



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

## The Steeple ■ March 12, 2023

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

*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** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Memley  
*(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** "Come Thou Almighty King" UMH #61

\* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. 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

\* **Scripture Reading** Psalm 95:1-7 Rick Hussey

**Anthem** "As Long As I Have Breath" arr. Farrar

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Louk

**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.*

**Children's Message** Yvonne Brittain  
*(Children, ages 3 years old 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** "Siciliano" Bach

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

\* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Louk

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* <b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	UMH #474
* <b>Sermon Text</b>	John 16:7-15	
<b>Sermon</b>	“Self-Reliant or Spirit-Filled”	Jim Creel, Jr.
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”	UMH #110
* <b>Benediction</b>		Mr. Creel
<b>Postlude</b>	“Allegro Moderato”	Bach

(\* Please and 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 may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> 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 <b>ages 3 to 1st grade</b> 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 loving memory of Bob Sansbury on his heavenly birthday and in remembrance of our anniversary by Shelby Sansbury.

Worship Flowers are needed for April 2, 30; May 21; June 4, 25. 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.

We appreciate the talents of Susan Soehner and thank her for her commitment to provide organ music through Easter.

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 Traditional Worship*

#### **GREETERS—MARCH**

**Front Entrance** Kathi & Cam McCarl      **Office Entrance** Sharri Hammond

#### **USHERS—MARCH**

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

**ACOLYTE** Anna Kate Brittain

**BIBLE BEARER** Walker Brittain

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Melinda Morgan

### *Serving in Contemporary Worship*

**Livestream** Jason Gildner      **Slides** Ethan Gildner or Jonathan Kittle

**Ushers** Carol Romansk, Carole Scarpa

**Children’s Message** Erin Perry

**Little Church** Meghan Nesmith, Yvonne Brittain



# Monthly Mission Impact—MARCH



## FUMC COLLEGE MINISTRY

The College Ministry team connects with First Church college students by sending notes, cards, and packages filled with goodies four times each school year—fall, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and Easter. Our purpose is to let these students know they have not been forgotten; they are loved by God and by their church family. Please help with package contents like **hand sanitizers, post-it notes, pens, pencils, tissues, gum, book marks, note books, paperclips, ChapStick, snacks (chips, candy, Slim Jims, Ramen), gift cards.**



**NEEDED IMMEDIATELY by March 19th—individually-wrapped candy for our youth to help fill Easter Jars and to prepare for the Easter mailing. Thank you! Collection bins are in the office and worship areas.**

**Congratulations to Sallie and Charlie Wageseil** on the birth of their twins, daughter **Madelyn James Wagenseil**, and son **Austin Charles Wagenseil**, on February 15, 2023 in Summerville, SC. Proud grandparents are **Beth and Jim Rozier**.

**Discerning the Future of our Church—The Lay Advisory Committee** now has a link on our website, [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org), “Discerning our Way Forward”. Please click that link to submit questions regarding the future of our church. All questions received will be submitted anonymously to the committee. Questions may also be emailed directly to [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org).



**CHURCH-WIDE SPRING FELLOWSHIP MEAL**  
**March 26th**—after worship in the **Wesley Hall**  
**Please RSVP to [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org) by March 22nd**  
 Donations welcome to help defray **UWF** meal costs  
**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & HYMN SING**

## BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

**Week 11** (3/12/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Luke, chapters 7-11

**Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia’s @ 26th, upstairs**

## Big Tom’s “A Quote”

“Where there is LOVE there is LIFE.”

~ Ghandi

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

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

March 12	Proverbs 3:1-4
March 13	1 Samuel 8:4-8
March 14	Psalm 78:5-8
March 15	Romans 11:33-36
March 16	Matthew 5:33-37
March 17	James 4:13-15
March 18	Matthew 22:15-22

### *Sunday School Classes*

<b>Children’s Classes</b> (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

<b>Youth Classes</b>	
6th-12th Grades	Sonshine House

<b>Adult Classes</b> (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

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
 “What Do We Owe the Emperor”  
 Matthew 22:15-22



## 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**. View the website for details, [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org). For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.

**March 16** 11:15AM | Wesley Hall | Meal by Jayne Smith  
Program—Rick Cimmino, singer

### BUTTER BRAID PASTIRES—order now!

**Delicious Danish-style pastries — Freeze, Thaw, Bake**  
**Butter Braid Pastry orders are due by March 14th along with payment.** Pastries will be delivered on April 3rd. Get yours now for holiday serving, gifts to neighbors or keep frozen to enjoy later. Proceeds **support UWF local mission projects.**



### YOU CAN SHARE BENEFITS OF HOLY COMMUNION!



By accepting and partaking in **communion each month**, we receive the grace we need to be forgiven of our sins; to strengthen and sustain us; to heal our brokenness, reconcile us with God and people; and to empower us for Christian living. We are given a foretaste of eternal life with Christ. Please **prayerfully consider** extending this opportunity for grace to our shut-in population by taking the elements to them. Be the hands and feet of Jesus for someone today! If you are **interested in serving or learning more** about extending the table, please **contact Rhonda Singleton at 843-448-7164 or email, [volunteers@fumcmb.org](mailto:volunteers@fumcmb.org)**.

**BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT—APRIL 1st**  
**Child Development Ministry, North Campus**  
**10AM Bunny Breakfast, \$10/family or \$2 each**  
**RSVP to CDM, 843-692-9272 by March 29th**  
**11AM Easter Story Time**  
**11:15AM Easter Egg Hunt** (activities, pictures)  
Children of the church through 5th grade  
and their guests are invited.

### CANDY NEEDED!

**FIRST CHURCH CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY**  
**Needed by March 29th:** Individually wrapped **candy small enough** to stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy at the church office or at CDM, 904 65th Ave N, MB.

### SPRING SURGE 2023

Join the women of First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church as we welcome back the **SPRING SURGE in person.**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023, 9:00AM-Noon**  
**FPC, 3810 Robert M. Grissom Pkwy, Myrtle Beach**

This year's theme is "Life and Love in Abundance for God's Children". Learn how **Epworth Children's Home and Thornwell Home for Children** are building tomorrow's families and how you can help.

There is **no cost to attend**. Register online, [Spring Surge \(accessacs.com\)](http://SpringSurge.accessacs.com) or **forms are available** from Lynn Wood or in the church office.

**Registration deadline is March 16th.**







## Youth Schedule...

- March 12: 5:15PM** Youth @ N Campus, yard crosses
- March 15: 7:15AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A
- March 19: 5:15PM** Youth @ N Campus, Easter Jars
- March 24-26:** Confirmation Retreat
- March 26:** Youth off-site activity, foot golf, Little River



### CDM Annual Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year!

**March 1st-15th** offering full-time childcare for infants-4 years old, school age after-school program, and school age summer program.  
Call CDM at **843-692-9272**.

### HOST/HOStESS volunteers needed

Seeking outgoing people who **enjoy meeting new people** to **serve as host/hostess** for our New Member class offered periodically during the year. If you enjoy welcoming visitors and new attendees to First Church or if you are looking for the opportunity to show hospitality and share our church with others, **please consider hosting a new member class**. Each new member session consists of four classes held during the Sunday School hour. Anyone interested, or for more details, may **contact Rhonda Singleton, 843-448-1764, or volunteers@fumcmb.org**.



Thank you to our Children's Sunday School department led by **Yvonne Brittain**. Our volunteers are **Mary Ashley Bellamy, Cindy Funston** (3&4-yr-olds), **Yvonne Brittain, Amanda Sturgeon** (K/1 gr), **Laura Bowden** (2/3 gr), **Piper Butler, Elizabeth McKnight** (4/5 gr). Rev. Chad Mullinix leads Youth Sunday School assisted by **Case Brittain, Betsy Hamrick, and Erin Perry, (Jr./Sr. High)**. Please thank these volunteers for their service to our church—they need our support and assistance! If you are **willing to serve as a substitute** for these volunteers, **contact Yvonne Brittain, yvonne.brittain@nelsonmullins.com or 843-333-3933**.



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 3/5/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	<b>\$ 25,502</b>
Total Revenue YTD:	<b>\$ 290,128</b>
Total Expenses YTD:	<b>\$ 304,991</b>
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 14,863</b>

*Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.*

<b>Faith Promise 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 110,760</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 19,420</b>

### Presence 3/5/2023

♦ Worship in person:	<b>378</b>
♦ Fox TV (Jan. wkly est)	<b>2,925</b>
♦ Worship online:	<b>421</b>
♦ Social Media:	<b>1,932</b>
♦ Sunday School:	<b>164</b>

### **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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YouTube: @firstchurch6363

Request *The Steeple* via email: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeple@fumcmb.org)

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

# Welcome!

## Happening This Week

Daylight Saving Time  
Begins Today

**Contemporary Worship**  
**Sunday, 10AM**  
**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 on Sunday.**

 If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, please consider joining **Compassionate Caregivers**, a small group that offers encouragement, support, and information. We meet monthly on the **first and third Thursdays, 10-11:30AM in the church Parlor**. The local Alzheimers unit offers a service to provide a sitter, if needed. For information, **contact Sherrill Allen at 843-251-1163 or sachillesshs@aol.com.**

### Upcoming Dates to Note



- 3/24-26 Confirmation Retreat
- 3/26 Spring Fellowship Meal  
11:15AM Wesley Hall
- 3/26 Youth Night, foot golf
- 4/1 CDM Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt  
N Campus, 10AM
- 4/6 Maundy Thursday  
7PM worship, Sanctuary
- 4/7 Good Friday  
No service
- 4/9 Easter  
6:30AM Sunrise worship  
10AM Traditional worship  
10AM Contemporary worship
- 4/10 Easter Monday  
Church Office CLOSED
- 4/30 Confirmation Sunday

### SUNDAY, March 12, 2023

- 8:30A-11 AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** all ages
- 9:00AM **Confirmation Class**  
OFFICE-2nd FLOOR
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY \*Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
- 11:15AM **Children's Council Mtg**  
WESLEY BLDG
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs**  
WESLEY BLDG
- 5:15PM **Youth @ North Campus**

### MONDAY, March 13

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY BUILDING
- 5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

### TUESDAY, March 14

- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00PM **Laurelle Merchant Circle**  
PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service** PARLOR
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**  
OFFICE-2nd FLOOR
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** MEMBER HOME

### WEDNESDAY, March 15

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY BUILDING
- 1:15PM **Bible Study** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC SUITE

### THURSDAY, March 16

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 11:15AM **Snowbirds & Seagulls**  
WESLEY HALL
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

### Ministers

**Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor**    **Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Chad W. Mullinix, Youth Director**    **Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus**

First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC  
**Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8AM-5PM—CLOSED FRIDAYS**  
North Campus: Thomas N Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC

