



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ March 19, 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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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** "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. Joel McMakin

\* **Chiming of the Trinity**

\* **Opening Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

\* **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** Ephesians 5:8-14 Dr. John Lox

**Anthem** "And Can It Be?" arr. Callaway

**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.*

**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** "A Lenten Prayer" Dvorak

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

\* **Offertory Prayer** Mr. Creel

*(Continued on the next page.)*

* <b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	“Trust and Obey”	UMH #467
* <b>Sermon Text</b>	Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23	
<b>Sermon</b>	“Hearers or Doers?”	Rev. McMakin
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“I Am Thine, O Lord”	UMH #419
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. McMakin
<b>Postlude</b>	“Musette”	Young

(\*) Please and as you are able.

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
<p>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></p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM.</p> <p>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.</p>

We welcome everyone today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

The **flowers** in both Traditional and Contemporary worship today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Galloway on his 10th heavenly birthday by Elizabeth McKnight, and Hudson and Gracyn Galloway.

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.

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** Lesa & Geoff Jones

**Office Entrance** Sharri Hammond

**USHERS/Traditional—MARCH**

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

**ACOLYTE** Will Sturzenbecker  
**BIBLE BEARER** Claire Sturzenbecker  
**CRUCIFER** Wes Sturzenbecker

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Scott Bowen, Melissa Sadin

### *Serving in Contemporary Worship*

**Camera/Livestream** Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick    **Slides** Jonathan Kittle  
**Lighting** Jackson Uphold    **Ushers** Daniel Shuler, Don Myers  
**Children’s Message** Kate Horsley  
**Little Church** Elizabeth Brittain, 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 needs: **hand sanitizers, post-it notes, pens, pencils, tissues, gum, book marks, note books, paperclips, ChapStick, snacks (chips, candy, Slim Jims, Ramen), gift cards. Monetary donations are welcome to help with postage. Thank you for your support.**

**Condolences**—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Lynn Wood, Tim Youngerman**, and families on the passing of her mother and his grandmother, **Loreen Glandt**, on March 8, 2023 in Battle Creek, NE.

**Congratulations** to **Maria Springs and Jackson Keith** who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, March 11, 2023, in Pawleys Island, SC. Maria is daughter of **Amy and Albert Springs** and the granddaughter of **Carmen Springs**.



### **CHURCH-WIDE SPRING FELLOWSHIP MEAL & HYMN SING**

**March 26th**—after worship in the **Wesley Hall**

**PLEASE RSVP to [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org) by March 22nd**

The menu includes Scott Bellamy's Chicken Bog and Jayne Smith's Banana Pudding

Donations welcome to help defray **UWF** meal costs

**Discerning the Future of our Church**—The Lay Advisory Committee requests questions be submitted by email to **[trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org)**.

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

**Week 12** (3/19/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Luke, chapters 12-16

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

### **Big Tom's "A Quote"**

"In our strife-riddled world may we all be instruments of God's peace."

~ Suzanne Renfro

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

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

March 20	Luke 22:66-71
March 21	John 1:1-5
March 22	John 10:37-39
March 23	John 14:7-10
March 24	1 Timothy 3:14-16
March 25	Revelation 19:11-16
March 26	Matthew 22:41-46

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
"Great Expectations"  
Matthew 22:34-46*

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

**March 23** 11:15AM | Chapel | Meal by Magnolia's Program—Briley Altman



Celebrate Easter with a **memorial or honorarium** by ordering a **Lily** to adorn our worship spaces on Easter Day. **Order forms** are at worship entrances. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry. **Order deadline March 30th, \$15 per dedication.**

### **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 family or 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 by March 29th** at the church office or at CDM, 904 65th Ave N, MB.

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL—All children are invited** to process with palms during worship; first in Traditional worship, and then in Contemporary. Parents/teachers, please bring your child/children to the Chapel at 9:30AM to receive instructions and palms to wave for the processional. Worship leaders will then take the children to the Wesley Hall to process in Contemporary worship.



**Maundy Thursday worship** will be held on **April 6th at 7:00PM** in the Sanctuary. Pastor Joel will bring the Word on the Passover Meal and Jesus' crucifixion. Holy Communion will be celebrated followed by a ceremonial stripping of the Altar symbolizing Jesus' sacrificial death.

#### **Easter Worship with First Church, April 9th**

**6:30AM** Easter Sunrise service at Plyler Park  
Music—the Word—the Message

**10:00AM** Easter Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

**10:00AM** Easter Contemporary Worship in the Wesley Worship Center



On Easter morning, feel free to bring **fresh cut flowers** to place on the **"blooming" cross** on the front lawn and also at the Wesley Building entrance.



## Youth Schedule...

**March 19: 5:15PM** Youth @ N Campus, Easter Jars  
**March 22: 7:15AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A  
**March 24-26:** Confirmation Retreat off-site  
**March 26: 2-7PM Youth Tupelo Bay Foot Golf**  
 \$10 fee plus food money  
 Rain alternative, Waccamaw Bowling Lanes

### FESTIVE BRASS Spring CanAm Concert: Music Through The Ages 3:00-4:30PM, First Church Sanctuary

All are invited to enjoy a concert that celebrates the metamorphosis of music from very early classical music through the present day including jazz from Mancini and Miller, and classics from Bach, Mozart and Copland, along with a very lively and uncommon march! One piece might involve lightsabers! **Admission is free and open to the public.**



Our Children's Sunday School department is led by **Yvonne Brittain** and **Rev. Chad** leads Youth Sunday School. Substitute volunteers are needed to relieve regular volunteer teachers for a summer break. Please consider serving in this area for one or more Sundays mid-June to September 3rd. We need your support and assistance! **To serve as a substitute** for our teachers, please **contact Yvonne Brittain, yvonne.brittain@nelsonmullins.com or 843-333-3933.**

### MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

In-person | April 23rd & 30th | 2:30PM—8:00PM  
 Main Street UMC-Dillon | 401 E Main St, Dillon SC

**Zoom Class: "Ministry with the Forgotten", April 22nd & 29th**  
**Fee: \$30 due at online registration (deadline March 27th)**

[bit.ly/MarionLSM](http://bit.ly/MarionLSM) (online registration only)

**Questions:** Contact Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965

Registration forms available in the church office and online.



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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 3/12/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	<b>\$ 35,381</b>
Total Revenue YTD:	<b>\$ 326,058</b>
Total Expenses YTD:	<b>\$ 337,606</b>
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 11,548</b>

*Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.*

<b>Faith Promise 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 110,760</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 19,891</b>

### Presence 3/12/2023

◆ Worship in person:	<b>336</b>
◆ Fox TV (Jan. wkly est)	<b>2,925</b>
◆ Worship online:	<b>1,029</b>
◆ Social Media:	<b>2,555</b>
◆ Sunday School:	<b>158</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](mailto:office@fumcmb.org)

Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)

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

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

# Welcome!

## 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 Chad will bring the message on Sunday.**



CDM currently has 13 classrooms and services 145 children from infancy to school age. We read with our students DAILY.



*Our biannual  
Scholastic Book Fair  
Fundraiser is  
March 27th-30th  
from 8AM-10AM and  
2PM-5:30PM.*

*Please come shop with us  
at the Brittain Center at CDM*

Shop for your little ones or shop our teacher wish lists!

## 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

## Happening This Week

### SUNDAY, March 19, 2023

- 8:30A-11AM **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
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs**  
WESLEY BLDG
- 5:15PM **Youth @ North Campus**

### MONDAY, March 20

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

### TUESDAY, March 21

No scheduled meetings

### WEDNESDAY, March 22

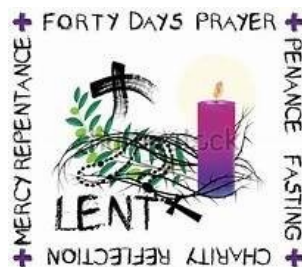
- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY BUILDING
- 1:15PM **Bible Study** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC SUITE

### THURSDAY, March 23

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 11:15AM **Snowbirds & Seagulls**  
WESLEY HALL
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 5:30PM **Lion's Club Mtg** THE 925
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, March 24-26

Confirmation Retreat Weekend



## 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

