



The Steeple ■ March 3, 2024

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube livestreamed

A United Methodist Congregation

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 3, 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 "What Wonderous Love Is This" 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** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. 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

*(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 Psalm 19:7-10 Glen Daniels
Pew Bible OT pg. 472

Anthem "Grace" arr. Hamlin

Pastoral Prayer Rev. 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.

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

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

Offertory "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Bish

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

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* Hymn of Preparation	“Children of the Heavenly Father”	UMH #141
* Scripture	Psalm 103:1-14	<i>Pew Bible NT, pg. 523-4</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Don’t Think He’s Fair”	Rev. Louk
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Reflection		Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. A communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit First Church College Ministry.</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”	UMH #526
* Benediction		Rev. Creel
* Postlude	“Allegretto”	Beethoven

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

Attendance

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.**

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.

FIRST CHURCH KIDS

First Church invites families to worship together at our 10AM services. We offer childcare with our loving team of workers from ages infant to 1st grade. If this is your first Sunday with us, please go with your child/children to check them into the **Wesley Building, room 102**, after the children’s message.

****Please ask the ushers for hearing devices, large print hymnals,
or children’s Wiggle Bags.****

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 honor of our wonderful organist, Susan Soehner, from a grateful congregation.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 24; May 26. 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 Carol Anne & Ronnie Felts **Office Entrance** Sharri Hammond
Atrium Entrance Dabney Joyner

USHERS—MARCH

Tom Winn: Anne & Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Bob Gallagher, Clayllene Gore,
Jack Rebeck, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Wes Sturzenbecker, Judy Winn

ACOLYTE TBD

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Kathi McCarl, Cam McCarl, Mary Reichman,
Ron Reichman, Rosalin Robinson, Dudley Robinson

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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

James G. Wood, Jr.
April 12, 1943—February 27, 2024

"I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live."

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS—March 3rd and 10th

New Member Classes—New location—The 925 classroom at 11:15AM

Enjoy pizza with the pastors and discover what being a member of God's Church is all about. Questions? **Contact Pastor Michelle.**



Potluck
Dinner



Women's Potluck Fellowship Meal Tuesday, March 5th from 5PM to 7PM | Wesley Hall

All women of First Church are invited for fellowship and to bring a covered dish for the meal. Special guests: Ruth, Esther, Mary, Martha and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Monetary donations are welcome and will benefit local missions.

2024 Bible Reading Plan

Week 9 (3/3/24): Exodus 20, John 2, 1 Corinthians 1, Psalm 19, Proverbs 6

Wednesday Bible Study—1:30PM in The 925

Book of Revelation, chapters 16, 17, 18 mdlouk@umcsc.org

Bible Study



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"You cannot know the will of God for your life unless you come to the cross and confess you are a sinner."
 ~ Rev. Billy Graham

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

March 4 Exodus 39:32, 42-43; 40:33-34
 March 5 Exodus 24:9-18
 March 6 Exodus 33:12-16
 March 7 Exodus 33:17-23
 March 8 Psalm 19:1-6
 March 9 Psalm 57
 March 10 John 17:1-16

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

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Jesus Prays for His Disciples"
 John 17:1-16



Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. As many of you begin your return home this month, 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 7th — 11:15AM Wesley Hall (2/22 attendance, 91)

Program — Bingo Fun; **Meal** — The Snak Shak

Feb. 27th River Club Golf Scores—33 golfers

1st place Score 65: Tommy Moore, Curt Dumbleton, Earl LaFave, Ron Reichman

2nd place Score 69: Don Shillingburg, Mitch Ashby, Bob Edwards, Jeff Harshbarger



March 15th BBQ Dinner Fundraiser from Kenny's

Sponsored by **Sisters In Service** ("SIS") Circle

Tickets \$10/plate—purchase tickets from "SIS" members

Pick up orders at the **CDM Youth Center**, 904 65 Ave N **from 11AM to 2PM**. Proceeds benefit local missions.

Questions? Contact Ellen Boyles, 843-449-7831.



The women of First Church and First Presbyterian Church invite you to SPRING SURGE 2024 — MARCH 16th — 9AM to NOON

First Presbyterian Church, 3810 Grissom Parkway, Myrtle Beach

Help support the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center and their Tiny Home project in Myrtle Beach!



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.

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 Senior Sweetheart Luncheon for Singles Hosted by First Church Kids



3/3 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 3/6 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard St.
 3/10 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 4/21 Youth Sunday (Traditional worship)
 5/19 Graduation Sunday
 6/23-28 LookUp Lodge, Travelers Rest SC
 7/13-20 Salkehatchie Mission Trip, Columbia SC
 Questions? derek@fumcmb.org

FIRST CHURCH KIDS

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Whether your child attends Sunday school at 9AM or Children's Church at 10AM, we will focus on the life of Jesus each week during Lent and Easter. In order to make it easier for you to know what your child is learning, look for your child's "Family Time" take home sheets beginning March 3rd to share your faith at home.

MILESTONES

3/3 Bread and Juice class in Children's Church
 3/23 9AM Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

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!

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 2/25/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 18,283
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 237,071
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 290,858
Difference YTD:	- \$ 53,787

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise:	\$ 105,635
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 21,763

Presence 2/25/2024

◆ Worship in person:	407
◆ Worship online:	814
◆ Fox TV & promos (Jan. mo. est):	19,130
◆ Social Media impressions:	3,526
◆ Sunday School:	170


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



MARCH 10TH AT



The First Church College Ministry team wishes to thank the adult Sunday School classes for their generous contribution of gift cards that were included in the Valentine cards mailed to our college students. The support of this mission is truly appreciated and our students are blessed by the love shown by their church family.



MOMCo (formerly MOPS) meets at First Church on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30AM** in the Wesley Hall for **Bible study and fellowship**. All mothers with preschoolers are welcome in this fellowship group. **Volunteer help is needed for child care**. Please call **Barbara Cherry, 301-379-5055**.

Looking Ahead!

3/10 Daylight Saving Time begins
 3/10 New member classes
 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
 4/21 Youth Sunday
 5/19 Senior/Graduation Sunday
 6/2 Confirmation Sunday

Happening This Week

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, March 3, 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
- 11:15AM **Pizza w/the Pastors** THE 925
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** N CAMPUS

MONDAY, March 4

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** MB MANOR
- 2:00PM **Wood Funeral** SANCTUARY
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, March 5

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs
- NOON **Lenten Study** THE 925
- 4:00PM **Exec Board Women's Mtg**
PARLOR
- 5:00PM **Women's Potluck Dinner**
WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Worship Committee Mtg**
OFC-Upstairs

WEDNESDAY, March 6

- 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
- 1:30PM **Bible Study-reading challenge**
THE 925
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**

THURSDAY, March 7

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**
WESLEY HALL
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, March 8

- 10:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle** PARLOR

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



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FEBRUARY 2024 BULLETIN

IN MEMORY OF:

Mike Black

Carmen Springs (Memorial Fund)

Harrison Clemmons

Steve & Tara Clemmons (General Fund)

Randall Hall

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Joe Perry Johnson

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Rock Smith

John Henry (Youth Fund)

IN HONOR OF:

Anonymous Doner to Disaffiliate

Open Fellowship Class (New Church Fund)

Mia James Lang

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)



Easter Calla Lily Order Form

Help us adorn our worship spaces on Easter Sunday morning by purchasing a calla lily in honor or in memory of a loved one or someone special. **Lilies are \$15 each (one per dedication).** Proceeds will **benefit the FUMC Youth Ministry.** Please complete the form below and return along with your check to the church office no later than **March 25, 2024.**

Easter Calla Lily

IN MEMORY OF _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my () check () cash in the amount of _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my () check () cash in the amount of _____

Please make checks payable to FUMC with a note for FUMC Youth. Place the order in the Offering Plate or bring to Kay in the church office.