

# 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](http://firstumc.org). We invite you to **Explore First** to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. For more information, contact Diana ([drussell@firstumc.org](mailto:drussell@firstumc.org) or 863-686-3163).

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.

## Prayers, Presence and Gifts

### Hospitalized (as of Aug 19)

Bill Kapp and Barbara McEntire

### In Memoriam

Armando James (A. J.) Collins, Aug 6

### Presence In Worship Last Sunday

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| 8:15am Traditional:            | 179 |
| 9:30am Contemporary:           | 323 |
| 11am Traditional:              | 262 |
| 11:20am Contemporary:          | 127 |
| Online viewers week of Aug 11: | 147 |

### Gifts

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Needed Each Sunday:  | \$ 69,111    |
| Received on Aug 11 : | \$ 42,395    |
| Received to Date:    | \$ 2,085,299 |

### 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, contact Harriet Mayes ([hmeyes@firstumc.org](mailto:hmeyes@firstumc.org) or 863-686-3163).

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)

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| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS               |  | David McEntire                         |
| PRELUDE                             | <i>Take the Name of Jesus With You/Diemer</i>  | Matthew H. Corl, AAGO                  |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP (please see below) |  | Andy Whitaker Smith                    |
| *HYMN 514                           | <i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>  | WEBB                                   |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885           |  | Andy Whitaker Smith                    |
| *GLORIA PATRI, 70                   |  |  |
| WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC               | <i>Sarabande from Suite No. 1 in G Major/J.S.Bach</i>                                  | Warren Pattison, Viola                 |
| PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER |  | Melissa Stump                          |
| CHILDREN'S MOMENT                   |  | Melissa Stump                          |
| *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING            |  |  |
| OFFERTORY                           | (8:15am) <i>Be Thou My Vision/Phillips</i><br>(11am) <i>Draw Me Nearer/arr. Rhodes</i> | Matthew H. Corl, AAGO<br>Chancel Choir |
| *DOXOLOGY, 95                       |  |  |
| SERMON                              | <i>Who Am I: Fully Equipped/Ephesians 6:10-17</i>                                      | David McEntire                         |
| *HYMN 451                           | <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>   | SLANE                                  |
| *BENEDICTION                        |  | David McEntire                         |
| *RESPONSE 666                       | <i>Shalom to You</i>   | SOMOS DEL SENOR                        |
| POSTLUDE                            | <i>Sortie/Bedard</i>   | Matthew H. Corl, AAGO                  |

## 9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

|                              |   |                             |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| GATHERING                    | <i>River of Jordan</i>                            |                             |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS        |   | Waite Willis/David McEntire |
| CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY       | <i>Your Love Defends Me</i>                       |                             |
| SONGS OF PRAISE              | <i>Confidence; Build My Life; Happy Day</i>       |                             |
| CONGREGATIONAL GREETING      |   |                             |
| PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER |   | Melissa Stump               |
| OFFERTORY                    |   | Praise Band                 |
| SERMON                       | <i>Who Am I: Fully Equipped/Ephesians 6:10-17</i> | David McEntire              |
| CLOSING                      | <i>Sanctuary</i>                                  |                             |
| BENEDICTION                  |   | David McEntire              |

## 11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

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|---|--|---------------------|
| GATHER TOGETHER                         |  |                     |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER |  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| CALL TO WORSHIP                         |  | Jeremy Hearn        |
| SONGS OF PRAISE                         | <i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail); King of My Heart; Do It Again</i> |                     |
| PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER            |  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY                      | <i>Christ Be All Around Me</i>                                     |                     |
| SERMON                                  | <i>Who Am I: Fully Equipped/Ephesians 6:10-17</i>                  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| COMMUNION/REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM        | <i>Fix You</i>   |                     |
| DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING                 |  | Andy Whitaker Smith |

## Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER: The Lord is our strength and salvation.  
**ALL: Therefore, we will put on the whole armor of God so we are not overcome with evil.**  
 LEADER: The Lord hears our prayers and is faithful.  
**ALL: Therefore, we will be persistent in prayer, taking our needs to God.**

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## WORSHIP

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

**Childcare** provided during worship for children six weeks to four-years-old 8:15am-12:30pm. Check in on the ground floor of the C Building.

**Nursing Room:** C-013 (ground floor of the C Building)

**Acolytes and Crucifers:**  
8:15am: Amelia Lynn  
11am: Abbey Wood and Ella Parham

**Today's Altar Flowers:** The fresh flowers placed on our altars this morning are to the glory of God and in memory of John Watkins by Weebo Watkins & family and also in memory of Marilyn and Dave Mean's anniversary by Jane Ann & Michel Wiener.

## INVITE

**UMW General Meeting:** All women are invited to the Sep 9 General Meeting in the Fellowship Center at 10:30am. A Chaplain from the Lakeland Police Department and U.S. Secret Service will share "Reflections on Life." Please email lunch reservations (\$4 per person) by Sep 4 to [UMWReservations@firstumc.org](mailto:UMWReservations@firstumc.org).

**JOY (Just Older Youth), our 55+ group, resumes monthly luncheons on Thu, Sep 12 at 11:30am.** Dwight Grimes will share his testimony and his work on the Saturn V rocket, a part of the Apollo program. This is especially exciting as we just celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing. We know you won't want to miss it! \$8/person. RSVPs are required - contact Alice Hazel ([ahazel@firstumc.org](mailto:ahazel@firstumc.org) or 863-686-3163).

**Coffee with the Pastors Today:** If you have decided to join the church, join us from 5-6:45pm in the Large Conference Room in the Admin Office. Learn about the church, our pastors and expectations regarding membership. To register, contact Diana Russell ([drussell@firstumc.org](mailto:drussell@firstumc.org) or 863-686-3163).

**Fine Arts:** We offer choirs and handbell ensembles for all ages and skill levels. Rehearsals for Kids PRAISE Children's Choir, Youth Handbells and Ringers & Singers resume Wed, Sep 4. Youth Choir rehearsals resume Sun, Sep 8. Learn more and register children for Kids PRAISE at [firstumc.org/music](http://firstumc.org/music). Questions? Contact Karen Buie ([kbue@firstumc.org](mailto:kbuie@firstumc.org) or 863-687-9856).

**Sundae Funday:** Sixth through twelfth graders interested in Youth Choir are invited to "Sundae Funday" on Sep 8, from 10:30-11am in Room E-3. We will preview the youth choir music for the year while making ice cream sundaes. All are welcome!

## GROW

**PHOENIX Wed evening dinner returns Aug 28.** Meal service begins at 5pm. Tickets are \$6/adult and \$3/child under 12, with a family max of \$20. Classes and groups follow at 6:30pm.

**New Wed evening Adult Classes start this week!** Unless otherwise indicated, Classes below will meet Aug 28- Sep 18 from 6:30-7:30pm. Visit [firstumc.org/adults](http://firstumc.org/adults) or call 863-686-3163 for more information.

- **Truth in Imaginative Fiction:** Kacie Rogers leads an exploration of imaginative fiction and the truths we can discover in it. Stories in the imaginary realm allow us to remove the film of familiarity and enter in with fresh eyes. Come explore an introduction to some best loved authors, including Lewis and Tolkien. No book or prior reading is required; just a curious mind. (*four sessions*)  
**Holy Love:** Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith leads this conversation group around Steve Harper's book *Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality*. Harper offers a wise, compassionate and deeply Wesleyan perspective on biblical interpretation and LGBTQ inclusion in the life and ministry of the church. All are invited to join in this important conversation. (*four sessions*)
- **The Jesus Challenge:** Janet Earls leads this engaging study that will encourage you to move from spiritual distraction to spiritual alignment as you seek to better love God and your neighbor. *The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor* is a three-week journey to help you become more attentive to your relationship with God, inviting you to move from forgetfulness to remembering, from distraction to intentionality and from self-sufficiency to God-reliance so that you can live lives that center on loving God and loving others as ourselves. (*three sessions*)

**SheGrows: Fri, Sep 20, at 6:30pm.** The goal of SheGrows is to show women the power of linking lives with older and younger women to grow their faith SheGrows a three-hour event to show women how to begin mentoring relationships. Tickets are \$39. For information, visit [firstumc.org/shegrows](http://firstumc.org/shegrows).

**Share God's love through American Sign Language.** Free classes in Beginner's American Sign Language (ASL) resume Mon, Sep 9, from 6:30-7:30pm, followed by "Songs in Sign" from 7:30-8:30pm. For information, contact Becky Petrie ([bily2cykb4@msn.com](mailto:bily2cykb4@msn.com), or 863-944-5404) or visit [firstumc.org/adults/deaf-ministries/](http://firstumc.org/adults/deaf-ministries/).

**The Social Principles Book Club** is a multi-week study of *The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church* that utilizes real-life illustrations of contemporary issues. The format is discussion-based and collaborative. Christi Wright will lead conversations on topics including immigration, poverty and more using the books *Enrique's Journey* and *Evicted* (available in "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop). The class will meet on Sun evenings Sep 8 - Nov 24 from 5:15-6:45pm in Room C-204. More info and registration is available at [firstumc.org/adults](http://firstumc.org/adults).

**Experience the Bible in exciting new ways through Bibliodrama.** Combining a close reading of biblical texts with searching, imaginative questions, Bibliodrama offers people of all ages and levels of knowledge an opportunity to experience a method of creative study that will change the way you read the Bible. Pastor Ian Campbell will lead a workshop on Bibliodrama on Sat, Sep 28, from 9am-1pm. Lunch will be provided. The workshop is free due to a generous grant, but registration is required. Sunday School teachers, small group leaders and parents are particularly encouraged to attend. More info and registration available at [firstumc.org/adults](http://firstumc.org/adults) or contact Warren Pattison ([wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org) or 863-686-3163).

**A new sermon series will begin in Sep.** On Sep 22 we'll embark on a new sermon series and original community group study called *On the Road*, written and produced by our pastoral and program staff. We'll look at stories that help us remember many of the walks Jesus took in his ministry - intentionally journeying through communities, encountering strangers, experiencing rejection and showing us how to love one another. **We'll be starting new Community Groups for this study, gathering in homes or local businesses to share life together through scripture study, prayer and friendship.** We're asking you to host a Community Group during this series. It's really simple. We'll provide you with an easy-to-use, high-quality video resource. Your commitment is to gather a few friends, neighbors and co-workers from the community and meet together weekly in a small group setting. You don't need to be a Bible expert or a teacher - the videos we provide will do the teaching. You provide a safe and comfortable setting with a place to watch the video and have a conversation. We'll give you some questions to start the discussion, and the Holy Spirit will guide you as you grow together in love. We encourage you to pray about hosting a group. **Sign up today at tables outside the worship areas and in the Welcome Center.** For more information on hosting a Community Group or connecting to a group, visit [firstumc.org/on-the-road](http://firstumc.org/on-the-road). Contact Warren Pattison for more information ([wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org) or 863-686-3163).

## Sunday School (9:30-10:30am)

**Children:** Nursery through PK4 check in on the ground floor of the C Building. Kindergarten through fifth grades check in on the first floor of the C Building.

- **Nursery 2 through fourth grade:** Today the children will learn about David and Solomon using scripture from I Kings 2:1-4.
- **Fifth grade:** Today the children will learn about David and Solomon using scripture from I Kings 3:11-14.

**Youth:** Sixth-twelfth grades - join us in Room F-1 for Bible study and discussion.

**Adults:** Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our Adult Sunday School groups. If you would like more information, contact Warren Pattison ([wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org) or 863-682-1912).

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

## Children's News:

**Tonight:** Children PK3 (fully toilet trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us as we continue *Mission Possible* where we will explore "Accept the Challenge." Programming is 5-7pm, dinner is \$3/person.

**Wed:** Children PK3 (fully toilet trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us for classes 6:30-7:30pm about Practical Bible Exploration with hands-on activities.

**Pray & Play:** This playgroup's purpose is to connect mothers and children through guided discussion and prayer. The group will meet on Mon from 10-11:30am. Contact Ivelisse Arman with questions ([iarman@firstumc.org](mailto:iarman@firstumc.org) or 863-682-1912).

**Fri, Sep 6:** Fourth and fifth grade gathering from 6-8pm. \$5/person includes dinner, fellowship, teambuilding activities and more. Sign up by Wed, Sep 4, at [firstumc.org/children/45gathering/](http://firstumc.org/children/45gathering/). Please note we must have a current medical release form on file.

## Youth News:

**Sunday Night:** One United Youth Worship Resumes tonight in Room F-1 from 5-7pm. Ice breakers, community building, meal and fellowship!

**Sep 1: Labor Day Picnic in the Park.** Meet in the F Building at 5pm. We will walk to Barnett Park together for a Youth Labor Day Picnic. All youth in attendance must have a notarized medical release form on file. Sign up to bring a snack online at [firstumc.org/oneunited](http://firstumc.org/oneunited).

**Wed Night ReCharge:** 6-7:30pm in the Youth Game Room beginning Wed. Aug. 28. Come hangout in a relaxed space for a mid-week break!

## SERVE

**Kids PACK:** The latest statistics reveal there are more than 4,500 children registered as homeless in Polk County Public Schools. Nearly 760 live in Lakeland. Our partnership with Kids PACK assists these children with food on the weekends. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will pack meals on the first Wed of the month (starting Sep 4 and concluding on May 5) with one exception - we will pack on the second Wed in Jan (Jan 8). On packing days, set up begins at 9am and at 4pm we pack and wrap weekend food cells for delivery. All are welcome to help. We also need substitute drivers. Contact Nelson Kimball ([nrkimball@aol.com](mailto:nrkimball@aol.com)) or Skip Stevenson ([cstevenson006@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cstevenson006@tampabay.rr.com)).

**Children's Clothes Closet New Request:** The CCC needs servants to help with this ministry that supplies clothing to infants, children and youth in need. Serve Mon and/or Wed throughout the year. Contact Pat Bradford for more information ([pbrad65024@aol.com](mailto:pbrad65024@aol.com) or 863-683-2086).

**Silent Auction:** Artist Ron Bell regularly adds to the 11:20 worship service by expressing and interpreting the message through his artwork. In conjunction with "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop, Ron's Easter artwork will be available for purchase through a silent auction Sun, Sep 8 through Sun, Sep 22. Winners will be notified after Sep 22. Ron shared that during the lowest time in his life and after decades of alcoholism and his mother's death, the Salvation Army gave him a second chance at life; helping him see his self-worth, and also helped and encouraged him to develop his relationship with Christ. He has asked that proceeds from the sale be shared with the Salvation Army.