



The Steeple ■ March 10, 2024

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube livestreamed

FIRST CHURCH
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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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

The liturgical color is purple symbolizing the season of self denial.

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

Prelude "Near the Cross" arr. l.james
(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** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

* **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

* **Children's Message**
(Following, children ages 4 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 102, Wesley Bldg.)

Anthem "Hold On" arr. Tice/Morris
Heather Whitley, soloist

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 Al Wendler
Pew Bible NT pg. 181

Pastoral Prayer 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 "Amazing Grace" arr. Hopson

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

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* Hymn of Preparation	“Amazing Grace”	UMH #378
* Scripture	Mark 10:27 Colossians 1:29	<i>Pew Bible NT, pgs. 44, 189</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Don’t Think You Can Change”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“Softly & Tenderly”	UMH #348
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“Prelude in G Minor”	Bach

(* *Please stand as you are able.*)

WELCOME to First Church!

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to **register your attendance. Members may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.**

Worship aids available. Please inquire with an usher for hearing devices, large print hymnals, and children’s Wiggle Bags.

Sunday School for all ages—4 through adult—9:00 to 9:45AM.

Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship in Wesley Building **rooms 101 and 106.**

Children’s Church is offered in Wesley room 102 for children ages 4 to first grade during worship. **First time parents, please accompany your child/children after the children’s message in worship to check in.**

We are blessed to welcome everyone 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 celebration of Helen and Jim Clemmons’ 62nd wedding anniversary.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 24; May 19, 26. 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.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app (fumb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

Serving in Worship

GREETERS—MARCH

Front Entrance Kathi & Cam McCarl

Office Entrance Sharri Hammond

Atrium Entrance Dabney Joyner

USHERS—MARCH

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

ACOLYTE TBD

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan



Monthly Mission—MARCH



The **College Ministry team connects with First Church college students and friends** to reassure them that they are loved by God and by their church family. Students receive four mailings each school year (fall, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter) containing a note, card, devotional, and seasonal items.

Please help with package contents: School supplies (pens, pencils, Post-it notes, highlighters), tissues, lip balm, hand sanitizer, individual snacks, gum.

Monetary donations appreciated to offset postage and packaging expense.

Collection bins are located in the church office and all worship entrances.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS—March 10th

New Member Class—The 925 classroom at 11:15AM



Enjoy pizza with the pastors and discover what being a member of God's Church is all about. Questions? **Contact Pastor Michelle.**

Ladies Lunch & Devotion



Debbie Hadstate will bring the devotion on **Wednesday, March 13th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. We encourage all ladies to attend and invite a friend!

2024 Bible Lectionary Reading Plan

Week 10 (3/10/24): Numbers 21, John 3, Ephesians 2, Psalm 107, Proverbs 7

Wednesday Bible Study—1:30PM in The 925

Book of Revelation, chapters 19-22 mdlouk@umcsc.org



After this session, the study on the New Testament Reading Challenge will be completed. The Wednesday Bible Study will take a break until after Easter and plan for the next study subject material.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"I have been driven many times to my knees in prayer because I had no where else to go."
~ Abraham Lincoln

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

March 11 John 4:31-38
 March 12 John 4:39-42
 March 13 John 5:19-30
 March 14 John 7:14-18
 March 15 John 12:44-50
 March 16 John 15:18-27
 March 17 John 17:17-26

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)
 Infants to 12 months W-101
 Toddlers-1 to 3 yr olds W-106
 4 yrs to Pre-K 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

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "Jesus Prays for the Church"
 John 12:20-50



Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. As many of you begin your return home this month, we thank you for being with us this year. We hope to see you again in 2025 for another season of Snowbirds & Seagulls. Thank you to Scott Bowen and the many volunteers who made this year a success!

March 14th — 11:15AM Wesley Hall
Program — Rick Cimmino, singer; **Meal** — catered by Magnolia's

March 15th BBQ Dinner Fundraiser from Kenny's

Sponsored by **Sisters In Service** ("SIS") Circle
 Tickets \$10/plate—purchase tickets from "SIS" members
Pick up orders at the **CDM Youth Center**, 904 65 Ave N
from 11AM to 2PM. Proceeds benefit local missions.
 Questions? Contact Ellen Boyles, 843-449-7831.



First Church adult/young adult (1980s-2000s) Bible study group
Wednesday evenings — Brittan Center, North Campus
5:30PM simple meal followed by Bible study from 6-7PM
 Childcare provided. Contact Meghan Nesmith 843-945-0357.

The women of First Church and First Presbyterian Church invite you to
SPRING SURGE 2024 — MARCH 16th — 9AM to NOON

First Presbyterian Church, 3810 Grissom Parkway, Myrtle Beach

Help support the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center and their Tiny Home project in Myrtle Beach!



Celebrate Easter with a **memorial or honorarium** by ordering a **Calla Lily** to adorn our worship spaces on Easter. **Order forms** are at worship entrances. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry.
Order deadline March 24th, \$15 per dedication.

Join us for a re-enactment of the Living Last Supper
March 28, 2024—6:30PM, N Campus
Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N

Meet Jesus and His disciples in "The Upper Room" as they gather to celebrate the Passover Meal. We will share communion with them, remembering Jesus' passion.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The **prayer shawl ministry** meets **twice monthly on the first and third Mondays in the church parlor** to share ideas and pray together over the shawls. If you knit, crochet, or you are interested in learning "how to", please join us! The products of our ministry are shared to lift up those in sadness as well as in joy.



First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen**
March 25-29, 2024, 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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



3/10 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 3/13 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard
 3/17 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 4/21 Youth Sunday (Traditional worship)
 5/19 Graduation Sunday
 6/23-28 LookUp Lodge, Travelers Rest SC
 Cost is \$359/student; 21 spots available
 7/13-20 Salkehatchie Mission Trip, Columbia SC
 Cost is \$250/student; limited space available

Questions? derek@fumcmb.org

Children's Church is offered in Wesley room 102 for children ages 4 to first grade during worship. **First time parents, please accompany your child/children** after the children's message in worship to **check in**.

EVENTS

3/23 9AM Easter Event (see below)



BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT—March 23rd
Child Development Ministry, 904 65th Ave N, MB

9AM Bunny Breakfast, \$10/family or \$3 each

RSVP to CDM, 843-692-9272 by March 19th

9:45AM Easter Story Time | 10AM Easter Egg Hunt

Take pictures with the Easter Bunny during the egg hunt.
 Children of the church through 5th grade,
 family, and guests are invited.

CANDY NEEDED!

FIRST CHURCH CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Individually wrapped **candy small enough** to stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. **Please drop off candy by March 19th** at CDM, 904 65th Ave N, MB or at the church office.

Thank you! Lynn and the family of James G. Wood, Jr. would like to express our appreciation to the staff and our church family for the overwhelming love coming in the form of prayer, visits, cards, and food. The arms of God come to us in so many ways and we are grateful for uplifting all of us.



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 3/3/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 51,872
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 295,721
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 338,840
Difference YTD:	- \$ 43,119

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	\$ 106,135
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 23,965

Presence 3/3/2024

◆ Worship in person:	395
◆ Worship online:	1,022
◆ Fox TV & promos (Jan. mo. est):	19,130
◆ Social Media impressions:	4,054
◆ Sunday School:	148

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



Please keep Ethan Gildner and his family in your prayers as Ethan deploys for South Korea on March 11th! Ethan will be stationed there for at least a year. We are so proud of you Ethan! Your Church loves you and will be praying for you daily!



Women of the Bible visit the Women's Potluck meal last week. (l-r) **Ruth** (Linda Shields); **Esther** (Rachel Platt); **Mary** (Beth Rozier); **Martha** (Harriet Clark); **Mary, mother of Jesus** (Dru McLean).

Looking Ahead!
 3/23 CDM Bunny Breakfast
 3/24 Palm Sunday, 2 services
 3/25 CDM Book Fair
 3/28 Living Last Supper, N Campus
 3/31 Easter, 2 services
 4/21 Youth Sunday
 5/1 Spring Renewal
 5/19 Senior/CDM grad. Sunday
 6/2 Confirmation Sunday

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

- 8:30AM--
- 11:15AM **Nursery & Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 9:00AM **Confirmation Class**
SONSHINE HOUSE
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY CTR ^YouTube
- 11:15AM **Pizza w/the Pastors** THE 925
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** N CAMPUS

MONDAY, March 11

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** WESLEY KITCHEN
- 3:00PM **Grief Support** ASBURY #104
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
- 6:00PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

TUESDAY, March 12

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS
- NOON **Lenten Study** THE 925
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**
PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**
MEMBER HOME
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee**
OFC-2nd FLR
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** WHEELER HOME

WEDNESDAY, March 13

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

THURSDAY, March 14

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

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





Easter Calla Lily Order Form

Help us adorn our worship spaces on Easter Sunday morning by purchasing a calla lily in honor or in memory of a loved one or someone special. **Lilies are \$15 each (one per dedication).** Proceeds will **benefit the FUMC Youth Ministry.** Please complete the form below and return along with your check to the church office no later than **March 25, 2024.**

Easter Calla Lily

IN MEMORY OF _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my () check () cash in the amount of _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my () check () cash in the amount of _____

Please make checks payable to FUMC with a note for FUMC Youth. Place the order in the Offering Plate or bring to Kay in the church office.