



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ November 26, 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

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

The liturgical color is white in celebration of Christ the King Sunday.

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

Prelude "Rejoice, The Lord Is King" arr. Berry
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Joel McMakin

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" UMH #715

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Michelle Louk | 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 Donna Cassity
(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 96 Craig Thomas
Pew Bible OT pg. 520

Anthem "Heaven Crowned Him Christ the King" arr. Choplin

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.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory "Air" Handel

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

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* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Louk
* Preparatory Hymn	“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	UMH #327
* Scripture	John 18:28-38	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.106</i>
Sermon	“Christ Is King”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”	UMH #154 vs. 1,2,6
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“With Horns and Trumpets”	Handel

(*) *Please stand 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 in memory of Ann Makins and in remembrance of what would have been their 50th anniversary on November 23rd by Jim Makins.

Worship flowers are needed for (2024) Jan. 14,21; 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 Andrew Langway

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melissa Sadin

Serving in Contemporary Worship

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

Ushers Carol Romanski, Carole Scarpa

Children’s Message Meghan Nesmith

Little Church Meghan Nesmith, Mary Madison Langway



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

Rock R. Smith

December 23, 1948—November 17, 2023

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

The Wonder of Christmas

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

Advent study with Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

4 Tuesdays beginning Nov. 28th at 12 Noon, Parlor

Group size limited to 15 participants.

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



Pastor Michelle will lead an adult Advent study on James Moore's, "Christmas Gifts That Won't Break", 4 weeks on Wednesday, starting Nov. 29th at 1:30PM in the Parlor. All are welcome.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 48 (11/26/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

The Books of 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelations, chapters 1-2

The Reading Challenge Bible Study will resume after the new year.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Life has many troubles. It also has many blessings. Give thanks to God always."
~ anonymous

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Nov 27 Malachi 4:4-6
Nov 28 Micah 3:5-8
Nov 29 Isaiah 44:1-8
Nov 30 Joel 2:28-29
Dec 1 Acts 2:1-13
Dec 2 Ephesians 5:15-20
Dec 3 Luke 1:5-23

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Filled With the Holy Spirit"
Luke 1

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 2 years W-106
3 & 4 yr olds W-102
K & 1st grades W-202
2nd & 3rd grades W-204
4th & 5th grades W-203

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sunshine 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 has completed its 4 discernment informational meetings with regard to the United Methodist Church. A Church Conference will be set with the District Superintendent in January or February 2024 for the membership vote.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, December 11th at 6:00PM, Chapel.
All **leadership chairs are strongly urged to attend.**
The meeting is open to everyone.



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.



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

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

Reserve your spot with Trisha in the church office, trisha@fumcmb.org.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING | DEC. 17th

We will be **visiting three nursing homes to share the joy of Christmas with our voices**. All **children and adults** are invited to **meet at CDM on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2:30PM** to travel together by bus to each nursing home.



VOLUNTEERS



GOD’S HELPERS

Advent is a time of great preparation generally brought to mind around Thanksgiving. However, **Susan Smith and Rhonda Slavish** have been **diligently working** toward advent **all year long!** They understand the importance of preparation. As the decorations were being put away last year, **Rhonda was repairing** damaged pieces and preparing items for storage. **Susan was sorting** items according to what to save, re-work, and repair, and store for another year or to discard. You may **find this duo at the church any time during the year working on projects** both large and small preparing for the “Hanging of the Greens”. Working several hours here and there during the year, they are ready and organized for others in our church family to join in the fun decorating process. **The fun begins November 27 & 28 as we prepare the coming of the Christ child** making our church a visible reminder of His glory. Please let Susan and Rhonda know that you appreciate their efforts, offer to help, or join with the Worship Committee to plan for next year—many spaces to consider (Chapel, Office, Sanctuary, Wesley Worship Center, etc.!) It is a FUN way to spend time with church members.



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

- 11/26 5:15PM Youth Group @ North Campus
- 11/29 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard Street
- 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**
With the payment due date approaching and limited availability, **please sign up for Lookup Lodge ASAP.** The price per student is \$227; payment may be cash, check or Venmo (@Firstchurchmb). Cost includes all meals, lodging, activities, and programming. *Financial assistance available upon request. Questions? derek@fumcmb.org.



FLAG FOOTBALL RESULTS—YOUTH 56 vs ADULTS 84

A great time of fellowship was had by all on Sunday as the crowd watched and cheered for the teams. The weather was perfect! The crowd was excited, and the bold, enthusiastic players gave their all. More importantly, there were no injuries to report! Congratulations to all for a great game!

A Festive Brass Christmas!

Kick off the Christmas season with joyful brass band music!

Free and open to the public.

Donations appreciated.

Sunday December 3rd, 6-7:30PM, FUMC Sanctuary



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be **Dec. 1st, at 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, upstairs.** John Pruett 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 11/19/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 22,687
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,396,891
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,515,157
Difference YTD:	- \$118,266

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 76,024

Presence 11/19/2023

◆ Worship in person:	334
◆ Fox TV & promos (Sep. mo. est):	24,940
◆ Worship online:	850
◆ Social Media:	3,552
◆ Sunday School:	145

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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**.

Thank You

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, beautiful flowers, telephone calls, delicious food and your help during this time with my shoulder surgery. I feel so blessed to have First Church as my home church and for being a part of all the people who worship here. Someone is always ready to help you when you need help. I look forward to being able to be back in Sunday school and church.

Mabel Waldorf

The Sonshiners

Opportunities to Fellowship & Serve
Mondays, 10:30AM—12 Noon
Fourth Monday (Nov 27)
Games, Bingo in The 925
Contact: Jean Clemmons or Sandy Springs
First Monday (Dec 4)
Nursing Home visitations
Contact: Dru McLean

See what's ahead!

11/28: "Wonder" Advent Study
11/29: "Gifts" Advent Study
12/3: Advent Wreath making
12/3 & 10: Pizza with the Pastors
12/10: 2PM Shepherd's Child
12/11: Church Council Mtg
12/14: CDM Christmas Program
12/17: 10AM Worship/music
2:30PM Christmas Caroling
12/24: Christmas Eve Worship
10AM, 2 regular services
7PM, 1 candlelight service

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, November 26, 2023

- 8:45AM--
11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube
5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, Nov. 27

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
9A-Noon **Hanging of the Greens**
SANCTUARY & WESLEY HALL
9:00AM **College Ministry** THE 925
10:30AM **The Sonshiners** THE 925
3:00PM **Grief Support Group** ASBURY 104
5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**
WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, Nov. 28

- 9:00AM **Hanging of the Greens**
SANCTUARY & WESLEY HALL
9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
12 Noon **"Wonder" Advent Study** PARLOR
2:00PM **Congregational Care** PARLOR
6:00PM **Strategic Leadership Team**
THE 925

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 29

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
WESLEY BLDG
1:30PM **"Gifts" Advent Study** PARLOR
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Nov. 30

- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, December 1

- 10:30AM **Big Tom & Friends**
Men's Lunch MAGNOLIA'S@26TH
3:00PM **Wedding Rehearsal**
SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, Dec. 2

- 12 Noon **Open Fellowship Party**
BRITAIN CTR
5PM **Wedding** SANCTUARY

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

First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC
Church Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8AM-5PM—CLOSED FRIDAYS
North Campus: Thomas N. Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC



HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Shepherd's Child | Dec 10th



Shepherd's 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.



The **Cloister Circle** is sponsoring the sale of **poinsettias** to adorn our worship spaces at Christmas. Plants are **\$15 each** and may be given **"in memory of or in honor of a loved one"**. Find **order forms** at worship entrances and in the church office. Turn **orders** in to Kay in the church office **by Dec. 10th**. **Proceeds to benefit Alzheimer's care.**



MASCOT PECANS are available to purchase from the Lautrelle Merchant Circle. **Purchase 16 oz. bags of pecans (whole halves) for \$15 each; payment by cash or check** (payable to Lautrelle Merchant Circle). Proceeds benefit local missions.



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. Turn orders in to Kay in the church office.