



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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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 "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Kraus
(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** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

* **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** Psalm 3 Cam McCarl
Pew Bible OT pg. #463

Anthem "He Never Failed Me Yet" arr. Ray
Kim Alexander, soloist

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.

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

Offertory "Allegro moderato" Bach

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. McMakin

Children's Bibles Rev. McMakin
(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.)

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* Preparatory Hymn	“Take My Life, and Let It Be”	UMH #399
Scripture	Matthew 6:25-34	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. #6</i>
Sermon	“When You Believe in God but Still Worry”	Rev. McMakin
* Closing Hymn	“We Are the Church”	UMH #558 vs. 1,2
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
* Postlude	“A Festival Postlude”	Bach

(*) *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>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>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 in honor of Holly Creel on her birthday, September 26th, from Carlin, Christian, and Jim Creel, Jr.

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—SEPTEMBER

Front Entrance Carol Ann & Ronnie Felts

Office Entrance Carl Townsend

USHERS—SEPTEMBER

Annette Willett: Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Bob Gallagher, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

ACOLYTE Andrew Langway

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Scott Bowen

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Jonathan Kittle

Lights Jackson Uphold

Ushers Lisa and Rusty Watson

Little Church Amanda Sturgeon, Wendi Huberty



Monthly Mission Impact—SEPTEMBER

Epworth Children's Home was established in 1895 as Epworth Orphanage by the Methodist people of South Carolina. The South Carolina UMC remains dedicated to Epworth's mission. Epworth does not receive direct funding from the denomination. **Mother's Day (May) and Work Day (September) each year are designated as Epworth Children's Home Sundays** when special offerings are received. **For more info, please visit: epworthchildrenshome.org.**



Epworth is located in Columbia, SC. Please utilize the links below to order items on their wish lists which will be delivered directly to Epworth.

Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y8A4WEGNPX18/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?viewType=grid

Walmart Registry: <https://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=8766965e-0a2e-4eab-8138-64b481c72c37>

Monetary donations are welcome—checks payable to FUMC, note "Epworth".
Place in the offering plate or bring to Kay in the church office.

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Ashley Hamilton** and family on the death of her grandmother, **Doris Lee White Bridges**, 86, on September 17, 2023 in Cherryville, NC.

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM in the Church Parlor

For more information, please contact:

Pastor Michelle mdlouk@umcsc.org

Rosie Swain rosie.swain@outlook.com



BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 39 (9/24/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of 1 Timothy, chapters 1-5



Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's@26th, 2nd floor, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. mdlouk@umcsc.org

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"We can trust our Heavenly Father to give us good advice and sound direction."
~ Cassius Rhue, Upper Room contributor

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

Sept 25	Isaiah 43:14-21
Sept 26	Isaiah 56:3-8
Sept 27	Psalms 88
Sept 28	Psalms 28
Sept 29	Psalms 17
Sept 30	1 John 4:7-21
Oct 1	Genesis 21:9-21

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Can God Open Your Eyes?"
Genesis 16

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 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 has begun to prepare for discernment with regard to the United Methodist Church. Each of the 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 for 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



MARION DISTRICT MEN IN MINISTRY EVENT

A Day of Growing in the Spirit

Saturday, September 30th, 9AM to 3PM

Surfside UMC, 800 13th Ave N, Surfside Beach SC

Light Lunch served

Clergy (including our own, Pastor Joel)

and Lay Speakers presenting:

“6 Characteristics that Lead to Spiritual Maturity and Effective Discipleship”

Keynote speaker

Rev. Steven Lee Brown, District Superintendent

For more information or to register: 843-246-8398

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



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

POTE COMPOSER WORKSHOP

Six of our choir members along with Director, Norman McQueen, attended a choral workshop and performance with composer/director, Allen Pote. The Wesley Chancel Choir has sung many compositions by Mr. Pote over the years. During the workshop, these attendees had the pleasure to work on five pieces with singers from across North and South Carolina as part of the “Glorify God Through Song” concert at Ocean Isle Beach on Saturday, September 16. The choir members worked with Mr. Pote to prepare a short concert and then sang together under his direction.





FUMC 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.**

- 9/25 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 9/28 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 10/1 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 10/6 6:00PM MBHS tailgating followed by Youth Lock-In

The Sunshiners

New opportunities to fellowship and serve on Mondays from 10:30AM—12 Noon.

First Mondays: Nursing Home Visitations—Meet at church and carpool to visitation sites. Contact: Mike Foster, 404-641-4589 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

Second Mondays: Cooking Casseroles—Meet in the Wesley kitchen.

NOTE: Casseroles are prepared and frozen for later distribution within the church family to supplement programs already in place (i.e. Circles, Sunday Schools). Startup costs are funded from Thrift Store proceeds.

Contact: Darlene Rebeck, 412-608-2709 or Phyllis Townsend, 540-834-3020

Third Mondays: *Sonshine Gifts—Meet in the 925

Contact: Linda Evans, 843-234-0173 or Ann Truex, 843-222-3106

Fourth Mondays: Fellowship

September: Bag lunch & bingo fellowship at Sandy Springs' home.

Contact: Jean Clemmons, 843-283-7473 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

***We need your help!** We're accepting donations of medium-size boxes; small baskets; coffee mugs; tea bags; chapstick; small candles; small containers of hand lotions, shampoos; nail polish; small jars of jams or jellies; small trinkets; notecards; small devotionals or journals; tissue paper; ribbon; 8"x8" disposable baking pans. **Monetary donations for Sonshine gifts by check may be made to FUMC, attn: The Sunshiners.**

The next **BIG TOM & FRIENDS** first Friday men's lunch will be October 6th, 11:30AM, at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs.



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 9/17/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 13,144
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 1,096,964
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,167,091
Difference YTD:	- \$ 70,127

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 65,504

Presence 9/17/2023

◆ Worship in person:	371
◆ Fox TV & promos (July wkly est):	24,200
◆ Worship online:	729
◆ Social Media:	7,713
◆ Sunday School:	160

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

Phone: 843-448-7164

Email: office@fumcmb.org

Website: www.fumcmb.org

Facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

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

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

Welcome!


It is our blessing to welcome **Donna Guinn** who was received into First Church membership in Traditional worship on September 17, 2023 by Letter of Transfer from Highland Baptist Church, Hopemills, NC.



 Child Development Ministry
of First United Methodist Church

CDM
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
October 2nd—4th
SHOP 8-10:30AM
or 3:30PM—5:30PM

Teacher wish lists are available.



Brittain Fellowship Hall
904 65th Ave N, MB

AND . . .

SAVE THE DATE—Trunk or Treat
Mark your calendar for this church wide event! We are looking for families, small groups or even Sunday School classes to **decorate trunks or golf carts**.

When: Monday, Oct 30th

Time: Dinner at 4:45PM.

Trunk or Treat 5:45PM

Where: CDM, 904 65th Ave N.

To register your trunk, call Cindy or Robin at CDM, 843-692-9272.



Happening This Week

SUNDAY, September 24, 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, Sept. 25

8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**

10:30AM **The Sonshiners** SPRINGS HOME

5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**
WESLEY BLDG-upstairs

TUESDAY, Sept. 26

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

2:00PM **Congregational Care Mtg**
PARLOR

6:00PM **Strategic Leadership Mtg**
THE 925

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 27

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**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs

6-7:30PM **Grief Support Group** PARLOR

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

THURSDAY, Sept. 28

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



[See what's ahead!](#)

9/24: 10 AM Bring A Friend
Children's Bibles; picnic
on the lawn & inflatables

10/1: 10 AM World Communion

10/2-4: CDM Book Fair

10/8: 9:45AM Combined Adult
Sunday School, Chapel
Project Agape guest

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

