



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ October 8, 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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 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 "The Four Seasons 'Spring'" Vivaldi
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Joel McMakin

Project Agape Mission Moment Nara Melkonyan

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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** Acts 2:1-4, 43-47 Glen Daniels
Pew Bible OT pg.111

Anthem "You Are My All In All" arr. Jernigan

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 Rev. 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 "The Four Seasons 'Winter'" Vivaldi

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

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- * **Offertory Prayer** Rev. McMakin
- * **Preparatory Hymn** "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226
- * **Scripture** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 22-27 Pew Bible NT pg.163
- Sermon** "The Biblical Model for Church Membership" Rev. McMakin
- * **Closing Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223
- * **Benediction** Rev. McMakin
- * **Postlude** "The Four Seasons 'Autumn'" Vivaldi

(*) *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. ***<i>Please ask the ushers for children's Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals</i>***</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 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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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 Brenda Smith, Joel Smith, and Ben Brown in celebration of their birthdays by Hazel Richardson.

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 Max McMakin

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides/Lights Jackson Uphold

Ushers James Sturgeon, Mary Margaret Kittle

Little Church Amanda Sturgeon, Erica Elliott



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 **TODAY, 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 Room #104

Contact: Pastor Michelle mdlouk@umcsc.org
or Rosie Swain rosie.swain@outlook.com

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 41 (10/8/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):
The Books of Titus, chap. 1-3; Philemon; and Hebrews, chap. 1

Weekly Bible Study for all, 1:15PM at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. mdlouk@umcsc.org



Big Tom's "A Quote"
 "The body might change, but the heart remains constant."
 ~ Chita Rivera, actress/singer/dancer

<i>First Church Weekly Readings:*</i>	<i>Sunday School Classes</i>
<p>First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture lesson reading plan.</p> <p>Oct 9 Psalm 46 Oct 10 Psalm 65 Oct 11 Psalm 23 Oct 12 Psalm 107 Oct 13 Psalm 1; Isaiah 58:11 Oct 14 Psalms 18:16; 32:6-7; 69:1-3 Oct 15 Psalm 42</p>	<p>Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Youth Classes 6th-12th Grades Sonshine House</p> <p>Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)</p> <p>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</p>
<p>*Uniform Series International Lesson Series "Whose Voice Do You Hear?" Psalms 42-43</p>	



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



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!



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

Join us for a pasta meal, kids costume parade, kids activities and games, adult Bible and modern trivia, hymn sing and name that hymn. Donations to benefit First Youth. For more information, contact Janice Myers, 843-455-4373 or Darlene Rebeck, 412-608-2709.



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

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"**—the story of Christmas through some **mysterious happenings at U.G.L.Y.** (the **U**nique **G**ifts from **L**uxurious **Y**arns). 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

- 10/8** 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/11** 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 10/15** 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/20** 6:00PM MBHS tailgating, Doug Shaw Stadium
- 10/29** 4:30PM Fall Fun at First, Wesley Hall
- 12/16** Zach Williams concert, Beach Church, ticket deadline 10/13
- 1/12-15/2024** Look Up Lodge Winter Camp, see Derek for details

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

Second Monday: Cooking Casseroles—Meet in the Wesley Kitchen
 Contact: Darlene Rebeck, 412-608-2709 or Phyllis Townsend, 540-834-3020

 **Coming Sunday, 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.** 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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.



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

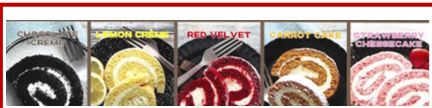
As of 10/1/2023 (includes online giving):
 Contributions week of: **\$ 55,565**
 Total Revenue YTD: **\$ 1,174,654**
 Total Expenses YTD: **\$ 1,241,883**
 Difference YTD: **- \$ 67,229**

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023
Faith Promise: \$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 69,960

Presence 10/1/2023
 ♦ Worship in person: **375**
 ♦ Fox TV & promos (Aug. mo. est): **29,600**
 ♦ Worship online: **565**
 ♦ Social Media: **2,289**
 ♦ Sunday School: **153**

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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.**



TRUNK OR TREAT!

When: Monday, Oct 30th
Time: Dinner at 4:45PM
 Trunk or Treat, 5:45PM
Where: CDM, 904 65th Ave N.
To register your trunk and meal count by 10/23, call Cindy or Robin at CDM, 843-692-9272.



- ◆ **4:45PM**—meal of Chicken Bog, green beans, roll, candy dessert in the Brittain Ctr, no charge, donations only
- Trunks should be set prior to dinner**
- ◆ Hay rides and games during & after supper till 5:45
- ◆ **5:45PM Trunk or Treat** to 6:30



Please scan this QR Code to complete the **Time and Talent survey** online to reflect your desired serving preferences.

See what's ahead!

10/29: Fall Fun @ First, Wesley
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

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, October 8, 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
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS
- 6:00PM **Nominations Committee** OFC-2nd FLOOR

MONDAY, Oct. 9

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**
- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** WESLEY KITCHEN
- 3:00PM **Grief Support Group** ASBURY ROOM #104
- 5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir** WESLEY BLDG-upstairs
- 5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

TUESDAY, Oct. 10

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle** COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle-Merchant Circle** PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle** CHAPEL
- 4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg** OFC-2nd FLR
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** MEMBER HOME

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 11

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast** CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group** PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch Devotion** MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, Upstairs
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbell Choir** WESLEY BLDG-upstairs
- 1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge** MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, Upstairs
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir** CHAPEL

THURSDAY, Oct. 12

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

FRIDAY, Oct. 13

- 10:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle** PARLOR

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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