



The Steeple ■ October 1, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship,
Wesley Worship Center



A United Methodist Congregation

*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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

The liturgical color is white celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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

Prelude "The Prayer" arr. Forrester
(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 Sinners to the Gospel Feast" UMH #616

* **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 Isaiah 55 Tara Howser
Pew Bible OT pg. 644

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.

*(Following, children ages **3 years to 1st grade**, may be dismissed 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 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" arr. Berry

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

* **Preparatory Hymn** "The Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279

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Scripture	Luke 12:13-21	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 70</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Pursue Happiness in Other Things”	Rev. Louk
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Anthem	“The Table of Peace”	arr. Nordmeyer
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. Your communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit New Directions Shelters.</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“Shalom to You”	UMH #666
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“Toccata Energico”	Smith

(* Please and as you are able.

Attendance	Children
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 Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. Nursery is available. ***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***	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.

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 in honor of Becky and Perry Johnson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Worship Flowers are needed for Nov 5, 12; Dec. 10, 17. 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 Drew Kelly

CRUCIFER Michael Kelly

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Brenda and Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr., Kate and Cam McCarl, Jackie and Ron Carpenter.

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jackson Uphold

Lights Jonathan Kittle

Ushers Carol Romanski, Carole Scarpa

Little Church Mary Ashley Bellamy, Missi McMakin



Monthly Mission—OCTOBER



New Directions Shelters exist 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: T-shirts, sweats, pajama's, men's and women's undergarments, socks, coats, gloves, hats, scarves.

Toiletries: Shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, shaving cream/razors, deodorant, combs/brushes, hair clips/ties and hairpins, toothbrush/toothpaste, floss.

Visit their website, <https://helpnewdirections.org/current-needs>

Collection boxes located in the church office and all worship entrances.

SPECIAL GUEST FROM PROJECT AGAPE

Nara Melkonyan with Project Agape will speak to the combined Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday, October 8th at 9:00AM in the Chapel.

Project Agape in Armenia is an international organization supported by FUMC in conjunction with the North Carolina Conference.



Grief Support Group

1st & 3rd Mondays, 6-7:30PM, Asbury Bldg Room #104

2nd & 4th Mondays, 3-4:30PM, Asbury Bldg #104

Contact: Pastor Michelle mdlouk@umcsc.org

or Rosie Swain rosie.swain@outlook.com

Come join the **Women's Prayer Group every Wednesday morning at 7:30AM** for a time of prayer in covenant spirit. Contact Annette, 843-448-7407 or Jan, 843-602-1236.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 40 (10/1/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of 1 Timothy, chapter 6, and 2 Timothy, chapters 1-4



Weekly Bible Study for all, THIS WEDNESDAY, 1:15PM, IN THE CHURCH PARLOR, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. mdlouk@umcsc.org

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Jesus, in his infinite wisdom provides for my needs even before I know what they are."
~ Cassandra Tierman, writer

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Oct 2	Judges 15:18-19
Oct 3	Psalm 78
Oct 4	Psalm 81
Oct 5	Psalm 114
Oct 6	Psalm 95
Oct 7	Deuteronomy 6:16-25
Oct 8	Exodus 17:1-7

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series

"How Many Miracles?"

Exodus 6:6-9; 25:8; 29:43-46;

Numbers 20:1-13

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 2 years	W-101
3 years to 1st Grade	W-102
2nd grade to 5th Grade	W-203

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades	Sonshine House
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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



This fall, **First Church has begun a 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



The Sunshiners

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

First Monday: Nursing Home Visitations—Meet at Myrtle Beach Manor, 9547 N Kings Hwy. Contact Mike Foster, 404-641-4589 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745.

“BIG TOM & FRIENDS” first Friday men’s lunch will be **October 6th, 11:30AM, at Magnolia’s@26th, upstairs**. **Harry Gardner** will share the **devotional**. **All men of the church are cordially invited**.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion



Derek Price will lead the devotion on **Wednesday, October 11th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia’s@26th, upstairs. We encourage all ladies to come for this opportunity to get to know Derek and learn some of his plans for our Youth. Invite a friend!

Children’s choir and hand bells, directed by Eve Harris and Jayne Smith, **begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 15th from 4:15PM to 5:15PM**. We 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”!** It is the story of Christmas through some **mysterious happenings at U.G.L.Y.** (the Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns). The store has three mysterious visitors who help overcome ugly obstacles while bringing out the beautiful true meaning of Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone returning, and we welcome new singers and players!





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

- 10/1** 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/4** 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 10/6** 6:00PM MBHS Tailgating, followed by Youth Lock-In, church
- 10/8** 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/20** 6:00PM MBHS tailgating, Doug Shaw Stadium
- 10/29** 4:30PM Fall Festival, Wesley Hall
- 12/16** Zach Williams concert, Beach Church, see Derek for tickets



Children's Sabbath
 Bible Presentations
 3 year-olds
 and 3rd graders

Financials and Attendance



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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As of 9/24/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 15,628
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,112,927
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,229,234
Difference YTD:	- \$ 116,307

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 67,354

Presence 9/24/2023

◆ Worship in person:	349
◆ Fox TV & promos (July wkly est):	24,200
◆ Worship online:	557
◆ Social Media:	3,143
◆ Sunday School:	171

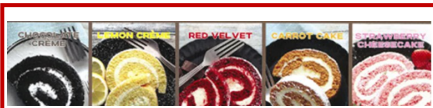
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Request *The Steeple* via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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



Need a quick, delicious dessert for a special time? **United Women in Faith** suggests frozen cake rolls in **5 flavors**: Chocolate, lemon, carrot cake, pumpkin, red velvet and strawberry. **Thaw, slice and serve!** Rolls will be sold for **\$16 each** in the **Wesley kitchen on Oct. 8th after the discernment meeting or Oct. 9th from 10AM to Noon, also in the Wesley kitchen.**


A Note from Big Tom

My sincere thanks to those who planned my birthday party last Sunday. The food was great! Those who spoke were very thoughtful. A special gift of funds was made to help Joel and Michelle meet the needs of our members. It was a wonderful day. Thanks to everyone who helped.
~ Big Tom

 Child Development Ministry
of First United Methodist Church

**CDM
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR**

October 2nd-4th
SHOP 8-10:30AM
or 3:30PM-5:30PM



Brittain Fellowship Hall
904 65th Ave N, MB

Teacher wish lists available.

See what's ahead!

10/2-4: CDM Book Fair 

10/6: Youth tailgate and Lock-In

10/8: 9:00AM Combined Adult Sunday School, Chapel Project Agape guest 11:15AM-Discernment Meeting #2, Sanctuary

10/29: Fall Festival, Wesley Hall

10/30: CDM Trunk or Treat

10/30-11/3: Community Kitchen

11/5: All Saints' Sunday

Happening This Week

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, October 1, 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
6:00PM **Nominations Cmtee**
OFC-2nd FLOOR

MONDAY, Oct. 2

8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
10:30AM **Sonshiners** MYRTLE BEACH MANOR
2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
PARLOR
5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**
WESLEY BLDG-upstairs
6-7:30PM **Grief Support Group**
ASBURY ROOM #104

TUESDAY, Oct. 3

9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
10:00AM **UWF Exec Board Mtg** PARLOR
5:30PM **Evangelism Mtg** PARLOR
6:00PM **Worship Mtg** OFC-2nd FLR

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4

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
6:30-8PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Oct. 5

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

FRIDAY, Oct. 6

11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends**
Men's Lunch
MAGNOLIA'S@26th, Upstairs
6:00PM **Youth Tailgate & Lock-in**
MBHS & WESLEY HALL

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



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Bill Bellamy

Kate Stewart (Epworth Children's Home)
Vickie Butler (Epworth Children's Home)
Bud & Brenda Beaver (Epworth Children's Home)
Jon & Shaffney Beaver (Epworth Children's Home)
Melissa Beaver (Epworth Children's Home)
Sandra Springs (Epworth Children's Home)
Red & Mabel Waldorf (Epworth Children's Home)
Sammy Spann & Barb Thomas
(Epworth Children's Home)
Betty Davis (Epworth Children's Home)
Debbie Catley (Epworth Children's Home)
Carrie Inabinet (Epworth Children's Home)
Buddy & Barbara Inabinet (Epworth Children's Home)
Mary Catherine & Steve Mattox
(Epworth Children's Home)
John Streater Family (Epworth Children's Home)
Carmen Springs (Epworth Children's Home)
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Allen, Jr.
(Epworth Children's Home)
Neil & Donna Trask (Epworth Children's Home)
Susan & Donna Guinn (Epworth Children's Home)
Ross Allen (Epworth Children's Home)
Jim & Lynn Wood (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Linda Gates (Building Fund)
EmilyAnn Skews (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Doris Lee White Bridges

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Betty Eaves

Susie & Bob Flood (Ark Class)

Caroline Lark

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

IN HONOR OF:

Tom Brittain

Brittain Fellowship Class
(Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Jim Lewis

Sandy Springs (TV Computer)

Chloe Michelle Stone

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Noah Dex Sawicki

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)