



A United Methodist Congregation

## The Steeple ■ March 17, 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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Larson

*(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've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

UMH #569

### \* Affirmation of Faith

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

Pastor Donna

*(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.)*

### Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gae Riddleberger  
*Pew Bible OT pg. 69I*

### Anthem

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

arr. Cherwin

### 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.*

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

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

### Offertory

"Allegretto in G minor"

Bach

### \* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

### \* Offertory Prayer

Rev. Louk

*(Continued on the next page.)*

* <b>Hymn of Preparation</b>	“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	UMH #462
* <b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 28:16-20	<i>Pew Bible NT, pg. 19</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“When You Believe in God but Don’t Share Your Faith”	Rev. Louk
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Freely, Freely”	UMH #389
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Louk
* <b>Postlude</b>	“Adagio in G minor”	Albinoni

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

### *Welcome*

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 loving memory of my mother, Tommie Morris, on her birthday today, and in honor of my grandchildren, Grace and Max Morgan, in celebration of their March birthdays by Melinda Morgan.

Worship flowers are needed for May 26; June 9, 16, 23. 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.

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 on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

### *Serving in Worship*

***GREETERS—MARCH***

***Front Entrance*** Lesa & Geoff Jones

***Office Entrance*** Sharri Hammond

***Broadway 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.**

**Condolences**—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Michelle Blythe** and family on the passing of her grandmother, **Jewelene Anderson**, on March 9, 2024 in Eaton Rapids, Michigan;

To **Rhonda Singleton, Tom Winn** and families on the passing of their cousin, **Joseph Stanaland Newton**, March 1, 2024 in Anderson, SC.



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.**

## 2024 Bible Lectionary Reading Plan

**Week 11 (3/17/24):** Jeremiah 31, Psalm 119, Hebrew 5, Psalm 51, John 12

Now the 2023 Reading Challenge has been completed, the **Wednesday Bible Study** will take a break and **will resume on April 3rd** with a study in Genesis, chapters 1, 2, and 3. Please join us.



## Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Through His costly death, He brought me forgiveness and eternal life."

~ Susanna Foth Aughtmon, pastor/author

### First Church Weekly Readings:\*

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

March 18 Isaiah 51:17-, 22; Jeremiah 25:15  
 March 19 Jeremiah 4:19-31  
 March 20 Jeremiah 8:18-9:3  
 March 21 Psalm 6  
 March 22 Psalm 10:14-18  
 March 23 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-10  
 March 24 Luke 22:39-46

### 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 Sonshine 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

"Praying in Distress"

Matthew 26:36-46



Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. As you return home soon, 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 21st — 11:15AM** Chapel (attendance 2/29 was 76; on 3/7 was 77)  
**Final Program** — Briley Altman, piano; **Meal** — by Jayne Smith

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**



**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.

**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 at 2PM in the church parlor** to share ideas and pray together over the shawls. If you knit, crochet, or are interested in learning "how to", please join us. The products of our ministry are shared to lift up those in need as well as in joy.

**Adults/Young Adults (1980s-2000s) Bible study group**  
**Wednesday evenings at the Brittain Center, North Campus**  
**5:30PM simple meal followed by Bible study from 6-7PM**

Childcare provided. Contact Meghan Nesmith, 843-945-0357.



First Church congratulates **Barry Thigpen** on this distinguished honor from the State of South Carolina.



Order of the Palmetto Established by Governor John C. West in 1971, the Order of the Palmetto is the State of South Carolina's highest civilian honor. It is presented in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary achievement, service, and contributions on a national or statewide scale. The Order of the Palmetto recognizes individuals who have selflessly given of their time, resources and goodwill through a variety of different causes and pursuits to the benefit of their neighbors, fellow citizens and the fabric and prosperity of South Carolina. Business, political or personal accomplishment may be important factors, but noble works for others mark the true purpose.

- Only adult residents or natives of SC are eligible for consideration.
- An individual must be formally nominated in writing.
- This is a once in a lifetime award.

Order of the Palmetto



**2001 Beach Shaggers National Hall Of Fame Honorary Member**

*Congratulations Barry Thigpen*



3/17 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus  
 3/20 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard  
 3/24 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus  
 4/21 Youth Sunday (Traditional worship)  
 5/19 Graduation Sunday

6/23-28 Look Up Lodge, Travelers Rest, SC

Cost is \$359\*/student; 21 spots available; registration and payment due to reserve a spot

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSNJXE0Uf\\_s0MyXljWNwNJqu\\_affgqUctBPnS5rUQy9vFKYA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSNJXE0Uf_s0MyXljWNwNJqu_affgqUctBPnS5rUQy9vFKYA/viewform)

7/13-20 Salkehatchie Mission Trip, Columbia, SC

Cost is \$250\*/student; \$100 deposit due at registration; limited space available

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcTaAmLxjbNsBOIR5rqtD5N7EYxze08iRZpU3uqNePth8ZQ/viewform>

\*Financial aid scholarships available. Contact [derek@fumcmb.org](mailto:derek@fumcmb.org)

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**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.



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

**Financials and Attendance**

**As of 3/10/2024 (includes online giving):**

Contributions week of: \$ 20,946  
 Total Revenue YTD: \$ 316,801  
 Total Expenses YTD: \$ 387,980  
 Difference YTD: - \$ 71,179

*Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.*

**MISSIONS IMPACT 2024**

**Faith Promise:** \$ 106,135  
**Faith Promise Receipts:** \$ 24,275

**Presence 3/10/2024**

◆ Worship in person: 380  
 ◆ Worship online: 917  
 ◆ Fox TV & promos (Jan. mo. est): 19,130  
 ◆ Social Media impressions: 4,667  
 ◆ Sunday School: 179

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

thank you!

I would like the First Church family to know how much we appreciate that Mama received flowers from last Sunday's service. She loves flowers, and every day she has asked me who sent them. I tell her every day, "the loving congregation of my church sent them." We continue to pray for God to watch over her.

Rosalin Robinson

 **SUNDAY, APRIL 14th BRING A FRIEND!**  
Spread the news and invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join you for **Sunday school at 9AM** and **worship at 10AM**. Following worship, enjoy a time of fellowship and **cookout on the front lawn with inflatables** for the children!  
  
**To volunteer for set-up and clean-up**, please call the church office at 843-448-7164, to leave a message for Jim Lewis.

**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  
4/14 Bring a Friend Sunday!  
4/21 Youth Sunday  
5/1 Spring Renewal  
5/19 Senior/CDM grad. Sunday  
6/2 Confirmation Sunday

## Happening This Week

### SUNDAY, March 17, 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  
5:15PM **Youth Group** N CAMPUS

### MONDAY, March 18

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** THE 925  
2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PARLOR  
3:00PM **Grief Support** ASBURY #104  
6:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG

### TUESDAY, March 19

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR  
NOON **Lenten Study** THE 925

### WEDNESDAY, March 20

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
9:30AM **MOMCo** WESLEY HALL  
1:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG  
5:30PM **Young Adult Bible Study**  
BRITAIN CENTER, N CAMPUS  
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
CHAPEL

### THURSDAY, March 21

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR  
11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**  
CHAPEL/WESLEY HALL  
2:15PM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR  
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

### SATURDAY, March 23

- 9:00AM **Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt** N CAMPUS



### 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**  
North Campus: Thomas N. Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC

