



The Steeple ■ March 27, 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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 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

"The Penitent Heart"

Franklin Ritter

(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome

Rev. Meredith M. Dark

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

* Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH #384

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jennifer Donkle | 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

Rev. Donkle

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

*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

"How Like a Gentle Spirit"

arr. D.S. Ferguson

* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

Rev. Donkle

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* Hymn of Preparation	“Living for Jesus”	TFWS #2149
* Sermon Text	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Rick Hussey 8:30 Buddy Styers 11:00
Anthem	“Just As I Am” <i>Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir</i>	arr. Raney
Sermon	“He Eats with Sinners: Grace!”	Rev. Dark
* Closing Hymn	“Softly and Tenderly”	UMH #348
* Benediction		Rev. Dark
Postlude	“Andante con espresso”	Johann Krieger
	(*) <i>Stand as you are able.</i>	

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 and in honor of the marriage between Trisha Alexandria “Lexy” McNutt and Hunter Michael Millen on Saturday, March 26, 2022, in the First Church Sanctuary, performed by Rev. Howle; and in memory of Joe B. Watson, former First Church member, who was like a grandfather to Lexy, by Lexy and Hunter Millen.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: June 26; July 3, 10, 24, 31. 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 Anna Kate Brittain	11:00 William Sturzenbecker
BIBLE BEARER	8:30 Walker Brittain	8:30 Claire Sturzenbecker
CRUCIFER		11:00 Wesley Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

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



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.

All men of the church are cordially invited to join Big Tom and Harry Gardner for lunch on Friday, April 1st, 11:30AM at Magnolia's.



Celebrate Easter with a **memorial or honorarium** by ordering a **Lily** to adorn the Sanctuary and the Wesley Worship Center on Easter Day. **Order forms** are available at all worship entrances and in the church office. Proceeds benefit the Youth Fund.

Order deadline April 7th, \$15 per dedication.

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.**



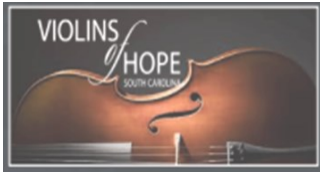
Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Thank you for being with us this year. We hope to see you again in 2023 for another season of Snowbirds & Seagulls!



Sunday Meal Fellowship and Program

Meal 5PM | Program 5:30PM | Wesley Hall
Program, March 27—Part 3 “Methodism as a Sung Faith”
 Rev. Rowan Crews



Violins of Hope South Carolina Tuesday, April 20, 2022, 7PM in the Sanctuary Open to the Public—Hosted by First Church

A concert of violins, songs, and stories will honor Jewish violinists who perished in the Holocaust and commemorate the rescue of 49,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Nazi death camps in 1943. Afterward, an exhibit in the church Parlor will showcase violins more than eighty years old, surviving the historical event, lovingly played by Jewish hands. A Love Offering will be collected to help defray costs.

2022 CCMF Pre-paid Parking Pass on FUMC property is available on a limited basis for **\$75 (cash or check) covering all 4 days, June 9-12.** Please see Melinda Morgan in the church office during office hours to **purchase a pass** or to obtain more information.



Big Tom’s “A Quote”

“Regrets are a waste of time when there is so much love, beauty, and humor in this world.”
 ~ Rita Moreno, actress

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 28	Exodus 12:37-42
Mar 29	Luke 21:34-38
Mar 30	2 Timothy 2:11-15
Mar 31	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Apr 1	Deuteronomy 4:9-13
Apr 2	Matthew 25:1-13
Apr 3	Mark 13:5-8, 28-37

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
 “Right on Time”
 Mark 13:5-31*

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 27: 1-5PM** Beast Ninja (\$10 + food money)
Meet at North Campus
- Mar 30: 7:15AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast
Chick Fil-a (Seaboard)
- Apr 3: 5-7:15PM** Youth @ North Campus

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

BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT—APRIL 9th Child Development Ministry, North Campus

9AM Bunny Breakfast, \$20/family

RSVP to CDM, 843-692-9272 by April 6th

10AM Easter Story Time

10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt (activities, pictures)

CANDY NEEDED!

FIRST CHURCH CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Donations are needed of individually wrapped **candy small enough** to stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy at the church office or at CDM.



CDM Book Fair

You are invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair
March 26—April 1 from 8-10AM or 2-6PM
Brittain Center, North Campus—904 65th Ave N



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 3/20/2022 (includes online giving):

Giving week of:	\$ 12,024
Giving YTD 2022:	\$ 369,911
Expenses YTD 2022:	\$ 341,660
Difference YTD 2022:	\$ 28,251

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Missions Faith Promise 3/13/22: \$ 91,018
Faith Promise Receipts 3/13/22: \$ 37,556

Presence 3/20/2022

◆ Worship:	392
◆ Fox TV (February est)	1,900
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	651
◆ All Social Media:	1,313
◆ Sunday School:	163

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

Request emailed *Steeple*: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

**Open Doors
Sunday School
class will serve this
Sunday's meal,
chicken pan pie,
green beans, 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**.

**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 George will bring this Sunday's message from Luke 15. See you Sunday!

MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Join us for a week-night worship **North Campus at 5:45PM**. Relax with music and meditation. **Chad Mullinix will bring the message from Luke 15.**

**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 27, 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
- 1:00PM **Youth event, Beast Ninja**
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY CTR
- 5:00PM **Sunday Meal/Program**
WESLEY HALL

MONDAY, March 28

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

TUESDAY, March 29

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, March 30

- 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 31

- 11:00AM **Lent Study** THE 925
- 9A-12PM **Library**
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY CTR
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, April 1

- 11:30AM **Men's Lunch/Devo by Big Tom**
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 5:00PM **Wedding Rehearsal**
SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, April 2

- 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

