



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ October 15, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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 "Love Medley" arr. Ham
(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** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

* **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

* **Scripture Reading** Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-32 Annette Willett
Pew Bible NT pg. 182

Anthem "Let All the World in Ever Corner Sing" arr. Giardinieri

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.

Children's Message Kate Horsley
(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.)

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

Offertory "El Shaddai" arr. Soehner

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

(Continued on the next page.)

* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“Precious Name”	UMH #536
* Scripture	Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.190</i>
Sermon	“Source of Unity”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“We Are the Church”	UMH #558 vs. 1,2
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“Toccata in F Major”	Buxtehude

(*) *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 have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</p> <p><i>Sunday School</i> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. Nursery is available. ***<i>Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals</i>***</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). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.</p>

We are blessed to welcome all 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 with God’s blessing to celebrate my husband, Ed Willett, on his 85th birthday, October 10th, with love, Annette.

Worship flowers are needed for Nov. 5; Dec. 10. 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—OCTOBER

Front Entrance Denise & Glen Daniels ***Office Entrance*** Jan Haga

USHERS—OCTOBER

Tom Winn: Anne & Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Bob Gallagher, Clayllene Gore, Jack Rebeck, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn

ACOLYTE Sully Merchant

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jonathan Kittle

Lights Jackson Uphold

Ushers Dnaiel Shuler, Don Myers

Children’s Moment Meghan Nesmith

Little Church Meghan Nesmith, Cait Neptune



Monthly Mission—OCTOBER

New Directions exists to help those experiencing homelessness, poverty, and addiction move from crisis, to connection, to community.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS—toilet paper and tissues (Kleenex, etc.)

ONGOING NEEDS—Donations of NEW (only) items. For a list of needs, please visit their website, <https://helpnewdirections.org/current-needs>



In light of the recent message from Nara Melkonyan of Project Agape, a world mission need, an **immediate request** is made for **bedding items (new only), particularly comforters**, for displaced Christian Armenians. Some 120,000 Armenians have been forced to leave their homes due to attacks by Azerbaijan. **Please drop off bedding items at the church by Monday, October 23rd** for delivery to NC and further transport to Armenia. **Monetary donations are welcome** to purchase bedding. Please make checks **payable to FUMC, note "Armenia Relief"**, and deliver to Kay in the church office.

Collection boxes for both are located in the church office and all worship en-

Congratulations to Jean Clemmons on the birth of her great-grandson, **George Everett Renfrow**, on October 8, 2023. Proud parents are **Eleanor and Jordan Renfrow**, along with grandparents, **Suzanne and Tim Renfrow**. *A Cradle Cross and flower are placed on the altar to honor this new life.*

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 5th



The **All Saints Banners** are in the **church office, Sanctuary** and the **Wesley Worship Center**. Please feel free to affix **bells** to the banners in memory of loved ones who have gone to their heavenly reward. The banners will be presented in each worship service on Nov. 5th in a time of remembrance for the Saints of the Faith.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Success at anything will always come down to focus and effort—and we control both."
~ Dwayne Johnson, actor

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Oct 16 John 6:22-40
 Oct 17 Jeremiah 2:11-13
 Oct 18 Jeremiah 17:5-13
 Oct 19 Zechariah 14:6-9
 Oct 20 Ezekiel 47:1, 6-12
 Oct 21 Revelation 7:13-17; 21:2-8;
 22:1-2, 17
 Oct 22 John 7:32-44

**Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "The Biggest Spring in the World"
 John 4:4-26; 7:32-44*

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 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
 The Seekers A-207



First Church is in the process to prepare for discernment with regard to the United Methodist Church. Each of 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 after the first of the year in conjunction with the District Superintendent for our church membership vote.

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

First Church is preparing for the vote in early 2024 regarding the discernment decision of our church. As a reminder, **you must be a professing member of First UMC Myrtle Beach.** Uncertain? **Verify your membership status by contacting Trisha** in the church office, trisha@fumcmb.org as soon as possible. Thank you for your immediate attention.

MEMBERSHIP



Children's choir and hand bells begin rehearsals TODAY, October 15th from 4:15PM to 5:15PM. Meet **upstairs in the Wesley Building** choir and hand bell rooms.

- ⇒ **Grades 2-5 will meet for choir at 4:15PM then hand bells at 4:45PM**
- ⇒ **K-1st grades will meet for hand chimes at 4:15PM then choir at 4:45PM**

We are **SO EXCITED** to kick off our rehearsals with a super kids **musical, "A Christmas Yarn"**—the story of Christmas through some **mysterious happenings at U.G.L.Y.** (the **Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns**). We look forward to seeing everyone returning, and we welcome new singers and players!



FALL FUN AT FIRST! — Sunday, October 29th 4:30—6:30PM, Wesley Hall

Please complete the RSVP insert in today's Steeple and place in the offering plate.

Join us for a pasta meal, kids costume parade, kids activities and games, adult Bible and modern trivia, hymn sing and name that hymn. Meal donations to benefit First Youth.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 42 (10/15/23) reading schedule (one chapter per weekday):

The Book Hebrews, chapters 2-6

Weekly Bible Study for all, 1:15PM **in the Church Parlor,** led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. mdlouk@umcsc.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Community Kitchen
Of Myrtle Beach

First Church needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach, **Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 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.



First Church Youth, grades 6-12, are welcome to join us for **fellowship, food, and study on Sunday evenings** at the North Campus, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach. See the schedule below. **Childcare available for adult volunteers.**
Derek Price, Director of Youth, derek@fumcmb.org

- 10/15** 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/18** 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 10/22** 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/25** Middle School students event, Sean Emory at Ground Zero
- 10/27** 6:00PM MBHS tailgating, Doug Shaw Stadium
- 10/29** 4:30PM Fall Fun at First, Wesley Hall
- 11/19** Youth vs Adults church-wide event, Flag Football, CDM
- 12/16** Zach Williams concert, Beach Church, **ticket deadline 10/13**
- 1/12-15/2024** Look Up Lodge Winter Camp, see Derek for details

WELCOME **TODAY, October 15th!** Please plan to stay after worship in the Wesley Hall for an ice cream social as we welcome our newest staff member, **Rev. Donna Cassity, Director of Children's Ministry.** 

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

Third Monday: *Sonshine Gifts—Meet in The 925
 Contact: Linda Evans, 843-234-0173 or Ann Truex, 843-222-3106
***Participants are asked to bring** an apple/orange or two, or a couple of Tootsie Roll Pops if you are able.



Grief Support Group
1st & 3rd Mondays, 6-7:30PM, Asbury Bldg Room #104
2nd & 4th Mondays, 3-4:30PM, Asbury #104
 Contact: Pastor Michelle mdlouk@umcsc.org
 or Rosie Swain rosie.swain@outlook.com



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 10/8/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 31,228
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,205,964
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,298,578
Difference YTD:	- \$ 92,614

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 70,568

Presence 10/8/2023

◆ Worship in person:	301
◆ Fox TV & promos (Aug. mo. est):	29,600
◆ Worship online:	505
◆ Social Media:	7,095
◆ Sunday School:	149

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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7


**TRUNK OR TREAT!
ALL ARE WELCOME**

When: Monday, Oct 30th
Time: Dinner at 4:45PM
Trunk or Treat, 5:45PM
Where: CDM, 904 65th Ave N.
**SEE TODAY'S INSERT
to register.**

Donations of individually wrapped candy may be delivered prior to the event to the CDM front office.

UWF Dessert Rolls—still available for purchase, \$16 each. Contact Darlene Rebeck, 412-608-2709.

Children's Worship Little Church Volunteers are needed for the following Sundays.
2 people for Oct. 29th
1 person for Nov. 19th
2 people for Dec. 10th
Volunteers are also needed for **Children's Message in Traditional on Nov. 19th** and **Contemporary, Dec. 10th.**
Please contact Rhonda,
volunteers@fumcmb.org

Have we received your gifts survey? The date has just passed, but we still want to hear from you. Please **complete your Service and Gifts Survey online.** Remember, if there is a program or service you think we should add to our ministries, this survey is a great place to share your thoughts. **Click the link** below to access the online survey **or scan the QR code.**
<https://forms.gle/CgWDqsX2G8WGEQf6> 

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, October 15, 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
- 11:15AM New Staff Reception** WESLEY
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY BLDG
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, Oct. 16

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** THE 925
- 5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**
WESLEY BLDG
- 6:00PM **Grief Support Group**
ASBURY #104

TUESDAY, Oct. 17

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18

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

THURSDAY, Oct. 19

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, Oct. 20

- 6:00PM **Youth Tailgating** MBHS

See what's ahead!

- 10/29: 10AM COMBINED SERVICE**
4:30PM Fall Fun @ First
- 10/30: CDM Trunk or Treat**
- 10/30-11/3: Community Kitchen**
- 11/5: 10AM All Saints' Sunday**
7PM Charge Conference
- 11/27-28: Hanging of the Greens**

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

TRUNK OR TREAT!

HAY RIDES!
GAMES!
CHICKEN BOG DINNER!

WHEN & WHERE **TIME**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
CDM, 904 65TH AVE N.
DINNER 4:45-5:45PM
TRUNK OR TREAT
5:45-6:30PM

Donations of individually-wrapped candies are requested.
Please register your trunk and meal count by 10/23
Call Cindy or Robin at CDM
843-692-9272

FOR EVERYONE!

RSVP to Trunk of Treat by Oct. 23rd

____ Please register my Trunk

____ Count for meal reservation

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(UWF)



FALL FUN AT FIRST—FELLOWSHIP TIME!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th — WESLEY HALL
4:30PM TO 6:30PM

Pasta supper (meal donations benefit the Youth Group)
Children's Costume Parade & Activities — Games for All
Bible & Modern Trivia — Hymn Sing/Name that Hymn

Please let us know you will be attending by indicating
below and **place this form in Sunday's offering plate by Oct. 22nd.**

YES, I'M COMING to "Fun at First"!

____ **TOTAL** number of guests for supper

____ **# of children** participating

