

Welcome

We are glad that you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center for information on our ministries and visit us online at firstumc.org. When you're ready, we invite you to **Explore First** to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. To find out when you can **Explore First** or for information on how to become a member, contact Diana (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Sunday school takes place at 9:30am.

Children

(On the ground floor of the C building)

Crib room	C-002
Toddlers	C-001
Two-year-olds	C-006
Three-year-olds	C-008
Four-year-olds	C-010

(On the first floor of the C building)

Kindergarten	C-111
First grade	C-110
Second grade	C-102
Third grade	C-105
Fourth grade	C-107
Fifth grade	C-106

Youth

6th-12th grade	F-1
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Adults

(On the second floor of the C building)

BYKOTA Class	C-207
Genesis Class	C-202
Koinonia Class	C-205
Searchers Class	C-206
Sendero Class	C-204
Storyline Class	C-201C
Vanguard Class	C-203
Homebuilders Class	Chapel

Sunday Morning Childcare During Worship

Check in on the ground floor of the C building.

- **8:15am service:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001.
- **9:30am service or Sunday school:** provided for children six weeks through Pre-K 4. Infants & Toddlers are in C-001 and C-002, Nursery 2 is in C-006, Pre-K 3 is in Room C-008 and Pre-K 4 is in Room C-010.
- **11am and 11:20am services:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001 and C-002.

Nursing Room: C-013

Worship service activity bags for children are in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Lobby of the Fellowship Center. Ask an usher for assistance locating them!

The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a **worship plus three church.**



Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

Worship Times:

8:15 & 11am Traditional, Sanctuary
 9:30 & 11:20am Contemporary, Fellowship Center
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Rev. David McEntire, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Melissa Stump, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Lee Lallance, Minister of Music & Fine Arts
 Rev. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent
 Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

8:15am & 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on Coronation/Diemer</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO
*CALL TO WORSHIP (please see below)		David McEntire
*HYMN 154	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	CORONATION
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 880		David McEntire
*GLORIA PATRI, PAGE 70		
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	<i>Eternal Life/Dungan</i>	Karen Buie
PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Melissa Stump
*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Raney</i> (11am) <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns/Kirkland</i>	Lee Lallance/Matthew H. Corl Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY, 95		
SERMON	<i>A Different Kind of King/John 18:33-37</i>	Melissa Stump
*HYMN 157	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	DUKE STREET
*BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump
*RESPONSE 664	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	THE ASH GROVE
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in B flat/Ropartz</i>	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>God's Not Dead</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Please sign & pass the registration pad.	Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY	<i>King of My Heart</i>	
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>He Lives/Because He Lives; No Matter What; Share the Well</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		Waite Willis
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY		Praise Band
SERMON	<i>A Different Kind of King/John 18:33-37</i>	Melissa Stump
CLOSING	<i>Sanctuary</i>	
BENEDICTION		Melissa Stump

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER		David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Come, Thou Fount; Oh Our Lord; Here Is Our King</i>	
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Hannah, Gianna and Reece Souvannarath	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Wonderful Maker</i>	
SERMON	<i>And Who is My Neighbor/Luke 10:25-37</i>	David McEntire
COMMUNION	<i>What Joy Is Found</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		David McEntire

Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER:	The King of Kings is raised in glory.
ALL:	Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.
LEADER:	Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.
ALL:	Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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First United Methodist

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor. Thank you for helping ensure our records are accurate.

Worship Notes

Acolytes and Crucifers:

8:15am: Chloe Lynn and Faith McLaughlin
11am: Emma Scott and Kate Scott

Fresh flowers are placed on our altars to the glory of God and in memory of Brian Shinn by Daniel & Tana Moorey, Jeremy, Breanna and David Shinn.

Opportunities

United Methodist Student Day Offering:

Young people have been sent into the world God loves because of your giving on United Methodist Student Day. When you give, you support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. Put donations in the envelope provided and in the offering plate.

Our Brain Fitness Club begins in Jan 2019:

This program, designed for early memory loss patients, will help them learn healthy brain activities and lifestyle adaptations. Each session is 14 weeks long and the meets twice weekly. We need volunteers for Mon and/or Thu from 8:30 - 11am and 11am - 2pm. Training for the volunteers will be held Nov 26 from 10am - noon. For info, contact Nina Rehberg (863-686-3163 or nrehberg@firstumc.org).

We want everyone to be included in our Church Directory - including winter visitors.

Schedule your portrait appointment at firstumc.org/directory for the final sessions Jan 29 to Feb 2. Appointments will be available at sign-up tables on Sun mornings in Jan. Just for having your photo taken you receive a free 8" x 10" portrait.

It's time to order poinsettias: Poinsettias will be placed in worship areas for Christmas services in honor of or in memory of loved ones (\$12/each). Orders due by Dec 14. Order at firstumc.org/poinsettias or visit the Church Office.

Pastors' Bible Studies: Join our pastors on Tue, Dec 4, at 6:30pm.

- Women's Bible Study with Melissa Stump in Room C-204
- Men's Bible Study with David McEntire in Room C-203

Called Charge Conference Today: Alex Daley, a member of our church and exploring candidate for ministry, is ready to appear before our SPRC and Charge Conference. There will be a called Charge Conference in the Chapel at 12:30pm for the purpose of presenting, interviewing and voting on Alex as a Declared Candidate.

Advent is coming! All ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for an ADVENTure GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Scavenger Hunt during PHOENIX on Wed, Nov 28. This intergenerational event will help you better understand Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. Dinner service starts at 5pm in the Fellowship Center, with the program for all ages to follow at 6:30pm.

It's time to #PictureAdvent! Check out many opportunities to observe a Holy Advent at firstumc.org/advent. You'll find info on the daily photo challenge, studies, online classes, daily devotions, prayer practices and more.

Ring the Salvation Army Bell: Join us at the Highland City Towne Center Publix (5185 Hwy 98 S). Ring in two-hour shifts until Christmas Eve from 10am-8pm (except Sun). Visit firstumc.org/serve to use our volunteer scheduling software to sign up. *Note: links to the software are in the left column of the page. There one if you already have an account and another to create one.* If you'd prefer, you may call Lea Ellen in the Church Office at 863-686-3163 to reserve a time.

Will you partner with us to provide supplies for Make & Take? Items needed include metal lids from spaghetti, pickle or salsa jars, gift bags and tags, tissue paper (green, white and red) and gift boxes. Please bring items to the Children's Check-In Desk on the first floor of the C Building or the Church Administrative Office.

Enjoy Christmas through the eyes of a child: Soak up the simple joy and excitement of Christmas by serving in our Children's Ministries. Call 863-682-1912 or contact Cristi Moore (cmoore@firstumc.org) for more information and to sign up. Events include:

- Make & Take, Dec 2, 4:30-7pm
- Breakfast with Santa, Dec 8, 9-11am
- Children's Ministry Christmas Parties for age levels, Dec 16, 5-7pm

From Hurt to Hope: Sun at 9:30am through Dec 30 in Room C-201B. You are invited if you find this season difficult or want to be around people seeking support, understanding and joy. The group is led by Rev. Terry Heck. Our goal is to help one another find a way out of the storms of life and to move "From Hurt to Hope."

Missions

UMCOR Trip to Sager Brown: Interested in joining the team from our church going to serve at the United Methodist committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sager Brown Depot? Learn more about this trip to Baldwin, Louisiana May 19-24 at an informational meeting on Dec 16 at 10:30am in the Parlor.

College students and young adults: First United Methodist will send a team to serve with Costa Rica Mission Projects (costaricamissionprojects.com) Jun 15-22. We will have an informational meeting Dec 23 at 10am in the Church Parlor.

Adult Sunday School

Classes are from 9:30-10:30am. Visitors are welcome to any class. Contact Warren Pattison (863-682-1912 or wpattison@firstumc.org).

- **In the BYKOTA Class,** Dr. Doug Hallman is teaching "Mark: The Eyewitness Gospel." Room C-207
- **The Genesis Class** welcomes you today for "Christ the King," led by Rev. Ed New. Next week they begin "Advent Again!" with Rev. Jose Bove leading. Room C-202
- **The Homebuilders Class** is taught by Rev. Brian Tiffany. The Dec theme is "Our Love for God." Chapel
- **The Koinonia Class** is exploring the Gospel of Matthew with Rev. Terry Knight leading. Room C-205
- **The Searchers Class** begins a study next week of Matt Rawle's *The Redemption of Scrooge*, led by Nina Rehberg. Room C-206
- **The Sendero Class** will begin their Advent study next week. *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, by Matt Rawle, explores the delightful and whimsical Christmas classic. John Naser will lead. Room C-204
- **Storyline** begins an Advent study next week of Magrey deVega's book *Awaiting the Already*. Jason Rogers will lead. Room C-201C
- **The Vanguard Class** is exploring the theme "Our Love for God," with texts from Genesis, during Dec. Bishop Bob Fannin is teaching. Room C-203

Pecans are available from the UMW for holiday baking and gifts. \$9/cinnamon or chocolate and \$12/pieces and halves. Purchase in Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop, at Wed eve PHOENIX, at Tracy's Hair Designs, 1211 S Florida Ave (863-688-5962) or by contacting Pat Bradford (863-859-3339 or Pbrad65034@aol.com). They will be sold outside worship areas and in the fountain courtyard on Dec 9.

Children

Sunday School at 9:30am:

- Nursery through fourth grade: Esther and her uncle save the Jewish people (Esther 2:7; 4:15)
- Fifth grade: The book of Esther reminds us that moral courage is learned. She is the heroine of the story but didn't develop moral courage on her own (Esther 2:20)

No programming tonight!

Mon: Pray and Play from 10-11:30am

Wed: ADVENTure GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Scavenger Hunt at 6:30 for all ages

Thu: Early Connections, 9-10:30am

Children Pre-K 3 through fifth grade are invited to Make & Take on Sun, Dec 2, from 4:30-7pm. Children will make age-appropriate gifts for loved ones. At the end of the night, they will take home presents wrapped and ready to put under the tree. From 4:30-5pm an optional pizza dinner will be available for \$3/child, followed by the event from 5-7pm. Make & Take is free, although donations are accepted. There will not be a Nursery available that evening.

Contact Cristi Moore with questions (863-682-1912 or cmoore@firstumc.org).

Youth

Sunday Morning Bible Study (sixth-twelfth grades) at 9:30am in F-1: Join us for in-depth study and discussion.

No programming tonight!

Talbot House Service: Our students serve a meal at Talbot House on the first and third Thu of the month from 5-6:15pm. The next opportunity to serve is Dec 6. For more information, visit firstumc.org/oneunited.

Mark your calendar for Dec 7: We will meet at 6pm for Youth Caroling!

Prayers, Presence, Gifts

The First United Methodist prayer line is available 24/7. Call 863-686-3163 x*652 and leave your request. The prayer line is regularly checked by our intercessors and your request will be prayed for. (Please note: you must enter the * before the extension). You may also submit a confidential prayer request on our website at firstumc.org.

Prayers

Hospitalized (as of Nov 19)

Ray Coates, Janet Eisenhardt, Sue Hamm, Joe Pietrzyk and Eleanor Powner

In Memoriam

Shirley Chapman, Nov 13

Birth

Aubrielle Annette Jones, Nov 15
Daughter of Mario and Heather Jones

Baptisms

James Henry Kidwell, Jr., Nov 18
Son of James and Holly Kidwell

Delaney Rose Smith, Nov 18
Daughter of Bige & Megan Smith

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

8:15am Traditional: 185
9:30am Contemporary: 531
11am Traditional: 308
11:20am Contemporary: 118

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,357
Received on Nov 11: \$ 50,218
Received to Date: \$ 2,896,931

Electronic Donations

VIA QR CODE: Scan the code with your phone's QR Reader and follow directions.

VIA TEXT: Text the amount you would like to give to 863-617-7899. Make sure to include a "\$" before the amount and follow instructions.

For more information on electronic giving, please contact Harriet Mayes (hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

