



# The Steeple ■ May 22, 2022

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

11:00AM\* Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

\*also Facebook Live-stream

### 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

6th Sunday of Easter

Senior Sunday

May 22, 2022

*The liturgical color is white celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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

### Prelude

"The Gift of Love"

H. Hopson

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

### Welcome

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle 8:30

Rev. Meredith M. Dark 11:00

### \* 8:30 Procession of Graduates

Pomp & Circumstance

### \* Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH #577

### \* Affirmation of Faith

Chad Mullinix/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

11:00 Sacrament of Baptism Aaron Burr

UMH #33

11:00 Reception of New Members

UMH #48

Sally and Aaron Burr

### Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Mullinix/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.*

### 11:00 Children's Message

Yvonne Brittain

*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

"Friends"

arr. Emerson

### \* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

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| * <b>Offertory Prayer</b>                      |                                   | Mr. Mullnix/Mr. Creel                                       |
| * <b>Preparatory Hymn</b>                      | “Lord of the Dance”               | UMH #261  |
| <b>Sermon Text</b>                             | Hebrews 12:1-2                    | Rev. Ron Riechman <b>8:30</b><br>Debbie Conner <b>11:00</b> |
| <b>Anthem</b>                                  | “To Everything There is a Season” | arr. Harris   |
| <b>Sermon</b>                                  | “Run the Race Set Before You”     | Rev. Howle <b>8:30</b><br>Rev. Dark <b>11:00</b>            |
| <b>8:30 Senior Recognition</b> <i>(insert)</i> |                                   | Rev. Howle/Mr. Mullnix                                      |
| * <b>Closing Hymn</b>                          | “There is a Name I Love to Hear”  | UMH #170  |
| * <b>Benediction</b>                           |                                   | Rev. Howle/Rev. Dark  |
| <b>Postlude</b>                                | “Come Down O Love Divine”         | Ralph Vaughn Williams                                       |

(\* *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 in honor of Anna Kate Brittain’s 10th birthday by Case, Yvonne & Walker Brittain.

**Flowers are needed for the following dates: July 31; Sept 4, 11, 25.** 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. We ask for personal discretion on Distancing; Masks are optional.

**Assisting in Worship**

**GREETERS—May**

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>8:30 Front</b> Anne & Ron Andrews | <b>11:00 Front</b> Brenda & Norman Bennett |
| <b>8:30 Office</b> Teresa Crocker    | <b>11:00 Office</b> Ann Anderson           |
| <b>8:30 Broadway</b> Yotta Werthman  | <b>11:00 Broadway</b> Martha Stanton       |

**USHERS—May**

**8:30AM Greg Clemmons:** Ashley Booth, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon  
**11:00AM Preston Bowers:** Jackson Bowers, Neal Bowers, Dudley Robinson, Mark Sturzenbecker

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| <b>ACOLYTE</b> <b>8:30</b> Anna Kate Brittain   | <b>11:00</b> William Sturzenbecker |
| <b>BIBLE BEARER</b> <b>8:30</b> Walker Brittain | <b>11:00</b> Wesley Sturzenbecker  |

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Melinda Morgan



## *High School 2022 Graduates and College Choices*



**Calan Ray Booth**, Myrtle Beach High School  
Horry Georgetown Technical College, Diesel Technology

**Ava Grace Hussey**, Myrtle Beach High School  
College of Charleston, Psychology

**Michael Davis Hussey, Jr.**, Myrtle Beach High School  
College of Charleston, Computer Science

**Kristopher Reagan McQueen**, Myrtle Beach HS/Scholars Academy  
Clemson University Honors College, Engineering

**Chloe Elizabeth Montgomery**, Myrtle Beach High School  
University of South Carolina, Business & Psychology

**Brody Ross Runser**, Myrtle Beach High School  
University of South Carolina, Elementary Education

**Claire-Marie Walker Willis**, Myrtle Beach High School  
Coastal Carolina University, Psychology

### **VOUNTEER** In the **Spotlight**

#### **REAGAN McQUEEN—ABC Volunteer**

Having children and youth contribute to the work and service of the church is a special blessing. It allows seasoned members to get to know our youth in a special way. Reagan McQueen is one we have watched grow from infant to young man. He has been contributing to the worship and work of First Church since he was born! Being the music director's son gave him many opportunities to be involved, but Reagan always showed a desire to contribute. For the past three years, Reagan has scheduled acolytes (ABCs) for the traditional services. He has conducted training sessions to teach proper acolyte etiquette. As with many areas of church, the acolyte system was severely and significantly affected by the Covid shutdown. Reagan worked to rebuild the group, encouraging others to serve again. Like the minutemen, he often jumps into service whenever needed. We will miss Reagan's faithfulness and service as he transitions to college and his next adventure. Thank you, Reagan, for your devotion and service.

### *First Church Weekly Readings:\**

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

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| May 23 | Proverbs 11:23-26     |
| May 24 | 2 Corinthians 8:12-15 |
| May 25 | Ephesians 4:25-5:2    |
| May 26 | Luke 6:32-38          |
| May 27 | Luke 12:27-34         |
| May 28 | 1 Timothy 6:17-20     |
| May 29 | 2 Corinthians 9:6-11  |

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
"Acts of Generosity"  
2 Corinthians 8-9*

### *Sunday School Classes*

#### Children's Classes

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

#### Youth Classes

|                   |                |
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| 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 |

# Monthly Mission Impact – MAY

## EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME



God has called First Church to “impact” this ministry through our Missions efforts. Please consider how God is calling you to further support this ministry to the children in South Carolina. Generous donations enable transformations to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Please visit [Epworthchildrenshome.org](http://Epworthchildrenshome.org)

**Among their current needs:** Toilet Paper, Roll Paper Towels, Tilex, Brooms & Dust Pans, Mops & Bucket, Alcohol-Free Mouth Wash, Floss, Laundry Detergent, Face Masks, Paper Plates, Paper Cups, Plastic Utensils, Socks (Men & Women), Underwear (Men & Women), Spray Bottles, Windex, Bath Towel/Washcloth Sets, Dish Towels, Plastic Laundry Baskets, Liquid Hand Soap, Soap Holders, Lysol Spray, Bleach, Clorox Wipes & Spray, Hand Sanitizer, Pine Sol, Ziplock Bags, Hair Dryer, Hair Dryer/Comb.

**Collection Bins are located in the church office and worship spaces.**



## Please Join Us!

### Retirement Celebration

for

**Rev. Dr. George K. Howle**

on 40 years of Ministry

in the United Methodist Church

and in Recognition of

Rev. Meredith Dark on her new appointment

**Sunday, June 5th at 10:00AM**

First Church Sanctuary

901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC

followed by BBQ lunch in Wesley Hall

Please RSVP by May 27 to [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org)

**After worship on June 5th**, please join us for a BBQ lunch honoring Pastor George and recognizing Pastor Meredith in the Wesley Hall. **Kenny's Barbeque** from Hemmingway will cater the meal—BBQ pork and chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, sweet potato casserole, mac and cheese, banana pudding, roll. **Please RSVP** with the number in your party **NO LATER THAN May 27** to **Melinda Morgan, 843-448-7164** or email [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org).

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"The best of all (in life), GOD is with us."

~ John Wesley



### Going Forth Love Offerings for our Pastors

Those who wish to give to the **Love Offerings for Rev. George, Rev. Meredith and Rev. Jennifer** may write separate checks to FUMC, note on the memo line either "Love Offering—George, Meredith or Jennifer". Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office **by June 2nd**.





## Youth Schedule...

**May 25: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
Chick-Fil-A (Seaboard St)

**May 29: No Evening Youth Activities**

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

**June 12 Youth Sunday**

**July 16-23 Salkehatchie**

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY GRADUATES 2022

Aayan Hernandez  
Ceasar Poinsette  
Jesse Eagerton  
Mason Landry  
Roman Raposo  
Sophia Cabrera  
Zen Kennedy  
Roman Feliciano

Audrey Hernandez  
Bentlei Williams  
David Cherry  
Kris Laska  
Shi'Myra Grace  
King John Bethea  
Lucero Avalos  
Noah Swann

Adeline Lucky  
Evelyn Millsaps  
Cooper Abel  
Charleigh Thorton  
Finley Garrett  
Mclendon Selander  
Harper Johnson  
Hazel Fulford



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS!

We now have a **new name—UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**. The name may have changed, but **our purpose remains the same**. All circles are again meeting in person and have been very active. The recent fundraiser, "**Spaghetti-in-a-Bag**", netted \$1,270 with the proceeds divided among Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, Fostering Hope in Conway, and Children's Recovery Center in Myrtle Beach. The **Butter Braid Pastries** raised \$1,200. Another \$1,000 was donated to **Phoenix Renaissance** in the Racepath community allowing 30 children to attend camp this summer. Thirty-six **Easter baskets** were filled and delivered to the children at the women's shelter and gift bags are being assembled for the fathers in June. Yet another circle has learned about the **Agape Love Boxes project** here in Myrtle Beach bringing awareness to this worthwhile mission and those they serve. Another opportunity to share God's love!

We are looking forward to hosting the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Conference of United Women in Faith in October. We are expecting over 100 participants to meet and to worship in our church.

### 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 5/15/2022 (includes online giving):

Giving week of: \$ 16,632  
Giving YTD 2022: \$ 591,364  
Expenses YTD 2022: \$ 641,484  
Difference YTD 2022: - \$ 50,120  
*Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.*

**Missions Faith Promise: \$ 91,868**  
**Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 53,760**

#### Presence 5/15/2022

◆ Worship: 407  
◆ Fox TV (April wkly est) 1,600  
◆ Worship Facebook/Web: 580  
◆ All Social Media: 2,193  
◆ Sunday School: 154

**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

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

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

**Contemporary Worship  
SUNDAY @ 11AM  
Wesley Worship Center**

Join us for a special Sunday as we **recognize our graduating seniors**. Also CDM Kindergarten graduates will be presented. Enjoy a cup of coffee before worship, visit, and get to know us and First Church! **Pastor George will bring Sunday's message from Hebrews 12:1-2.**

*Welcome!*

Please welcome our new members, **Dru and Randy McLean**, who joined First Church in 8:30 Traditional worship on May 15, 2022 by transfer of letter from Ware Shoals UMC, Ware Shoals SC.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
for rising Pre-K  
through 5th grade  
July 11 to July 14, 2022  
5:00PM to 7:30PM**

Brittain Center-North Campus  
905 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach



**Registration Fee: \$20/child**  
(includes participant T-shirt and meals)  
**ONLINE REGISTRATION  
AVAILABLE SOON!**

*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, May 22, 2022**

- 8:30-Noon **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 9:45AM **Sunday School—All Ages**
- 11:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR | FACEBOOK
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY
- NOON **Senior Lunch @ Magnolia's**

**MONDAY, May 23**

- 9A-12PM **Thrift Store Open**
- 5:30PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY CTR

**TUESDAY, May 24**

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 25**

- 7:15AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo**  
CHICK FIL-A (Seaboard)
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 11:00AM **Carolina Black Clergy Lunch**  
WESLEY HALL
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER BELL ROOM
- 6:30PM **Adult Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC CENTER

**THURSDAY, May 26**

- 11:00AM **CDM Graduation** SANCTUARY
- 9AM **Library (staffed)**
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY CTR
- 5:30PM **Lions Club Mtg** THE 925
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITTAIN FELLOWSHIP

**LOOKING AHEAD  
IN OUR CHURCH LIFE**

- June 5—Retirement Celebration  
Pastor George
- June 5-10—Asbury Hills (via bus)
- June 12—Youth Sunday
- June 19—Father's Day
- July 10-14—Vacation Bible School
- July 16-23—Salkehatchie

**Ministers**

**Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor**     **Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor**  
**Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus**

