



The Steeple ■ March 20, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30AM* & 11:00AM Traditional, Sanctuary

11:00AM* Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

*also Facebook Live-stream

MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP @ 5:45PM, North Campus

Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

The liturgical color is purple symbolizing the season of self denial.

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

Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" James Mansfield
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

* **The Chiming of the Hour** (congregation stands)

* **Opening Hymn** "Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast" UMH #339

* **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

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

Rev. Donkle 8:30

Yvonne Brittain 11:00

11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church.

Please pick them up following the service in 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 "Wellspring of Wisdom" arr. D.S. Ferguson

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Mr. Creel

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* Hymn of Preparation	“Rescue the Perishing”	UMH #591
* Sermon Text	Luke 14:15-24	Judy Winn 8:30 Shelby Sansbury 11:00
Anthem	“Come, Share the Lord”	arr. Christopher
Sermon	“Excuses”	Rev. Howle
* Closing Hymn	“Gather Us In”	TFWS #2236
* Benediction		Rev. Howle
Postlude	“Andante cantabile”	Johann Krieger

(*) *Stand as you are able.*

Attendance

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew for everyone to register their attendance.

Sunday School

Classes are available for Children ages 3 through Adult every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM.

Ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 through 1st grade following the Children’s Message in 11AM worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: May 1, 15; June 5, 26. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Melinda Morgan in the church office, 843-448-7164 or melinda@fumcmb.org.

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

Traditional Worship 8:30AM and Contemporary Worship 11AM are Livestreamed on Facebook. Worship videos are available on the website (fumcmb.org), on the mobile app, or on delayed broadcast Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX ch 7).

Worship Guidelines: Please join us for worship as your health permits. Your personal discretion for Distancing and Masks are recommended.

Assisting in Worship

GREETERS NEEDED for 8:30 and 11:00

To volunteer, please email Rhonda Singleton, volunteers@fumcmb.org.

USHERS—March

8:30AM Tom Winn: Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn

11:00AM Preston Bowers: Neal Bowers, Jackson Bowers, Dudley Robinson, Mark Sturzenbecker

ACOLYTE	8:30 Gracyn Galloway	11:00 Malley McMillan
BIBLE BEARER	8:30 Hudson Galloway	
CRUCIFER		11:00 Macie McMillan

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO **8:30** Melinda Morgan
11:00 Scott Bowen



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

Monthly Mission in Motion—MARCH

HELP4KIDS



Help4Kids packs weekend snack bags for over 2500 kids and is dealing with a food supply-chain is an issue.

In desperate need of: Canned Pasta, Vienna Sausage, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter Crackers. Other non-perishable food items are welcomed.

Emergency goods are needed within our community for the elderly who have kids living with them. **Other ways to help:**

***Drop off food for the kids' at our office, 2523 Forestbrook Rd, MB 29588**

***Amazon is a great way to order and have it delivered directly**

***Gift cards to purchase food or gas for our vans**



THIRD TIME'S A CHARM!

IMPORTANT DATE—Saturday, April 9th

Wesley Worship Center 10AM to 12PM

MANDATORY SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Donuts & Coffee will be provided

Training is REQUIRED for all volunteers who work with our children or youth

IN ANY CAPACITY throughout the year (VBS, cooks, chaperones, youth counselors, children and youth Sunday School teachers and those on Children and Youth Councils). **Ushers MUST also attend** this training. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Jennifer Donkle at 843-448-7164 or donkle@fumcmb.org.

2022 Spring Surge

Virtual Spring Surge—View online—First Presbyterian Church

March 28, 2022 to April 8, 2022

myrtlebeachpresbyterianchurch.org

The virtual presentation will highlight the **Mayfield Ministries** serving seniors in the **Horry County Senior Centers**. Rev. Meredith Dark will be the featured speaker. Women from First Church will also participate in the virtual presentation.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

How to give: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in communication with partners and exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. **Support UMCOR** international disaster response efforts by making a gift to **Advance #982450**, <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/>. **Donations by check** may be mailed to: 458 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta GA 30308.

REALM CONNECT—Join the online directory for First Church.

Members may contact Melinda in the church office for an "invite" to REALM. On the email invite from the church, click on the link to **Create An Account and Password**. You will receive a confirmation email to verify your account and to download the **Realm Connect App** on your phone from your app store. Then, please review your "profile" and contact Melinda to make any updates. Questions? **Contact Melinda Morgan, in the church office at 843-448-7164 or melinda@fumcmb.org.**



Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!



Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a weekly program that runs January through March. This ministry is geared for the local and snowbird seniors as a time of fellowship and fun. For more information, please contact Scott Bowen 843-448-7164. Weekly programs and Tournament Winners will be shown below. **All meals are \$5.00 per person.**

March 24 Program | 11:15AM | Wesley Hall | Catered by Magnolia's
Erin Althoff, Violin

SAVE THIS DATE! April 20, 2022

First Church will host **Violins of Hope South Carolina** with a concert of violins, songs, and stories honoring Jewish violinists who perished in the Holocaust and commemorate the rescue of 49,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Nazi death camps in 1943. An exhibit in the church Parlor will showcase violins more than eighty years old. Lovingly touched and played by Jewish hands, the violins survived. Information is posted on church bulletin boards.



The **Congregational Care Committee** will meet **Tuesday, March 22, at 2:30PM**, in the **Parlor**. Members are encouraged to be prompt.

BUTTER BRAIDED PASTRIES Order Deadline—March 20
UMW Fundraiser to benefit missions
Pastries are frozen and ready-to-bake; \$14 each
Order from any UMW member



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Gratitude is the Grace that makes the Blessing flow."
~ Lavar Burton, actor

WORSHIP GUIDELINES: Join us for worship as your health permits. Your personal discretion for Distancing and **Masks are recommended.**

*First Church Weekly Readings: **

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don't already have one.

Mar 21	Matthew 7:7-11
Mar 22	Matthew 10:1, 5-10
Mar 23	Mark 16:14-18
Mar 24	Acts 5:12-16
Mar 25	Acts 8:14-24
Mar 26	1 Corinthians 13:1-3
Mar 27	Mark 11:12-14; 20-25

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
"Faith to Move Mountains"
Mark 11:12-25*

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-old pre	Wesley 102
Kindergarten/First Gr	Wesley 205
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 203
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 204

Youth Classes

6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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Adult Classes

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 101
Faith Foundations	Asbury 103
MD Moore*	Wesley 105
New Horizons	Asbury 201
Open Doors*	Wesley 103
Open Fellowship*	Music Center 101



Youth Schedule...

Mar 20: 5-7:15PM Youth @ North Campus

Mar 16: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
Chick Fil-a (Seaboard)

Mar 27: 1-5PM Beast Ninja (\$10 + food money)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

April 9 Hide Easter Eggs @ CDM; Safe Sanctuary; Senior Legacy Project

April 22-24 Confirmation Retreat

May 15 Confirmation Sunday (8:30AM Trad, 11AM Contemporary)

May 22 Senior Sunday

June 5 Asbury Hills

June 12 Youth Sunday



As Easter approaches, please consider plans to celebrate with a memorial or honorarium by ordering a **Lily**. These plants will adorn the Sanctuary and the Wesley Worship Center on Easter Day. An **order form** is inserted in today's **Steeple** and may be turned in to the church office. Forms are available at all entrances. Proceeds benefit the Youth Fund.



Community Kitchen
Of Myrtle Beach

THANK YOU to the Community Kitchen volunteers! My sincere appreciation to all those who helped serve this past week.

~ Lesa Jones

Sunday Meal Fellowship and Program

Baked Ziti Meal 5PM | Program 5:30PM | Wesley Hall
Programs, March 20, 27—"Methodism as a Sung Faith"

Rev. Rowan Crews



The **Church Library** is staffed weekly on **Thursday** mornings, **9AM to Noon**. Feel free to browse. Peggy is there to help!

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.



venmo

Gifts as of 3/13/2022 (includes online giving):

Giving week of:	\$ 25,146
Giving YTD 2022:	\$ 356,772
Expenses YTD 2022:	\$ 327,144
Difference YTD 2022:	\$ 29,628

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Missions Faith Promise:	\$ 91,018
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 37,556

Presence 3/13/2022

◆ Worship:	352
◆ Fox TV (February est)	1,900
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,212
◆ All Social Media:	1,744
◆ Sunday School:	124

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: www.facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram: [firstchurchmb](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchmb)

Request emailed **Steeple**: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

The Ark Sunday School class will serve this Sunday's meal—**baked ziti, salad, dessert.**



Servers, please **arrive no later than 4:20PM** to receive the food and set up. Sunday meals in the Wesley Hall start **at 5PM** (cost by donation) followed by a brief **program** of interest at **5:30PM**. All are welcome!

Contemporary Worship Sunday, 11AM Wesley Worship Center

Join us for an upbeat, 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 Jennifer will bring this Sunday's message from Luke 14:15-24. See you Sunday!

MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Join us for a week-night worship **North Campus at 5:45PM**. Relax with music and meditation. **Jim Creel, Jr. will bring the message from Luke 14:15-24.**

LOOKING AHEAD IN OUR CHURCH LIFE

March 28-Apr 8—Spring Surge
myrtlebeachpresbyterianchurch.org
April 10—Palm Sunday worship
8:30AM, 11AM (2)
April 14—Maundy Thursday worship
6PM, Sanctuary
April 15—Good Friday worship
6PM, Sanctuary
April 17—Easter worship, 4 services
Sunrise, 8:30AM, 11AM (2)
April 20—Violins of Hope, 7PM
May 8—Epworth Mother's Day
Offering

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, March 20, 2022

- 8:30-Noon **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship**
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 9:45AM **Sunday School—All Ages**
- 9:45AM **Confirmation Class**
SONSHINE HOUSE
- 9:45AM **New Member Class** PARLOR
- 11:00AM **Contemporary Worship**
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR | FACEBOOK
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**
SANCTUARY
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY CTR
- 5:00PM **Sunday Meal/Program**
WESLEY HALL
- 5:00PM **Youth @ North Campus**

MONDAY, March 21

- 9A-12PM **Thrift Store Open**
- 5:30PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY CTR
- 5:45PM **Monday Worship** N CAMPUS

TUESDAY, March 22

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

WEDNESDAY, March 23

- 7:15AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo**
CHICK FIL-A (Seaboard)
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY CENTER
- 6:30PM **Adult Chancel Choir**
MUSIC CENTER

THURSDAY, March 24

- 11:00AM **Lent Study** THE 925
- 11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls** WESLEY CTR
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY CTR
- 5:30PM **Lions Club Mtg** THE 925
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, March 25

- 1:00PM **Kendrick Funeral** SANCTUARY
- 5:00PM **Wedding Rehearsal**
SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, March 26

- 5:00PM **Wedding** SANCTUARY

Ministers

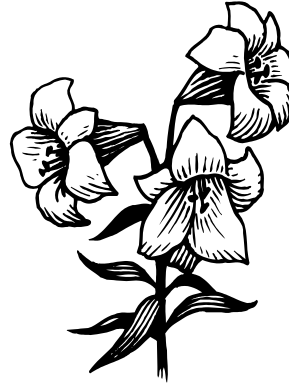
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor
Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor

Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Jennifer Donkle, Minister,
Christian Education/Programming



Easter Lily Order Form

Beautiful lilies for Easter Sunday morning may be purchased for **\$15 each** (one form per order). Purchasing a lily in honor/memory of someone special will **benefit FUMC Youth**. Please complete the form below and return with your check to the church office no later than **April 7, 2022**.



Easter 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.



Saturday, April 9
CDM North Campus
9:00AM | Bunny Breakfast
Hot pancakes | Sausage | Fruit
\$15/family. Reserve your spot!
RSVP to CDM, 843-692-9272 by April 6
10:00AM | Easter Story Time
10:15AM | Easter Egg Hunt
*Face painting, Tattoos,
Pictures with the Bunny*

CANDY NEEDED!

FIRST CHURCH
CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Please donate individually wrapped **candy small enough** to stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.
Drop off candy at the church office or at CDM.