



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ October 29, 2023

10:00AM* COMBINED WORSHIP

Traditional & Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary

*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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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 "Camp Meeting" arr. Harlan
Adult Handbells

(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** "Joyful, Joyful" UMH #89
Wesley Chancel Choir, Handbells, Congregation

* **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 2:1-10, 19-22 Craig Thomas
Pew Bible NT pg.181

Anthem "10,000 Reasons" arr. Larson
Handbells, Choir

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.

Children's Message Rev. 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.)

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

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

Offertory "In Christ Alone" arr. Cota
Handbells

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* The Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“Because He Lives” <i>Handbells, Choir, Congregation</i>	UMH #364
* Scripture	Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9 1 Corinthians 12:27-28	<i>Pew Bible NT pgs.146, 181 pg. 164</i>
Sermon	“Church Membership is a Treasured Gift”	Rev. Joel McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“Freely, Freely” <i>Handbells, Choir, Congregation</i>	UMH #389
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“Joyful, Joyful”	Beethoven

(*) Please and as you are able.

<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance</p> <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>Sunday School 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;">Children</p> <p>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.</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 in memory of Kimbra Vannoy and Lisa Lynn Page from Sandra Nystrom.

Worship flowers are needed for Dec. 10; Jan 14, 21, 28. 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 Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Bob Gallagher, Clayllene Gore, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn

ACOLYTE Drew Kelly

CRUCIFER Michael Kelly

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melissa Sadin

LITTLE CHURCH (ages 3 yrs to 1st grade only) Barbara Cherry, Piper Butler



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>

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

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Judi Merchant** and family on the death of her father, **Richard Chandler**, in Myrtle Beach, SC on October 22, 2023; and to **Ida Hussey** on the death of her father, **John “Jack” Diemer**, in Ottawa, OH, on October 11, 2023.



**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.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 44 (10/29/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

The Book Hebrews, chapters 12-13; Book of James, chapters 1-3

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



Big Tom's “A Quote”

“Jesus knows my location. I can't hide or get lost. Walking with Him, I'm always safe”
~ Baronda Walls

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Oct 30 Deuteronomy 8:11-20
Oct 31 Leviticus 25:1-38
Nov 1 Leviticus 26:3-13
Nov 2 Isaiah 57:14-15, 65:17-25
Nov 3 Jeremiah 29:4-14
Nov 4 Romans 12:9-13, Isaiah 58:6-7
Nov 5 Exodus 29:42-46

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
“A Place of Hope in the Wilderness”
Exodus 25:1-9, 17-22; 39:32-43, 40:33-38

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 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**

MEMBERSHIP



First Church is preparing for a discernment vote in early 2024. **You must be a professing member of First UMC Myrtle Beach to vote. Verify your membership status with Trisha** in the church office, trisha@fumcmb.org, as soon as possible. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 5th

The **All Saints Banners** are in the **Narthex** 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.



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 either worship**, please **contact Rhonda by Nov. 12th** to secure a spot.

volunteers@fumcmb.org

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.****



"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be November 3rd, 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, downstairs. All men of the church are **cordially invited**.

Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Teresa Crocker will lead the devotion on **Wednesday, November 8th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. We encourage all ladies to come and invite a friend!




RADA Cutlery is the Lautrelle Merchant Circle's **annual fundraiser** which will help support local, state and national agencies. The **RADA catalogue** and order form are located in the **church office**. **Orders will be placed on Nov. 15th** and will arrive before Christmas. Thank you for your support.






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

- 10/29 4:30PM Fall Fun at First**, Wesley Hall
- 11/1 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 11/19 3:30PM Flag Football @ CDM Youth vs Adults church-wide event**
 Bring your favorite **tailgate dish** to share and **non-perishable snacks** for our mission to Racepath Community Center
- 12/16 Zach Williams concert**, Beach Church, **ticket deadline expired**
- 1/12-15/2024 Look Up Lodge Winter Camp**, see Derek to sign up



VOLUNTEER

MABEL WALDORF




Those who know Mabel Waldorf know that she quietly goes about her business with a smile and a sense of humor. Her experience in business has given her special skills that she offers to the work of our church. Part of her work here has been assisting Kay Roensch in the business office. She is great at counting and writing! Did you know that she has been counting offering and signing checks at First Church for OVER 30 YEARS! Just imagine how much money she has counted over the years! We are so thankful to Mabel for her commitment to our church and her faithful service to Christ's family. We celebrate Mabel Waldorf and her contributions to the kingdom of God.

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

First Monday (11/6): Visitation—meet at the Myrtle Beach Manor.
 Contact: Dru McLean, 864-871-2145

The Sunshiners

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





Financials and Attendance

As of 10/22/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 27,857
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,251,658
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,357,224
Difference YTD:	- \$105,566

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.



MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 72,165

Presence 10/22/2023

◆ Worship in person:	310
◆ Fox TV & promos (Aug. mo. est):	29,600
◆ Worship online:	549
◆ Social Media:	2,134
◆ Sunday School:	100

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.

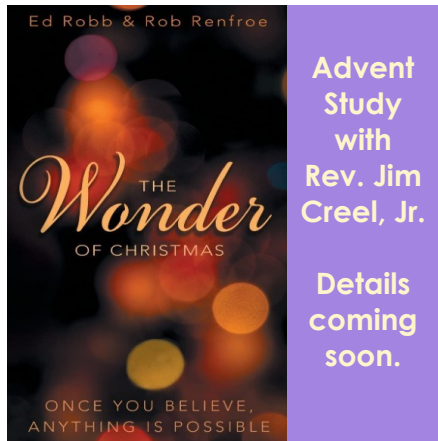



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Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7



FALL FUN AT FIRST!
TODAY, October 29th
4:30—6:30PM, Wesley Hall
 Come for a **GOOD TIME** with a pasta **meal**. Children may come dressed in **costume** for a **parade** and **treat bag**. Then, the children will be escorted downstairs to **decorate pumpkins**, play **games** and have **story time**. The **adults** will stay for **games**, trivia, name that hymn, **hymn sing**. Meal **offering benefits First Youth**.



Happening This Week

SUNDAY, October 29, 2023

- 8:45AM--
- 11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 10:00AM **COMBINED WORSHIP***
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 4:15PM **Children's Choirs** WESLEY BLDG
- 4:30PM **Fall Fun at First** WESLEY HALL

MONDAY, Oct. 30

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
- 3:00PM **Grief Support Group**
ASBURY #104
- 4:45PM **CDM Trunk or Treat**
BRITTAIN CTR, N CAMPUS
- 5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**
WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, Oct. 31

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

WEDNESDAY, November 1

- 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, Nov. 2

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

FRIDAY, Nov. 3

- 11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends**
Men's Lunch
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, Downstairs

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

