



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ March 5, 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

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

The liturgical color is white celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We lift up prayers for the nation, our community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Berry

(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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH #117

vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

* 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

Psalm 121

Tara Howser

Anthem

"Seek Ye First"

arr. Wagner

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, 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

"Fantasia"

Pachelbel

* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

Mr. Creel

(Continued on the next page.)

* Preparatory Hymn	“Freely, Freely”	UMH #389
* Sermon Text	Matthew 23:1-12	
Sermon	“Following Jesus or Following Rules”	Rev. McMakin
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Hymns		Susan Soehner, <i>Piano</i>
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. Communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit FUMC College Ministry.</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	UMH #452
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Canon in D”	Pachelbel

(*) *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 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.</p> <p><i>***Please ask the ushers for children's Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</i></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).</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 worship today are given for the glory of God by Dr. & Mrs. Ry Tipton, III in recognition of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Worship Flowers are needed for April 2, 30; May 7, 21. 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.

Thank you to Susan Soehner for her music offerings in worship and to Kim Alexander for leading the choir in Norman’s absence.

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 Meredith Bowers
BIBLE BEARER Andrew Langway
CRUCIFER Lily Langway

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr., Brenda Bennett, Lesa Jones, Geoff Jones, Michelle Bowers, Neal Bowers

VIDEO Jim Lewis **AUDIO** Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Livestream Jason Gildner **Slides** Ethan Gildner or Jonathan Kittle
Ushers Lisa Watson, Rusty Watson
Little Church Yvonne Brittain, Cait Neptune



Monthly Mission Impact—MARCH

FUMC COLLEGE MINISTRY

Collection bins in the office and worship areas.

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 contents like **hand sanitizers, post-it notes, pens, pencils, tissues, gum, book marks, note books, paperclips, Chapstick, snacks (chips, candy, Slim Jims, Ramen), gift cards.** Our youth are filling **Easter Jars with individually-wrapped candy on March 19th to prepare for the Easter mailing.** Postage expense is also a great need in order to send these packages. We appreciate your generosity!



Church Council will meet on **Monday, March 6th at 6:00PM** in the **Chapel**. All leadership committee chairs are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to all.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Wednesday, March 8th at 11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th, upstairs. Shelby Sansbury will share a devotion after a time of food and fellowship.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The **prayer shawl ministry meets monthly on the first Monday at 3:00PM in the church parlor** to share ideas and pray together over the shawls. If you knit or crochet, please join us to find out more about this ministry.



BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 10 (3/5/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Book of Luke, chapters 2-6

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

Big Tom’s “A Quote”

“Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait on the Lord.”
~ Psalm 27:14

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

March 6	Matthew 9:2-8
March 7	John 19:8-16
March 8	Isaiah 43:11-17
March 9	Ephesians 1:20-23
March 10	John 3:31-35
March 11	Job 42:1-6
March 12	Matthew 21:23-27

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

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
“The Source of Jesus’ Authority”
Matthew 21



Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

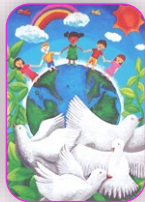
Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a series of **weekly programs and golf outings** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. View the website for details, www.fumcmb.org. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-448-7164**.

March 9 11:15AM | Chapel | Meal by Rodney Jones
Program—John Paul Miller, piano

BUTTER BRAID PASTIRES—order now!

Delicious Danish-style pastries
Freeze, thaw, bake

To place an order, **contact any member of United Women in Faith (UWF)** or pick up a form at worship entrances and in the church office. The price is **\$16 each** and come in **5 flavors: apple, Bavarian crème, blueberry & cream cheese, strawberry & cream cheese, or cinnamon**. Orders are **due by March 14th** accompanied by payment. Pastries will be **delivered on April 3rd**. Get yours now for holiday serving, gifts to neighbors or keep frozen to enjoy later. Proceeds **support UWF local mission projects**.



SPRING SURGE 2023

Join the women of First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church as we welcome back the **SPRING SURGE** in person **Saturday, March 25, 2023, 9:00AM-Noon**
FPC, 3810 Robert M. Grissom Pkwy, Myrtle Beach

This year's theme is "Life and Love in Abundance for God's Children". Learn how **Epworth Children's Home and Thornwell Home for Children** are building tomorrow's families and how you can help. There is **no cost to attend**. Register online, [Spring Surge \(accessacs.com\)](http://SpringSurge.accessacs.com) or **forms are available** from Lynn Wood or the church office.
Registration deadline is March 16th.

On Saturday, February 25th, Pastor Joel and Scott Bowen went "**Over the Edge**" for New Directions Shelters to honor his **commitment to our Missions Promise for 2023**. A dedicated contingency was there to cheer them on!



Avista
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NMB
Scott (L)
& Pastor
Joel (R)

Photos: W. Singleton, M. Morgan

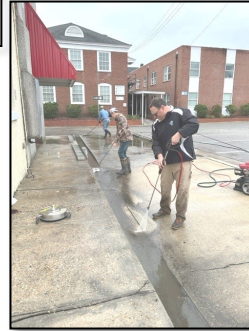


Youth Schedule...

March 5: 5:15PM Youth @ N Campus
 March 8: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A
 March 12: 5:15PM Youth @ N Campus



Jobs well done! Thanks, guys!



March 26th! Spring Fellowship Meal
 following worship in the Wesley Hall
RSVP to trisha@fumcmb.org
by March 22nd
 Donations welcome
 to help defray **UWF** meal costs
FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & MUSIC
 See you there!



CDM Annual Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is March 1st-15th—full-time childcare for infants-4 years old, school age after-school program, and summer school age program.
 Call **CDM 843-692-9272**.
CDM Mission: To make a difference in God's kingdom for every child; to partner with parents; to support each other; to find joy in each day!



MARCH 12th @ 2AM
 Set clocks **AHEAD 1 hour**



Spring Forward
 Daylight Saving Time Begins




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 2/26/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 48,800
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 260,504
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 272,229
Difference YTD:	- \$ 11,725

Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise 2023:	\$ 110,460
Faith Promise Receipts 2023:	\$ 18,243

Presence 2/26/2023

◆ Worship in person:	368
◆ Fox TV (Dec wkly est)	2,966
◆ Worship online:	669
◆ Social Media:	2,163
◆ Sunday School:	185

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
 Follow on Facebook: FUMCMB Instagram: firstchurchmb YouTube: @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 Michelle will bring the message on Sunday.



If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, please consider joining **Compassionate Caregivers**, a small group that offers encouragement, support, and information. We meet monthly on the **first and third Thursdays, 10-11:30AM in the church Parlor**. Alzheimers offers a service to provide a sitter, if needed. For more information, **contact Sherrill Allen at 843-251-1163 or sachillesshs@aol.com.**

Upcoming Dates to Note



- 3/8 Ladies Lunch/Devo Magnolia's upstairs, 11:30AM
- 3/12 Youth service project
- 3/24-26 Confirmation Retreat
- 3/26 Spring Fellowship Meal Wesley Hall
- 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

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, March 5, 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 6

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

TUESDAY, March 7

- 10:00AM **UWF Executive Board Mtg** PARLOR
- 5:45PM **Worship Committee Mtg** OFFICE-2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, March 8

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast** CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group** PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devotional** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th, Upstairs
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal** WESLEY BUILDING
- 1:15PM **Bible Study** MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir** MUSIC SUITE

THURSDAY, March 9

- 11:15AM **Snowbirds & Seagulls** CHAPEL
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, March 10

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

SATURDAY, March 10

- 8AM-5PM **CDM Staff Event** BRITAIN CTR

Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chad W. Mullinix, Youth Director

Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor
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



***MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FOR FEBRUARY 2023 BULLETIN***

IN MEMORY OF:

Sally Connolly

Judy Winn (College Ministry)
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Open Fellowship Class (College Ministry)
Tennessee Collier Circle (College Ministry)
Sandra Nystrom (Thrift Store)

Janice Hall

Nancy Upchurch (Memorial Fund)

Leon “Billy” Lindsay Huls, Jr.

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Mr. & Mrs. James Iseman, Jr.

Jim & Dianne Iseman (General Funds)

Agnes Love

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Billy Suggs

Open Fellowship Class (Missions)

Nancy Stephenson Young

Handbell Choir (Handbell Choir Fund)
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Kathy & Bill Rodwell (Handbell Choir Fund)

IN HONOR OF:

Scott Bellamy

Snowbirds & Seagulls (Missions)

Marc Cotes

Robert & Kathy Overton (Missions)

Lorraine “Rory” Pressley Lyons

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Grant Nesmith

Judy Winn (Youth Activity Fund)