthew 6:25-34
July 25	Psalms 39:4-9
July 26	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
July 27	John 16:13-15
July 28	Daniel 2:20-22
July 29	2 Peter 1:19-21
July 30	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Guided by God's Wisdom"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-22*

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 2 years	W-101
3 years to 1st Grade	W-102
2nd grade to 5th Grade	W-203

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades	Sonshine House
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Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	A-101
New Creations	A-203
MD Moore*	W-105
Open Doors*	W-103
Open Fellowship*	A-104
The Seekers	A-207



SUPER HEROES AT VBS!

Mission: Follow Jesus. Share Him with others.

60 Children Heroes

75 Volunteer Heroes (setup, teaching, cleanup, food)

20 Adult bible study Heroes

Fun, learning and a great experience was shared with everyone for 4 evenings at VBS!

Thanks to all these super VBS HERO HELPERS!

The collection of food offerings from the children to benefit Racepath Community Center generated a glut of goodies.

Ladies AUGUST Lunch & Devotion

DATE CHANGE

TUESDAY, August 1st at 11:30AM, Magnolia's @26th, upstairs. Carlin Creel will share a devotion of her missions experience in the Czech Republic before she returns to Clemson. Invite a friend!



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be August 4th, 11:30AM, at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. Big Tom will bring a devotion of humorous and serious stores of his 72 years in the ministry.

All men of the church are cordially invited.

FUMC Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Days

Saturday, July 29th from 8AM-3:30PM

Lunch provided by Missions Committee

Must be 18+ or 16 with guardian



To sign up: <https://www.habitatmb.org/>. Select: Volunteer / Construction Volunteers / "Start Now" Scroll to one of the dates and register.



Many **thanks to the United Women in Faith** for successfully raising money for a **new commercial refrigerator** in the Wesley building church kitchen. With the generosity and support of the congregation, the goal was met and a new refrigerator has been purchased.

The existing refrigerator is **FOR SALE—A USED, BLACK, SIDE-BY-SIDE KENMORE (3-4 yrs old)** measuring

36"wx31"dx70"h with 3 glass shelves, 2 crispers, and door dispenser for water & ice. **\$400 OR BEST OFFER**—in good condition; one small ding in front. **YOU HAUL!** Interested? Call Janice

Myers, 843-455-4373 or Darlene Rebeck, 412-608-2709.



AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION!



Realm Connect -
For Our Church

REALM CONNECT, a mobile app and an avenue for members to look up other members' phone numbers, email addresses and other common contact info in lieu of a printed directory. There is no cost to access the app. Please **contact Trisha** in the church office to **request a member invite to get started**, 843-448-7164 or trisha@fumcmb.org).

Other helpful tools provided in the app include **checking in** for worship and Sunday school **attendance**, **input volunteer interests** including reading scripture, serving communion, giving online, and other church-related options.



Thanks
for Your
Support!

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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Financials and Attendance

As of 7/16/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 40,159
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 852,378
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 888,797
Difference YTD:	- \$ 36,419

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	*\$ 52,565

**Posting adjustment*

Presence 7/16/2023

◆ Worship in person:	389
◆ Fox TV (June wkly est):	2,050
◆ Worship online:	792
◆ Social Media:	9,294
◆ Sunday School:	118

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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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



Hero Hotline Verse

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.
Romans 14:19

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, July 23, 2023

- 8:45A--
- 11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 10:00AM **COMBINED Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 11:15AM **Lunch on the Front Lawn**
Inflatables for the children
Bring lawn chairs

MONDAY, July 24

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
- 5:30PM **Finance Meeting** PARLOR

TUESDAY, July 25

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

WEDNESDAY, July 26

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
ASBURY BLDG RM 104

THURSDAY, July 27

- 5:30PM **Lions Club** THE 925



CDM Patriotic Parade 2023

Summer Happenings!
7/23 Combined Worship
 VBS Children will sing!
 Church-wide lunch on the lawn with INFLATABLES
 BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!
8/20 Backpack Blessing

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*



ORDER OF CELEBRATION OF A NEW APPOINTMENT

LEADER:

Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. James P. Creel, Jr. who has been appointed to serve as one of our pastors. We believe that he is well qualified and have been prayerfully appointed by our Bishop, L. Jonathan Holston.

LEADER:

Jim, Michelle, and Joel, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; minister of the Sacraments; and sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

PASTOR:

Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

LEADER to congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Jim in these ministries?

Congregation: We affirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

LEADER:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messengers

Congregation:

who announce peace, who bring good news, who announce salvation.

LEADER: Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Jim, Michelle, and Joel as our pastors. Give them and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you still call us to go into your service and spread the message of the salvation of your Son. Bless richly, we pray, your servants Jim, Michelle, and Joel among our fellowship. Fill them with the power of your Holy Spirit and let them find with us an open door for the Word. We also pray for your church on earth.

Equip us all with a spirit of willingness, that we with courage can witness about you by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living. Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to be radiating and make alive that hope which Christ gives.

All this we dare to pray of you; for you are to us the Father of mercy and the God of all grace; you are the Son, the Savior and the Redeemer; you are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper and the Giver of life. Blessed be you. **Amen.**

Presenter to Pastors:

Jim:

Use this **Bible** and proclaim the Word among us. **Amen.**

Take this **water** and baptize new Christians in this place. **Amen.**

Take these **communion vessels** and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

Take this **plumbline** and faithfully call us toward ministries of compassion and justice. **Amen.**

Use this **hymnal and book of worship** to guide us in our prayer and praise. **Amen.**

Receive this **Book of Discipline** and help us keep the covenant that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. **Amen.**

Let this **globe** serve as a reminder that God will lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. **Amen.**

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL:

Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism, gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEADER:

As the Pastors kneel for the laying on of hands, congregation, please join hands and unite in the blessing:

ALL:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

"WHO YOU SAY I AM"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in,
oh His love for me, oh His love for me

**Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

**Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house, there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
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"GRATITUDE"

All my words fall short, I got nothing new
How could I express, all my gratitude?
I could sing these songs, as I often do
but every song must end, and You never do

**So I throw up my hands, and praise You again and again
'cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah
and I know it's not much,
but I've nothing else fit for a King
except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

I've got one response, I've got just one move
with my arm stretched wide, I will worship You

**So I throw up my hands, and praise You again and again
'cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah
and I know it's not much,
but I've nothing else fit for a King
except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

So come on, my soul, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song,
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Oh come on, my soul, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song,
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Come on, my soul, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song,
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord, hey

(instrumental interlude)

**So I throw up my hands, and praise You again and again
'cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah
and I know it's not much,
but I've nothing else fit for a King
except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah**