



The Steeple ■ May 8, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

11:00AM* Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

*also Facebook Live-stream

DISCONTINUED Monday Night Worship

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

4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 8, 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 "Near to the Heart of God" arr. D.S. Ferguson
(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** "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

* **Affirmation of Faith** Chad Mullinix | 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. Mullinix

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.

8:30 Reception of New Member Mike Foster UMH #48

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 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr. D.S. Ferguson

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Mr. Mullinix

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* Preparatory Hymn	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	UMH #474
Sermon Text	Genesis 17:15-21	Gae Riddleberger 8:30 Neal Bowers 11:00
Anthem	“How Can I Keep from Singing Your Praise”	arr. Kingsmore
Sermon	“Mothers of the Bible”	Rev. Howle
* Closing Hymn	“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”	TFWS #2140 <i>Vs 1,2,5</i>
* Benediction		Rev. Howle
Postlude	“Wondrous King, All-Glorious”	arr. Hans Arnold Metzger

(*) *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 and in memory of Martha Przeklasa White by Tracy and Jan Gunter.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: July 31; Sept 4, 11, 18, 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

8:30 Front Anne & Ron Andrews	11:00 Front Brenda & Norman Bennett
8:30 Office Teresa Crocker	11:00 Office Ann Anderson
8:30 Broadway Yotta Werthman	

USHERS—May

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

ACOLYTE 8:30 TBD	11:00 Ben Gildner
BIBLE BEARER 8:30 TBD	11:00 Claire Sturzenbecker
CRUCIFER 8:30 TBD	11:00 Ethan Gildner

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO TBD



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

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.



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". Monetary gifts may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office **by June 2nd**.

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference.

This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. **Please give generously by using the envelope provided in the bulletin.** For more information, visit online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"The most precious jewels you'll ever have around your neck are the arms of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren."~ *Grandma's Love*

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

May 9	Hebrews 1:1-4
May 10	Isaiah 48:12-16
May 11	Psalm 139:1-6
May 12	Psalm 139:7-12
May 13	Psalm 139:13-18
May 14	Ephesians 2:4-10
May 15	Job 38:4-11

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series:
"In Awesome Wonder"
Job 38*

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

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

Children's Choirs End-of-the Year Program

"Joy—Love—Family"

Sunday, May 15th—5PM—Wesley Hall



Taco & Salad Buffet

Call the church office to make your dinner reservations.

Enjoy hearing the children sing and ring hand bells & hand chimes.
Added attraction—Parent Participation

Retirement Celebration Sunday, June 5, will be a morning to honor **Rev. George** as he enters retirement after 40 years in ministry and to recognize **Rev. Meredith** as she prepares for a new appointment. More worship details will be coming soon.

After worship on that day, please join us for a meal with all the fixins in the Wesley Hall. **Kenny's Barbeque** from Hemmingway will cater the meal. The menu includes BBQ pork and chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, sweet potato casserole, mac and cheese, banana pudding, roll.

Reservations are required. Please RSVP your lunch attendance (# in party) **NO LATER THAN May 27** to **Melinda Morgan, 843-448-7164** or email office@fumcmb.org.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



First Church will serve at Community Kitchen—May 23-27
Breakfast Shift | 7AM-10AM Lunch Shift | 10AM-1PM

Masks and social distancing are optional; gloves provided.

To Volunteer, contact Lesa Jones, 704-796-7280 or LJones6430@gmail.com



Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Wednesday, May 11, 11:30AM at Magnolia's, upstairs

VOLUNTEERS
In the
Spotlight

Jason and Ethan Gildner

Have you ever tried to spin four or more plates on sticks all at once while hopping on a ball like "The Cat in the Hat"? Jason Gildner and Ethan Gildner have some experience in this area! While they have not been asked to hop on a ball, they keep our contemporary service running so smoothly that we don't even notice what they do! That is the mark of a great technician. Every week since before the pandemic, this father-son duo has managed to run lighting, sound (both in the worship space and online), slides, and live streaming video on Facebook. When networks go down or equipment fails or changes, they work their magic. We, mere mortals, don't even notice because they "just make it work" in a seemingly flawless manner. Jason and Ethan, your First Church Family is thankful for you, your faithfulness and dedication to your portion of our ministry.



Youth Schedule...

May 8: No Youth Group (Happy Mother's Day)

May 11: 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
Chick-Fil-A (Seaboard St)

May 15: 5-7:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

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

May 22 Senior Sunday (8:30AM Traditional; 11 AM Contemporary)

June 12 Youth Sunday

July 16-23 Salkehatchie



More photos from . . .



Confirmation Retreat
2022!



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.



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Gifts as of 5/1/2022 (includes online giving):

Giving week of:	\$ 22,578
Giving YTD 2022:	\$ 548,099
Expenses YTD 2022:	\$ 516,481
Difference YTD 2022:	\$ 31,618
<i>Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.</i>	

Missions Faith Promise: \$ 91,868
Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 48,477

Presence 5/1/2022

◆ Worship:	291
◆ Fox TV (April wkly est)	1,600
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	481
◆ All Social Media:	891
◆ Sunday School:	125

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

**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!

Rev. Meredith will bring Sunday's message from Genesis 17:15-21.



!!! 2022 CCMF !!!

ONLY 3 SPOTS

LEFT—Pre-paid Parking Pass on FUMC property

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.**

VBS

**SAVE THE DATE
JULY 10-14, 2022**



**LOOKING AHEAD
IN OUR CHURCH LIFE**

May 15—Confirmation Sunday
May 22—Senior Sunday
June 5—Retirement Celebration
Pastor George
June 5-10—Asbury Camp (via bus)
June 12—Youth Sunday
June 19—Father's Day
July 10-14—Vacation Bible School
July 16-23—Salkehatchie

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, May 8, 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
- 4:15PM **Children's Music/Handbells**
WESLEY CENTER

MONDAY, May 9

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

TUESDAY, May 10

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR
- 10:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**
PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**
CHAPEL
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee**
OFC-2nd FLOOR
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** S DURANT HOME

WEDNESDAY, May 11

- 7:15AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo**
CHICK FIL-A (Seaboard)
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devo**
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th, Upstairs
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY CENTER
- 6:30PM **Adult Chancel Choir**
MUSIC CENTER

THURSDAY, May 12

- 9A-12PM **Library (staffed)**
- 1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY CTR
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, May 13

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

Ministers

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

