



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ March 26, 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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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 "As the Deer" arr. Callaway
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Chiming of the Trinity

Special Music "Joyful, Joyful"
"Deep and Wide", "Lift Up Your Voice and Sing"
Children's Choirs, Eve Harris, Jayne Smith, directors

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Michelle Louk

* **Opening Hymn** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" UMH #662

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Chad Mullinix | 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** Romans 8:6-11 Sherrill Allen

Anthem "Amazing Savior" arr. Harlan

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Mullinix

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.)

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Offertory	“Ah! Holy Jesus”	Cruger
* The Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Mullinix
* Preparatory Hymn	“As the Deer”	TFWS #2025
* Sermon Text	Psalm 63:1-8	
Sermon	“Passionate Pursuit”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“Spirit Song”	UMH #347
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Allegretto”	Beethoven

(* Please and as you are able.)

<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sunday School 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***</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children</p> <p>First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 to 1st grade 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.</p>
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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 honor of Linda Paulk on her birthday, March 23rd, by Michael Paulk.

Worship Flowers are needed for April 2; 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 (fume 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 Michael Kelly

VIDEO Jim Lewis **AUDIO** Scott Bowen

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick **Slides** Jonathan Kittle
Lighting Jackson Uphold **Ushers** James Sturgeon, Mary Margaret Kittle
Children’s Message Meghan Nesmith
Little Church Wendi Huberty, 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 **Michelle Blythe** and family on the passing of her father, **David Anderson**, on March 20, 2023 in Huger, SC.



CHURCH-WIDE SPRING FELLOWSHIP MEAL & HYMN SING

TODAY, March 26th—after worship in the Wesley Hall

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

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

FESTIVE BRASS Spring CanAm Concert: Music Through The Ages

TODAY—March 26th at 3:00PM, First Church Sanctuary



All are invited to enjoy a concert that celebrates the changes 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.**

Butter Braided Pastries may be **picked up** in the **Wesley kitchen** after the hymn sing **this Sunday**, or on **Mon, 10AM-2PM; Wed, 10A-1PM; Thurs, 2-4PM.**

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 13 (3/26/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Luke, chapters 17-21

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

Big Tom’s “A Quote”

“Jesus, my Lord, when I take my eyes off You, things just don’t go right.”

~ Pat Butler Dyson, writer, Guideposts

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

March 27	Matthew 11:2-6
March 28	2 Corinthians 5:1-9
March 29	Hebrews 11:1-3
March 30	Matthew 14:23-32
March 31	Psalms 119:113-117
April 1	Exodus 3:9-12
April 2	Matthew 26:36-46

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
“Your Will Be Done”
Matthew 26:36-46

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



Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Thank you for being with us this year. We hope to see you again in 2024 for another season of Snowbirds & Seagulls! Thank you to Scott Bowen and the many volunteers who made it a success.



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

BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT—APRIL 1st **Child Development Ministry, 904 65th Ave N, MB**

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.



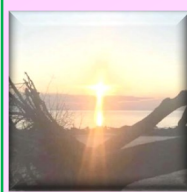
PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION OF PALMS—All children are

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. Adult volunteers will lead the children to the Wesley Hall to process into 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



6:00AM 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.



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" First Friday Men's Lunch meets April 7, 2023, 11:30AM at Magnolia's @ 26th, dining upstairs.
All men of the church are cordially invited. Steve Louk will bring the devotion.



Youth Schedule...

March 26: 2-7PM Youth Tupelo Bay Foot Golf

\$10 fee plus food money

Rain alternative, Waccamaw Bowling Lanes

March 29: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A

April 2—9: No Youth (Spring Break week)

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS



PARENTS, we will acknowledge our high school and college **graduating seniors** on **Sunday, May 7th** to recognize the great achievement in the life of your child. Send information to **Pastor Chad**, cwmullinix@umcsc.org, or 843-448-7164. Please provide your student's full name, high school, college, and planned study, degree or path.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Graduating HS seniors are invited to **apply for a college scholarship** through FUMCMB. Find the Application form online at www.fumcmb.org. Submit **Applications (deadline, April 20th)** to church administrator, **Greg Clemmons**, administrator@fumcmb.org.

New Member Classes—4 sessions!

April 16, 23, 30, May 7 — 9:00AM to 9:50AM

Wesley Resource Library (Room W-104)

For more information, please contact **Pastor Michelle**, **843-448-7164 x203** or mdlouk@umcsc.org.



MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

In-person | April 23rd & 30th | 2:30PM—8:00PM

Main Street UMC-Dillon | 401 E Main St, Dillon SC

\$30 fee due at online registration (deadline March 27th)

bit.ly/MarionLSM (online registration only)

Contact Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965

Registration forms available in the church office and online.



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Financials and Attendance

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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As of 3/19/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 17,071
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 352,588
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 343,618
Difference YTD:	\$ 8,970

Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise 2023:	\$ 110,760
Faith Promise Receipts 2023:	\$ 20,341

Presence 3/19/2023

♦ Worship in person:	348
♦ Fox TV (Jan. wkly est)	2,925
♦ Worship online:	688
♦ Social Media:	2,999
♦ Sunday School:	182

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](https://www.youtube.com/@firstchurch6363)

Request *The Steeple* via email: 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 Joel will bring the message on Sunday.



CDM currently has 13 classrooms servicing 145 children from infants to school age. We read with our students DAILY.



BI-ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

FUNDRAISER

March 27th-30th

8AM-10AM and 2PM-5:30PM

Brittain Center at CDM

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

Upcoming Dates to Note



3/26 Spring Fellowship Meal
11:15AM Wesley Hall

3/26 Youth Night, foot golf

4/1 CDM Bunny Breakfast
and Easter 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
Combined Worship, Sanctuary

5/7 Senior Sunday

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, March 26, 2023

- 8:30A-11 AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** all ages
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
- 11:15AM **SPRC Mtg** OFFICE-2nd Flr
- 11:15AM **Spring Lunch/Hymn Sing**
WESLEY HALL
- 2-7PM **Youth—Tupelo Bay Foot Golf**
- 3:00PM **Festive Brass Concert**
SANCTUARY

MONDAY, March 27

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY BUILDING

TUESDAY, March 28

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 2:00PM **Congregational Care Mtg**
PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, March 29

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 9:00AM **College Ministry Mtg** THE 925
Packing college mailings
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY BUILDING
- 1:15PM **Bible Study** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 6-8PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
MUSIC SUITE

THURSDAY, March 30

- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITTAIN FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, April 1

- 10AM - **CDM Bunny Breakfast**
- Noon **and Egg Hunt** BRITTAIN CENTER

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

