



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ May 7, 2023



GRADUATION SUNDAY

10:00AM* Traditional, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

*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

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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

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

Prelude

"Prelude"

Rutter

Lisa Washburn, *flute*

(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**

* **Senior Processional**

Pomp & Circumstance

Senior Recognition

Rev. Chad Mullinix

* **Affirmation of Faith**

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 66:1-7, 16-20

Donna Guinn

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Louk

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 Anthem

"Etude"

Andres

* **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Louk

(Continued on the next page.)

* Preparatory Hymn	“Because He Lives”	UMH #364
* Sermon Text	2 Timothy 3:10-17	
Sermon	“God’s Instructions”	Rev. Louk
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Anthem		
	“Come to the Table, Come to the Lord”	arr. Martin
	Lisa Washburn, <i>flute</i>	
Reflection	Lisa Washburn, <i>flute</i> ; Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>	
	<i>Pease feel free to pray at the altar. Communion offering may be left at the altar and will benefit Community Kitchen.</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	UMH #140
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Allegro”	Marcello

(*) 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>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</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 and in loving memory of Doug Baxter from Susan Baxter.

Worship Flowers are needed for July 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20. 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.

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 Worship

GREETERS—MAY

Front Entrance Kathy & Jim Render **Office Entrance** Jean Hussey

USHERS—MAY

Annette Willett: Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

ACOLYTE Will Sturzenbecker
BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker **CRUCIFER** Wes Sturzenbecker

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Jane and Stan Greenawalt, Dabney Joyner, Jan and Less Haga

VIDEO Jim Lewis **AUDIO** Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick **Slides** Rosie Swain
Lighting Jackson Uphold **Ushers** James Sturgeon, Mary Margaret Kittle
Little Church Kate Horsley, Wendi Huberty
Communion Stewards Millie & John Lavin



FIRST CHURCH 2023 GRADUATING CLASS

HIGH SCHOOL

Jason "Jay" Mills Anderson, Jr., Christian Academy
University of South Carolina, Psychology

Maggie Louise Bellamy, Aynor HS
Wofford College

Jackson Neal Bowers, Myrtle Beach HS
University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business

Cooper Christian Denny, Carolina Forest HS
Clemson University

Ethan Daniel Gildner, Socastee HS
US Army

Briggs Jameson Graves, Loris High School

Matthew Hinkle, Socastee HS
US Marines

Jackson "Jack" Dean Nelson, Carolina Forest HS
US Air Force/online college

Mattie Ann Washburn, Socastee HS
Winthrop University, Theater/Musical Theater Education



COLLEGE

Robert Charles Laws, Coastal Carolina University, BA Musical Theatre

Belle Anne Hardwick, Young Harris College, BS Sports Management

Emma Louise Liles, Barton College, BS Business Admin/Sports Management
Pursuing masters at Univ. of South Carolina, Higher Education/Student Affairs

Rawley Wilkins Merchant, University of South Carolina, BA Psychology

Jean Chappell Myers, Charleston Southern College, BA Christian Studies

Magdalena "Maddie" Catherine Romanski, University of South Carolina
Honors College, BS Biological Sciences

Bayley Nichole Runser, University of South Carolina, BA Elementary Education

Thomas Riley Shuler, Clemson University, BS Mechanical Engineering

Gillian Day Wiggins, The Citadel, BA Intelligence/Security Studies

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Be strong and courageous. God is with you. He will never forsake you."
~ Deuteronomy 31:6

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

May 8 Psalm 4:1-8
May 9 Matthew 11:25-30
May 10 Psalm 127:1-2
May 11 Isaiah 57:1-2
May 12 Philippians 4:4-7
May 13 Proverbs 3:21-24
May 14 Psalm 23

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Sabbath as a Palace in Time"
Psalm 23*

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

0-2 year-olds W-101
3 & 4 year-olds/pre-K W-102
Kindergarten/1st Grade 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
New Creations A-203
MD Moore* W-105
Open Doors* W-103
Open Fellowship* Music Ctr
The Seekers A-207

Monthly Mission Impact—MAY

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



Community Kitchen
Of Myrtle Beach

First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach the week of **May 29-June 2, 2023, Monday thru Friday.**

Two volunteers are needed for each shift each day.

Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM

Please contact Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253 to volunteer.

The Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach was founded on the thought of helping those in need, endeavoring to provide where the need is greatest. Their mission is to feed the hungry with both excellence and compassion. Please **help support** Community Kitchen through **volunteering to serve** and through your **2023 Faith Promise.**

www.communitykitchenmb.org

IN REMEMBRANCE

Thomas Michael “Mike” Thompkins
October 19, 1956—April 29, 2023

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

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Betty Jordan** and family on the passing of her brother, **Donald Hardee**, on April 26, 2023 in Green Sea, SC.



Church Council will meet on **Monday, May 8th at 6:00PM** in the **Chapel**. All leadership committee chairs are urged to attend. The meeting is open to all.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 19 (5/7/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Acts, chapters 2-6.

Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia’s @ 26th, Bible Study
2nd floor, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited to grab lunch downstairs, and join us upstairs for fellowship and study. mdlouk@umcsc.org



New Member Class — May 7 — 9:00AM to 9:50AM
Wesley Resource Library (Room W-104)

LAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The **Lay Advisory Committee** and its subcommittees **continue to meet** to discuss role-out for church meetings starting in the September. We want to thank you for taking the time to send in questions. We are working to answer your questions and to provide members with updated information in the very near future.

Between now and August, the committee along with the Pastors will work to make ourselves **available to meet with any small groups** that would like to engage in a conversation about the status of the United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church MB **as we move towards a clear discernment process.**

We also want to **thank you for your continued support and prayers** for our church and leadership.

Debbie Conner, Co-Lay Leader FUMCMB





Youth Schedule...

May 7: 10AM Senior Sunday

5:15PM Youth @ North Campus

May 10: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-A

May 14: NO YOUTH GROUP (Mother's Day)

May 21: End of Year Youth beach party

SALKEHATCHIE—Saturday June 17-24 or July 15-22

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a **home repair ministry of the SC United Methodist Church, for teens and adults age 14 and up.** From Saturday to Saturday, volunteers experience more than just a week of hard work. Their dedication and love help families feel comfortable and secure in their homes.

The two weeks for FUMC are **June 17-24 or July 15-22. To register for either week,** please go online to www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie/. FUMC financial aid is available to help offset fees. Contact Greg Clemmons, administrator@fumcmb.org.



TWO NEW COMMUNION TRAYS GIVEN AS MEMORIALS

The new communion trays are brushed silver with lids and each holds 35 communion cups. These trays will supplement those in current use.

*Given by Dabney Joyner in memory of her son, Jimmy Horne.
Given by Susan Smith in memory of her grandmother, Elise Heins.*

MISSING CHERUB VASES (2) FROM THE CHURCH SACRISTY. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SET OF VASES? Maybe they were borrowed and stored in someone's closet or garage. If or when found, please **call the church**, 843-448-7164, or **return them as soon as possible** to the church office. Thank you.



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 4/30/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 19,799
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 537,551
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 537,947
Difference YTD:	- \$ 396

Expenses include monthly apportionments & direct billing.

Faith Promise 2023:	\$ 110,760
Faith Promise Receipts 2023:	\$ 37,664

Presence 4/30/2023

◆ Combined Worship in person:	330
◆ Fox TV (Feb. wkly est)	2,963
◆ Worship online:	342
◆ Social Media:	3,922
◆ Sunday School:	137

First Church Thrift Store—Mondays: 9AM-1PM | Thursdays: 1-4PM | Sat. 10AM-2PM

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

YouTube: [@firstchurch6363](https://www.youtube.com/@firstchurch6363)

Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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



Nine members from FUMC were "Buddies" for the

Grand Strand Miracle League softball game on Saturday, April 29th. Those attending were Cam McCarl; Ronnie & Carol Ann Felts; Neal, Michelle, Jackson, Preston, and Meredith Bowers. Thanks to all who helped buddies with the participants to have a fun time helping others enjoy themselves. Great Day!!



Photos by S. Bowen, E. Perry, C. McCarl

Upcoming Dates to Note



- 5/14 Mother's Day Epworth Offering
- 5/21 CDM Graduation Sunday Contemporary worship

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, May 7, 2023

- 8:30A-11 AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 9:00AM **New Member Class** WESLEY RESOURCE LIBRARY W-104
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship** WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER ^YouTube
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship*** SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY BLDG
- 5:15PM **Youth @ North Campus**

MONDAY, May 8

- 9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal** WESLEY CENTER
- 6:00PM **Church Council Meeting** CHAPEL

TUESDAY, May 9

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle** COVENANT TOWERS
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5-7PM **UWF Dinner/Fashion Show** WESLEY HALL

WEDNESDAY, May 10

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

THURSDAY, May 11

- 1-4PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, May 12

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

SATURDAY, May 13

- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN**

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**



Senior Recognition

Welcome to a special Sunday where we will be honoring First Church's graduating class of 2023. As I call your name, graduates and parents please come up to the altar and stand next to your name.

High School Graduates

Jason "Jay" Mills Anderson, Jr., Christian Academy
University of South Carolina, Psychology

Maggie Louise Bellamy, Aynor HS—Wofford College

Jackson Neal Bowers, Myrtle Beach HS
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Presentation of Blankets

Chad: At this time, we invite the graduates to kneel for the presentation of the blankets.

Dear friends in Christ, there was a day when your loved ones held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will be launching out to begin your new life. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember who you are and whose you are.

Families, please wrap the blanket around your graduate, place a hand on their shoulder and speak these words:

Families: We come this day before God and our church family to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love, of joy, of forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you will always share a sacred space in our hearts. May this blanket remind you of our love and the warmth of this faith community. Remember that we love you and know that in God's family, you are never alone. In Jesus' name, we bless you, we honor you.

Chad: Graduates, please rise. Families, please kneel. Graduates, place your hands on your loved ones' shoulders and bless them on their way by speaking these words:

Graduates: You have given me your heart and your home. You have loved and cared for me even when times were difficult. I thank you for the selflessness of your care for me. I honor you for your courage and patience, your wisdom and love.

Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Your love and example will continue to bless and guide me. In Jesus' name, I bless you and I honor you.

Chad: Families, please rise and graduates face the congregation. Congregation, join in the following response:

Congregation: And now, wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this blanket, the love of God and your family, the support of this church, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's Blessing. Amen.

Chad: We offer our appreciation and thanks to the guides, teachers, pastors and friends who have blessed these youth and parents throughout their growing years. Let us honor the graduates we now send out and the families and sponsors who have kept their promises made so many years ago to God. Congratulations!!

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FOR APRIL 2023 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Sally Connolly

Lois Clark (Thrift Store)

Loreen Glandt

Open Fellowship Class (TV Ministry)

Ann Harmon

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Ruell & Deborah Hicks (Youth Fund)

Frank & Harriet Clark (General Fund)

Kathy & Bill Rodwell (Handbell Choir)

Edith Joyner

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Phyllis Marlette

David Marlette (Flower Fund)

Robert Malcolm Moore

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Phil Mulholland

Kathy & Bill Rodwell (Handbell Fund)

Emily Ann Skews (Handbell Fund)

Leslie & Scott Wasserman (Handbell Fund)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Beth & Jim Rozier (Memorial Fund)

Karen Rice

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Judy Winn (Choir Fund)

Daisy Dean Martin Sanders

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Mike Thompkins

Don & Janice Myers (Memorial Fund)

Furman York

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

IN HONOR OF:

Briar Lyn Booth

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Tom Brittain

Jamye Crossingham (Summer Camp Endowment)

Ann Cannon (Summer Camp Endowment)

Wendy Fleming

Sherrill Allen (Youth Fund)



Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Allie and her sister Mabry arrived on Epworth's campus last summer. They had been removed from their home by the South Carolina Department of Social Services, along with their two younger siblings who were placed in a foster home with Epworth's Foster Care program. Allie and Mabry missed their siblings but were thankful to be living together in the same cottage on Epworth's campus.

Initially, Allie did not want to go back home. At 16 years old, Allie was the oldest sibling of four. As her home life became unbearable with substance use and neglect, Allie had taken on the role of caregiver of her siblings. She felt protective and knew that they were in a safer environment on Epworth's campus and in a loving foster home.

Their mother was enrolled in an addiction treatment program and was working hard on her treatment goals so that she could become a better parent. The sisters, along with their mother, began to participate in family therapy at Epworth. The goal was to help rebuild their relationship and hopefully work toward reunification. Epworth is not only providing Allie and Mabry and their siblings with the care they need, but her family has been provided the opportunity to break a destructive cycle in their lives and create a promising future.

As their stay at Epworth lengthened, the siblings missed each other, and Epworth's staff worked together with the foster family to reunite the siblings with their mother at Family Day. This is a monthly event on Epworth's campus that gives children a chance to reunite with family members and play games and enjoy fellowship.

The more time that Allie spent with her mother at family therapy and monthly Family Day, her strained relationship began to restore itself. The counselors were able to help Allie process her feelings of resentment and anger. Her relationship with her mother improved so much that Allie felt ready to begin transitional visits in hopes of becoming a restored family by this summer.

These services to children and their families are available because of faithful people, like you. Make a generous gift today to Epworth's Mother's Day offering knowing you are a partner with Epworth in transforming the futures of children, like Allie and Mabry.

Mark 10:14-16

**Children's names and photo changed for confidentiality.*

Did you Know?

191

Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

265

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program

100%

Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.

2900 Millwood Ave. Columbia, SC 29205 | (803) 256-7394 | Give online @epworthchildrenshome.org

Mother's Day is next Sunday, and it's a day that brings up a variety of emotions for all of us. For the children at Epworth Children's Home, these emotions are front and center as they go through this time of year without their mothers. It is our role as Methodists to make sure that on Mother's Day and every day, the children at Epworth have everything they need to be loved and grow up happy and healthy. Epworth is our ministry. It is a place that we can be proud to support. We, as United Methodists, offer children at Epworth safety and security by surrounding them with loving, Christian adults such as educational tutors, counselors, pastors, and cottage parents. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference; this is our opportunity to support this ministry. As you prayerfully consider the gift God is calling you to share with Epworth next Sunday, I ask you to remember the children at Epworth and give generously.