



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ November 19, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary, Wesley Worship Ctr

*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

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

The liturgical color is green symbolizing a focus on our Christian growth.

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

Prelude

"Now Thank We All Our God /
Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Berry

(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

* **Opening Hymn** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. 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

Children's Message

Missi McMakin

*(Following, children ages 3 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Little Church.
Parents may pick up children after worship in room 201, Wesley Bldg.)*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Norman McQueen
Pew Bible OT pg. 522

Anthem

"God So Loved the World"

arr. Harlan

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. 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.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Held

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

(Continued on the next page.)

* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”	UMH #102
* Scripture	Psalm 92:1-4	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.226</i>
Sermon	“Living a Life of Gratitude”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“Give Thanks”	TFWS #2036
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“We Gather Together”	arr. Fisk

(* *Please and as you are able.*)

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to register your attendance. Members have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device. Sunday School for all ages—3 through adult—9:00 to 9:50AM. Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship.	First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 yrs 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). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

****Please ask the ushers for hearing devices, large print hymnals, or children’s Wiggle Bags.****

We are blessed to welcome everyone in our presence today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ together in worship.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster Smith and Caroline Virginia Smith by Dr. Lauchlan and Dianne McKay.

Worship flowers are needed for (2024) Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 25. 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—NOVEMBER

Front Entrance Clayllene Gore

Office Entrance Susan Guinn

USHERS—NOVEMBER

Greg Clemmons: Ashley Booth, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Steve Louk

ACOLYTE Wes Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker

CRUCIFER Will Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick ***Slides/Lighting*** Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Daniel Shuler, Don Myers

Children’s Message Donna Cassity

Little Church Cait Neptune



Monthly Mission—NOVEMBER



First Church is sponsoring a **COAT DRIVE** for all ages to benefit **Help4Kids**—coats for kids and other wintertime items! As the cold weather season approaches, Help4Kids needs winter items (**NEW ONLY**) for all age kids: **Coats/jackets, gloves, mittens, hats.** www.help4kidssc.org **ALSO**



Shepherd's Child is collecting non-perishable food items for the families of the program. **Please bring items to the church by Sunday, Dec. 3rd.**

Winter wear may be placed on the altar in worship. Food goods may be placed in the collection bins located in the church office or worship entrances.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sheree L. Stancoven

March 4, 1956—November 7, 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 **Chad Mullinix** and family on the passing of his grandfather, **Ted Herman Mullinix**, on November 8, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, SC.



The Wonder of Christmas

Once You Believe, Anything is Possible (Ed Robb, Rob Rentroe)

Advent Study with Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

4 Weeks, Tuesdays beginning **November 28th at 12 Noon**

Group size limited to 15 participants.

Sign up with Trisha in the church office; trisha@fumcmb.org

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!
Week 47 (11/19/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):
The Book 1 John, chapters 1-5



NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY, Nov 22nd, DUE TO THANKSGIVING.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"God does not leave us unattended. God knows where we are and what we need."
~ Deborah Manera, *The Upper Room*, contributor

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Nov 20 Matthew 1:18-25
Nov 21 Hebrews 1:1-4
Nov 22 Colossians 1:15-20
Nov 23 Philippians 2:1-13
Nov 24 John 14:15-31
Nov 25 John 15:1-17
Nov 26 John 1:1-14

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"When Your Host is the Living Word"
John 1:1-14

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 2 years W-101
3 & 4 yr olds W-102
K & 1st grades W-202
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 Creation A-203
MD Moore* W-105
Open Doors* W-103
Open Fellowship* A-104
Seekers A-207



First Church is preparing for discernment with regard to the United Methodist Church. The four meetings in the schedule below will **be held in the sanctuary following worship** to provide information to the congregation. A Church Conference will be set for the membership vote after the first of the year in conjunction with the District Superintendent. **Child care available.**

- September 17th: Background & Overview
 - October 8th: Theological & Denominational Concerns
 - October 22nd: Financial & Legal Considerations
- ⇒ **November 19th: Other Methodist Discernment Options**

Childcare Provided | 11:15AM, November 19th
Wesley Building | Room 102: 3 yrs to 1st grade | Room 106: Toddler to age 2

FUMC COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT—Nana’s Hope House of Myrtle Beach
Saturday, December 2nd, 9AM till 12:30PM

NEEDS: Install blinds, painting, minor repairs—minimal skills, maximum service and fellowship. For info/to volunteer, email Rod Adelstone, rod.lee.stone@gmail.com.
MISSION of Nana’s Hope House is to provide a clean, safe, supportive environment for registered Horry County high school students who are designated homeless, unaccompanied youth and classified as graduating seniors during the winter or spring semester of the current year.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

On **Sundays, December 3rd and 10th**, anyone **interested in joining** First Church is invited to have pizza with the pastors and discover what being a member of God's Church is all about. Join us in the **Church Parlor at 11:15AM**. If you are **interested in coming** or have questions, **contact Pastor Michelle**, mdlouk@umcsc.org.

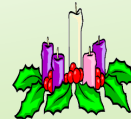


Shepherd’s Child | Dec 10th

Shepherds Child was born out of the need **to bring the love of Christmas to children in need** through financial assistance, a meal, gift giving, and sharing the Christmas Story. The day’s activities are planned in advance by First Church adults and youth. **Your help** is requested with **donations of non-perishable food items**. Please place items in the designated bin in the church office. Thank you for your support.

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT WREATH-MAKING
AND PIZZA! | DEC. 3rd

Children, Youth and Adults are invited to an **Advent Wreath making and pizza lunch** on **Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 11:15AM** after worship. Join us for a time of creative fun and fellowship!



MASCOT PECANS are available again this year from the Lautrelle Merchant Circle for your holiday baking needs. **Orders are being taken for these 16 oz. bags of pecans (whole halves) for \$15 each.** Order forms are located in the church office. **Delivery is expected before Thanksgiving.**

Light the Big Oak this Christmas!
\$20/String of Lights

Help us light the big Oak Tree this Christmas **in honor or in memory of your loved ones**. Proceeds go to United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) for local mission projects. Order forms are outside each worship entrance and in the church office.





First Church Youth, grades 6-12, meet for fellowship, food, and study on Sunday evenings, north campus, 904 65th Ave N.

Childcare available for adult volunteers.

derek@fumcmb.org

11/19 3:30PM Flag Football @ CDM; Youth vs Adults church-wide event

11/22 NO YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

11/26 5:15PM Youth Group @ north campus

12/3 5:00PM Shepherd's Child, gift shopping, meet at N Campus

12/10 11:15AM Shepherd's Child, meet in Wesley Bldg parking lot

4:30PM Youth Progressive Dinner, meet at N Campus

12/16 Zach Williams concert, Beach Church, ticket deadline expired

1/12-15/2024 Look Up Lodge Winter Camp; payment due Dec. 10th

**TODAY!!! TAILGATE AND
YOUTH vs ADULTS FLAG FOOTBALL
CHURCH-WIDE EVENT!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 3:30PM

CDM BALL FIELD, 904 65TH AVE N, NORTH CAMPUS

Bring your favorite TAILGATE DISH to share.

DONATION: Non-perishable snacks for Racepath Community Center



The Sunshiners

**Opportunities to Fellowship and Serve
Mondays from 10:30AM—12 Noon**

Third Monday (Nov. 20): Sunshine Gifts—Meet in the 925, prepare trees for Christmas. Text Linda/Ann at 843-421-3245 to reserve your place.

Fourth Monday (Nov 27): Fellowship (TBD)

Contact: Jean Clemmons, 843-283-7473 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be Dec. 1st, at 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. John Prueff will bring the devotional. All men of the church are cordially invited.



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 11/12/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 31,709
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,374,143
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,467,663
Difference YTD:	- \$93,520

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 75,141

Presence 11/12/2023

◆ Worship in person:	320
◆ Fox TV & promos (Dec. mo. est):	24,940
◆ Worship online:	713
◆ Social Media:	3,744
◆ Sunday School:	121

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

Facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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




Hanging of the Greens
November 27-28
9AM to NOON
 Help decorate the **Sanctuary and Wesley Hall** for Advent. **Many hands make light work!** Join us as we prepare for **Advent**.

From our friends with Armenian Relief and Support:



“Through your generosity, two dozen comforters were collected and \$725 was raised for Project Agape to keep our Christian brothers and sisters in Armenia warm this winter.”
The Missions Committee of First Church also thanks you for your support and caring.

The **Cloister Circle** is sponsoring its annual **poisetia fundraiser** to adorn our worship spaces during Christmas. Plants are **\$15 each** and may be given **“in memory of or in honor of a loved one”**. **Order forms** are at worship entrances and in the church office and **due by Dec 10th. Proceeds to benefit Alzheimers care.**



Announcements for The Steeple newsletter must be submitted **in writing** or email by **Monday at Noon every week**. All other written requests received after that day/time will be published as space permits or in the following week’s newsletter. **Please email** melinda@fumcmb.org.

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

- 8:45AM--
- 12:30PM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship*** SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^** WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
- 11:15AM Discernment Meeting** SANCTUARY
- 3:30PM **Youth vs Adults Flag Football** NORTH CAMPUS
- 4:15PM **Children’s Choirs** WESLEY BLDG

MONDAY, Nov. 20

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
- 10:30AM **The Sonshiners** THE 925
- 3:00PM **Grief Support Group** ASBURY #104
- 5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir** WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, Nov. 21

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 11:30AM **CDM Thanksgiving Feast** CDM—NORTH CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast** CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women’s Prayer Group** PRAYER ROOM

THURSDAY, Nov. 23

**OFFICE CLOSED
 THANKSGIVING**

See what’s ahead!

- 11/27-28: Hanging of the Greens**
- 12/3: Advent Wreath making**
- 12/3 & 10: Pizza with the Pastors**
- 12/10: 2PM Shepherd’s Child**
- 12/14: CDM Christmas Program**
- 12/17: 10AM Worship/Choral music**
- 2:30PM Christmas Caroling**
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship**
- 10AM, 2 regular services**
- 7PM, 1 candlelight service**

Ministers

- Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor* *Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor*
- Rev. Jim Creel, Jr., Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation*
- Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus*

Order Your Poinsettias Today!



The Cloister Circle is offering the opportunity to make the holidays bright and our worship spaces beautiful. Take a moment to honor or remember a loved one with a lovely poinsettia. Poinsettias are **\$15.00** each and payment *must accompany your order* (one form per order). Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office,

by Sunday, DECEMBER 10th.

All proceeds will benefit Alzheimers care.

PLEASE PRINT

I would like to give a poinsettia

___ **In MEMORY OF:** _____

OR

___ **In HONOR OF:** _____

My **check** ___ / **cash** ___ in the amount of \$15.00 is attached.
Please make checks payable to First UMC and note "Poinsettia."

Given by (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work/Cell Phone:** _____

Poinsettias may be picked up following the 7PM worship service on Sunday, December 24th.