



A United Methodist Congregation

## The Steeple ■ October 22, 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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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** "Allegro" Marcello  
*(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** "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH #419

\* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. McMakin | 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** Romans 12:1-3, 9-21 Denise Daniels  
*Pew Bible NT pg. 151*

**Anthem** "The Family of Faith" arr. Martin

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. McMakin

**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** 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.)*

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

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

**Offertory** "Andantino" Marcello

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

*(Continued on the next page.)*

* <b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Rev. McMakin
* <b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	“Take My Life and Let It Be”	UMH #399
* <b>Scripture</b>	Philippians 2:3-11	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.186</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“Have It Your Way”	Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”	UMH #294
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Creel
* <b>Postlude</b>	“Allegro”	Marcello

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Attendance</i></p> <p>Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to <b>register your attendance. Members have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. Nursery is available.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children</i></p> <p>First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children <b>ages 3 to 1st grade</b> 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>
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\*\*\**Please ask the ushers for hearing devices, large print hymnals, or children’s Wiggle Bags.*\*\*\*

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 as a memorial celebration of Larry E. Gates, Jr.’s birthday, October 3rd, by Linda F. Gates, Eddie and Yukiko Gates, and the grandchildren.

Worship flowers are needed for 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](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164 x207.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website ([www.fumcmb.org](http://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 Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Bob Gallagher, Clayllene Gore, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn

**ACOLYTE** Meredith Bowers

**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

**Children’s Moment** Erin Perry

**Little Church** Ann Anderson, Barbara Cherry



# 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.) thru October**

**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 are located in the church office and all worship entrances.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**First Church needs volunteers** at the **Community Kitchen**  
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.



## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Sunday, November 5th —7:00PM in the Chapel**

Leadership committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend to present annual committee reports. Open to all.

**COMBINED WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, 10/29/23**  
**Contemporary & Traditional together at 10AM — Sanctuary**

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"If it is big enough to worry about, it is big enough to pray about."

~ Craig Groeschel, pastor/author

### *First Church Weekly Readings: \**

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

Oct 23 Amos 5:14-24  
Oct 24 Micah 6:1-8  
Oct 25 Jeremiah 7:1-7; 22:13-17  
Oct 26 Isaiah 41:17-20  
Oct 27 Ezekiel 34:1-6  
Oct 28 Isaiah 58:1-9  
Oct 29 Matthew 25:31-46

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series

"Who Will You See in Heaven?"

Matthew 5:20; 7:21-27; 9:13; 11:28-30;  
12:7, 46-50; 23:1-12, 23

### *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  
Seekers A-207



**First Church is in the process of 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 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 a discernment vote in early 2024. **You must be a professing member of First UMC Myrtle Beach. Verify your membership status with Trisha** in the church office, [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org), as soon as possible. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP



**Last Sunday, we welcomed Donna Cassity** as our new Director of Children's Ministries. Donna comes to us with 25+ years as a pastor including several years in chaplaincy work with both student ministry and hospice care. Her focus has been on helping people grow spiritually and to revitalize through transitions as an interim pastor where she has served 13 churches in Connecticut and many children's and youth ministries. Donna's passion is in helping families grow in Christ through worship, Bible study, Sunday school and pastoral care. In addition to ministry, she also is a Registered Nurse with 35+ years helping adults and children heal through crisis and challenging health concerns.

Donna lives with her 12 year-old spoiled Standard poodle. Her daughter and son-in-law and their three daughters will be moving to Myrtle Beach! Donna also has two adult sons, a daughter-in-law and two teen grandsons—one son is in Connecticut and the other son in Gloucester, Mass. "I have been blessed with a wonderful family."

**BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!**  
**Week 43** (10/22/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):  
**The Book Hebrews, chapters 7-11**



**Weekly Bible Study for all**, 1:15PM in the **church Parlor**, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. [mdlouk@umcsc.org](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 5th**



The **All Saints Banners** are in the **Sanctuary** and in 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 remembrance for the Saints of the Faith.

**Children's choir and hand bells rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 4:15PM to 5:15PM.** Meet in the **Wesley Building** choir and hand bell rooms.  
⇒ **Grades 2-5 meet for choir at 4:15PM then hand bells at 4:45PM**  
⇒ **K-1st grades meet for hand chimes at 4:15PM then choir at 4:45PM**

We are **SO EXCITED** to work on a super kids **musical, "A Christmas Yarn"**—Sunday, December 10th during the Sunday school hour.

**\*\*Parts for 6 females and 4 males, chorus, angels, shepherds.\*\***





**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](mailto:derek@fumcmb.org)*

- 10/22 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/25 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 10/25 6:30PM Middle School students event 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 expired**
- 1/12-15/2024 Look Up Lodge Winter Camp, see Derek for details

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

**RSVP TODAY!** [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org)



Come one! Come All! 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 benefit First Youth.

### The Sunshiners

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

**Fourth Monday (Oct. 23):** Bingo, board games & fellowship at the home of Jean Clemmons. Contacts: Jean Clemmons, 843-283-7473 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745.

**First Monday (11/6):** Visitation—meet at the Myrtle Beach Manor.  
 Contact: Mike Foster, 404-641-4589 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

### 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](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)  
 or Rosie Swain [rosie.swain@outlook.com](mailto: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 10/15/2023 (includes online giving):**

Contributions week of:	<b>\$ 11,902</b>
Total Revenue YTD:	unavailable
Total Expenses YTD:	unavailable
Difference YTD:	unavailable

*Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.*

#### MISSION IMPACT 2023

<b>Faith Promise:</b>	<b>\$ 111,160</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 70,568</b>

#### Presence 10/15/2023

◆ Worship in person:	<b>324</b>
◆ Fox TV & promos (Aug. mo. est):	<b>29,600</b>
◆ Worship online:	<b>869</b>
◆ Social Media:	<b>5,548</b>
◆ Sunday School:	<b>124</b>

**Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578**

Phone: 843-448-7164

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Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)

Facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

**Request The Steeple via email: [thesteeples@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeples@fumcmb.org)**

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


**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

**Monday, Oct 30th**  
**All are invited!**  
Dinner at 4:45PM  
Trunk or Treat, 5:45PM  
CDM, 904 65th Ave N  
**REGISTER BY OCT. 23rd!**  
**Call Cindy or Robin at CDM**  
**843-692-9272**  
Individually wrapped candy  
donations requested.




It is hard to believe, but soon we will confirm plans for Advent and Christmas. If you and/or your family would like to participate as an **advent reader and light the advent candles during worship**, please **contact Rhonda by Nov. 12th** to secure a spot.  
[volunteers@fumcmb.org](mailto:volunteers@fumcmb.org)

**Service & Gifts Survey**

Please remember to complete the survey online. If there is a program, service, or ministry you think we should add, this survey is a great place to share your thoughts. **Click or scan these links.**

<https://forms.gle/CgWDgsX2G8WGEQfF6>



*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, October 22, 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 Mtg** SANCTUARY
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY Bldg
- 4:30PM **Nominations Mtg** OFC-2ND FLR
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

**MONDAY, Oct. 23**

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
- 10:30AM **Sonshiners Fellowship**  
JEAN CLEMMONS HOME
- 3:00PM **Grief Support Group**  
ASBURY #104
- 5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**

**TUESDAY, Oct. 24**

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 2:00PM **Congregational Care** PARLOR
- 6:00PM **Strategic Leadership Team**  
THE 925

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 25**

- 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. 26**

- 5:30PM **Lions Club** THE 925

**FRIDAY, Oct. 27**

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

**See what's ahead!**

- 10/29: 10AM COMBINED Worship  
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*



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United Women in Faith  
(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**



**Missions Committee**  
**Distribution of Funds Report to-Date**  
**Oct 10, 2023**

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God” (2 Cor 9:12). Your service in supporting First United Methodist Church Missions allows us to help supply the needs of those less fortunate. Below are our distributions of funds to-date:

With funds carried over from 2022 combined with the 2023 Faith Promise receipts, the following has been accomplished:

Africa University \$6,000—Scholarship for Gabriela Tinga (We learned Gabriela only needed to finish her senior year with our support. Gabriela graduated in June). We will support another student in 2024. James Salley, Associate Vice-Chancellor, will be at FUMC on January 28, 2024 for Missions Impact Sunday.

Agape Love Box Ministry \$1,000—Gift boxes reminding those in spiritual need that Jesus sees them, knows them, is always with them, and most important, loves them. Gift Boxes are available at FUMC.

Cass Community Social Services \$8,500—Support of United Methodist in Detroit, MI for homeless men, women, and children. Rev. Faith Fowler will be at FUMC on January 28, 2024 for Missions Impact Sunday.

Epworth Children’s Home \$3,500—Serving children, youth, and families in SC. Rev. Kathy James will be at FUMC on January 28, 2024 for Missions Impact Sunday.

Gideons International \$5,000—Making the word of God available to everyone.

Habitat for Humanity \$23,500—Helping to provide individuals a decent place to live (\$19,735 from Missions Memorial fund towards Faith Build Home; FUMC is helping to sponsor). Director Rachel Kennon will be at FUMC on January 28, 2024 for Missions Impact Sunday.

Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach \$13,000—Providing assistance in short-term crisis intervention.

New Directions \$14,500—Provider of shelter in Horry County. CEO Kathy Jenkins will be at FUMC on January 28, 2024 for Missions Impact Sunday.

Project Agape \$8,000—Support Christians in Armenia. Dir Nara Melkonyan spoke at FUMC on Oct. 8th.

Racepath Community (Phoenix Renaissance) \$8,466—Helping to provide after school and summer programs for neighborhood children in Myrtle Beach. (An additional \$3,400 will be given to Racepath for their Nov. and Dec. activities.)

Zoe Empowers \$9,000 – Equipping orphaned children with skills for long-term success in Africa. CEO Gaston Warner will be at FUMC on January 28, 2024 for Missions Impact Sunday.

Other Organizations/Activities \$961—Support of Bunk Bed Ministry, Carlin Creel’s Mission Trip, etc.



**Missions Committee  
Distribution of Funds Report to-Date  
Oct 10, 2023**

Distribution to-date is \$101,427 covering Missions funded by First United Methodist Church.

Following is a breakdown of our Balance Missions:

Local	\$66,427	65.5%
Regional	\$3,500	3.5%
National	\$8,500	8%
Global	\$23,000	22%

**2023 Distribution of Funds by Organization**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amt Paid</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
Discretionary	\$4,608.25	5.34%	\$5,000
Racepath*	\$10,476.40	12.13%	\$10,400
Project Agape	\$8,000.00	9.26%	\$8,000
Cass Community	\$8,500.00	9.84%	\$8,500
Epworth	\$3,500.00	4.05%	\$3,500
Habitat For Humanity**	\$3,764.89	4.36%	\$3,500
Helping Hands	\$13,000.00	15.06%	\$13,000
New Directions	\$14,500.00	16.79%	\$13,000
Zoe Empowers	\$9,000.00	10.42%	\$9,000
Gideons	\$5,000.00	5.79%	\$5,000
Africa University	\$6,000.00	6.95%	\$6,000
* Includes end of 2023			
** Does not include \$19,735 Memorial Fund			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,349.54</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$84,900</b>
2023 Faith Promise	\$111,160		
2023 Receipts as of October 8th	\$69,960		

Through your Faith Promise receipts, we are making a difference and helping others. If you have met your Faith Promise, we thank you. If you are meeting your Promise, please know your continued support means doing God's Work! Your Third Quarter Giving Statement will list the amount given to Faith Promise. If you wish to contribute to Missions Fund, you may go online to [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org) then to Give/Missions – Faith Promise.

Sincerely,  
Scott Bowen  
Penny Hale  
Co-chairpersons, Missions Committee