



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ March 24, 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

Palm Sunday

March 24, 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

"Ride On King Jesus"

arr. Page

Adult Handbell Choir

(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 & Procession of the Palms**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

UMH #280

Choir, Handbells, Brass, Piano, Organ

* **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

Children's Message

Pastor Michelle

*(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

"A New Hosanna"

arr. Purifoy

Choir, Handbells, Brass, Piano, Organ

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

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Larson

Brass, Handbells, Piano, Organ

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

UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Louk

(Continued on the next page.)

- * **Hymn of Preparation** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” UMH #294
Choir, Handbells, Organ
- * **Scripture** Luke 22, 23 *Pew Bible NT, pgs. 81, 83*
- Sermon** “Jesus Endured the Cross” Rev. McMakin
- * **Closing Hymn** “What Wondrous Love is This?” UMH #292
Choir, Brass, Piano, Organ
- * **Benediction** Rev. McMakin
- * **Postlude** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Larson
Handbells, Brass, Piano, Organ
- Please refrain from exiting the Sanctuary doors by the altar until after the Postlude.*

(*) Please stand as you are able.

Welcome

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

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.**

Thank you to the talented musicians for the beautiful music today: Marissa Terranova, Trumpet I; Joseph Mooney, Trumpet II; Chris Connolly, Trombone I; Elaina Windes, Trombone II; Dr. Charles Dumas, Percussion; Pat Korenkiewicz, Organ; Susan Soehner, Piano; Adult Handbell Choir, Jane Smith, director; Wesley Chancel Choir, Norman McQueen, director.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of a church friend, Jim Wood, and God’s blessings on Lynn from Jim Makins.

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 or 843-448-7164.

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 on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

Serving in Worship

GREETERS—MARCH

Front Entrance Lesa & Geoff Jones

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 Drew Kelly

CRUCIFER Michael Kelly

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen



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 **Myla Butler** and family on the passing of her mother, **Carol Pender**, on March 15, 2024 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Congratulations to Claire-Marie Willis and Kashod Bennett on the birth of their son, **Alakia Nolan Bennett**, on March 15, 2024. Proud grandparents are **Julia and George Willis**, and great-grandparents are **Mabel and Red Waldorf**. *A Cradle Cross and flower are placed on the altar in honor of this new life.*

2024 Bible Lectionary Reading Plan

Week 12 (3/24/24): Psalm 118, John 18, Exodus 1, Mark 11, 1 Corinthians 11

The **Wednesday Bible Study** is taking a short break and will resume on **April 3rd** with a study in **Genesis, chapters 1, 2, 3**. Please join us.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"You can't change the past; you can't predict the future; but you can ruin the present by worrying about both."
~ Anonymous

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

March 25 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 March 26 1 Corinthians 15:12-28
 March 27 Acts 24:10-21
 March 28 Psalm 71:17-24
 March 29 Psalm 30:1-7
 March 30 Psalm 30:8-12
 March 31 John 11:17-44

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "Confident in the Hope of Resurrection"
 John 20:1-23

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



Snowbirds & Seagulls, thank you for being with us this year.

Our final event had 70 participants. We hope to see you again in 2025 for another season of Snowbirds & Seagulls. Thank you to Scott Bowen and the many volunteers for a successful year!

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.

The **safety of our children and youth** is of utmost concern on Sunday mornings and whenever children are in the children's classes within the Wesley Building. Our pastors and Director of Children's Ministry ask that those who attend Sunday School classes and/or Contemporary Worship within the Wesley Building enter and leave through the front glass doors (facing Broadway) or the breezeway door (across from the Asbury Building.) Those persons who require access to the elevator using the Wesley back door will be assisted by a security guard to gain access. The Wesley back door will remain locked on Sunday mornings. We greatly appreciate your understanding and adherence to this **Safe Sanctuary policy**.



**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. Child care provided for ages 3 and under.



Easter Worship times: 6AM Sunrise service, Plyler Park, 10th Ave N; **10AM** Contemporary, Wesley Worship Ctr; **10AM** Traditional, Sanctuary.



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be **April 5th at 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, upstairs**. Harry Gardner will bring the devotional. **All men** of the church are **cordially invited**.

Update from Lay Advisory Council: Disaffiliation Requirements

A smaller group from within the Council has continued to work on key items needed for Annual Conference. We have met all deadlines and have worked with our attorneys updating documents required for our transition. Several committees including SPRC under the leadership of Brenda Bellamy, Finance under the leadership of Clark Butler, and the Trustees under the leadership of Randy Wallace are all playing key roles to ensure a smooth transition for our church. Key staff have also been working tirelessly to support our work. We ask for your continued prayers as we finalize the paperwork for our transition which will be voted on in June at the SC Annual Conference in Greenville, SC.





3/24 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 3/27 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard
 3/31 NO YOUTH GROUP (Happy Easter!)
 4/3 NO YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST (Easter break)
 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
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



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EVENTS

Confirmation Sunday, June 2nd

Vacation Bible School July 8-11, 5:45PM-8PM—"Set Sail" with Paul. All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to register. Registration will be online on our website beginning April 1st and a link provided to the weekly **First Church Kids News**.

Children's Sunday, July 14th, 10AM followed by a picnic with inflatables on the front lawn of the church.



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 3/17/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of: \$ 32,130
 Total Revenue YTD: \$ 353,092
 Total Expenses YTD: \$ 398,828
 Difference YTD: - \$ 45,736

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise: \$ 106,135
Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 24,662

Presence 3/17/2024

◆ Worship in person: 377
 ◆ Worship online: 1,086
 ◆ Fox TV & promos (Feb. mo. est): 19,090
 ◆ Social Media impressions: 9,132
 ◆ Sunday School: 202

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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7



TELL A FRIEND **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, join us for a time of fellowship and enjoy a **cookout on the front lawn with inflatables** for the children! **To volunteer for set-up and clean-up**, please call the church office, 843-448-7164, to leave a message for Jim Lewis.



CDM has 14 classrooms and services 159 children from infancy to school age. We read with our students DAILY. Shop for your little ones or their teacher wish lists!

Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser
March 25th-27th
8—10AM
3:30—5:30PM

Shop with us at the Brittain Center at CDM, 904 65th Ave N. Questions? CDM, 843-692-9272

Looking Ahead!

- 3/25 CDM Book Fair
- 3/28 Living Last Supper, N Campus
- 3/31 Easter, 3 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
- 6/23-28 Look Up Lodge, Youth
- 7/8-11 VBS
- 7/13-20 Salkehatchie
- 8/10 Yard Sale, FMC Women
- 8/17 Back to School Bash/Shoes



Happening This Week



SUNDAY, March 24, 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 25

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** THE 925
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, March 26

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- NOON **Lenten Study** THE 925
- 2:00PM **Congregational Care** PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, March 27

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast** CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group** PRAYER ROOM
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir** CHAPEL

THURSDAY, March 28

- 5:30PM **Lions Club** THE 925
- 6:30PM **Living Last Supper** N CAMPUS

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ~Luke 23:44-46

SATURDAY, March 30

- 9-11AM **Wesley Choir & Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

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*

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

