

Welcome

We are glad that you are here. Please visit us online at firstumc.org and *Explore First* to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. For more information, contact Diana Russell (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Whether 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

In Memoriam

Larry Durrence, Feb 20
James Strain, Feb 22
Pat Wibirt, Feb 24
Keith Koch, Feb 24

Presence In Worship:

8:15am Traditional:	287
9:30am Contemporary:	573
11am Traditional:	467
11:20am Contemporary:	125
Online viewers the week of Feb 16	148

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday:	\$ 69,933
Received on Feb 16:	\$ 44,940
Received to Date:	\$ 378,720

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. For more information on electronic giving, contact Harriet Mayes : hmayes@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**.



Invite · Grow · Serve

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Sarabande/Near</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 339	<i>Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast</i>	HURSLEY
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI, 70		
(11AM) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Birdie Caroline Barnett, Daughter of Wesley & Ashley Barnett	
	(refrain) Birdie, Birdie, God claims you, God help you, protects you and loves you too	
	We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be (refrain)	
	We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow (refrain)	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, page 43		
PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
MEDITATION	<i>Restored: Who Left This Mess/Luke 19:1-10</i>	David McEntire
INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON, Hymnal page 12		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>I Believe in the Sun/Adams</i>	A Cappella Praise
(11am) <i>O, Sacred Head, Now Wounded/Raney</i>	Chancel Choir; Audra Thielen, cello	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Hymnal page 13		Melissa Stump
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP		
*HYMN 634	<i>Now Let Us From This Table Rise</i>	DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
*BENEDICTION		David McEntire
*RESPONSE 666	<i>Shalom To You</i>	SHALOM
POSTLUDE	<i>Final/Near</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>Build Your Kingdom Here</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Jeremy Hearn/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>This I Believe</i>	
CONFESSION AND PARDON		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Raise a Hallelujah; The Way; This is How I Fight My Battles;</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		Jeremy Hearn
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>Behold Him</i>	Jeremy Hearn, Cindy and Casey Cleveland
MEDITATION	<i>Restored: Who Left This Mess/Luke 19:1-10</i>	David McEntire
GIVING OF THE BREAD & CUP	(Join in singing: <i>Build My Life</i>)	
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Jeremy Hearn
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Raise a Hallelujah; The Way; This is How I Fight My Battles</i>	
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Ledger Jones Phillips, son of JP & Meg Phillips	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Behold Him</i>	Jeremy Hearn, Cindy and Casey Cleveland
SERMON	<i>Restored: Who Left This Mess/Luke 15:11-32</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
CONFESSION AND PARDON		Jeremy Hearn
PASSING OF THE PEACE		Jeremy Hearn
COMMUNION	<i>Build My Life</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Andy Whitaker Smith

Call To Worship (All Services)

LEADER: God calls to the lost, the least and all who long for home.
ALL: **God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us.**
LEADER: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.
ALL: **Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's amazing grace**

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

First United Methodist

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We are happy to have our Grade 5 Sunday School class in worship at the 9:30am contemporary service today! As a worship plus three church, our Pastors and Children's Ministries team believe it is important for children to experience worship and for families to have the opportunity to worship together to enrich and encourage our children's faith journeys.

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 for children six weeks to PreK4 from 8:15am-12:30pm. Check in on the ground floor of the C Building.
- Nursing Room: C-013

Acolytes and Crucifers:

8:15am: Kyle & Charleigh McMullen
11am: Michael Cabrera & Kyle Becker

Communion Servers

8:15am: Andrea Bailey, Tom Baroody, Bill & Gerry Fraker, Audrey Lussier and Amy Tyner
11am: Mont & Martha Gay Duncan, Bob & Faye Fannin and Brian & Kelly Hurley

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. James E. Ridgeway, Sr, you are missed everyday; In Loving Memory of Linda F. Custred by her loving husband, children and grandchildren.

INVITE

Time of Prayer and Communion: Each Wed during Lent from 10am-10:20am in the Sanctuary, you are invited to come for a quiet time of prayer, reflection and Communion. (There will be no Time of Prayer and Communion on March 11)

Coffee with the Pastors today: If you've been thinking of joining the church, join us from 5-6:45pm in the Large Conference Room in the Church Office off Walnut Street. Learn about the church, get to know our pastors and review expectations regarding membership. A light dinner will be served.

Battle of the Ages: Join us Tonight in the Fellowship Center from 5-7pm for dinner and an evening full of games and challenges for all ages. Dinner is \$5/person with \$20/max per family. Note: all students kindergarten through grade 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Students in grade 6-12 are encouraged to come and bring your family. Childcare available for children PK4 and under.

Cornerstone - WonderWalk: Sat, Mar 21 from 8am - 12pm help raise funds for early learning childcare scholarships for children 0-5 years old at the Rosa Valdez Early Learning Center. This Cornerstone event will begin at College Heights United Methodist Church for the walk around Lake Hollingsworth. (There will be shorter walks available). Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/tqt8nj8>

UMW General Meeting, Mar 9: All women are invited to the Mar 9 meeting in the Fellowship Center beginning at 10:30am. Florida United Methodist Heritage Center, Rev. Judi New, Archivist will be the speaker. \$4/full lunch. Email reservations by Mar 4: UMWreservations@firstumc.org

Youth Talent Show: You are invited to the Youth Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sun, Mar 15, 5pm in the Fellowship Center. The youth will serve a delicious dinner while providing an entertaining evening of fun and talent. All proceeds go to our Youth Choir. Tickets are now available in 'Our Giving Tree' bookstore and gift shop. \$10/adults; \$5/children; \$20/family.

Rally for Justice, Tue, Mar 10: Join First United Methodist as we and 18 other Polk churches gather to hear research updates in Mental Health Care and Affordable Housing for Homeless Children at 6:30pm, Hurst Chapel AME, 875 Ave 0 in Winter Haven. For more info contact Angie at 813-451-5394 or adpattison@hotmail.com.

Fanfares and Flourishes: Tue, Mar 17 at 7pm in the Sanctuary, hear the fabulous Clarion Brass Quintet join our amazing organist, Matthew Corl for a festive evening of music for organ and brass. Tickets are \$5 at: firstumc.org/finearts.

GROW

We want to hear your story which will help us shape the vision of where God is leading First United Methodist Church! Sign up at:

www.firstumc.org/story-groups/ Please make childcare reservations at least one week prior to the event. Story Groups are held in room C-201D. The following times are still available:

- **Sun, Mar 8:** 5:15-6:15pm
- **Sun, Mar, 15:** 8:15-9:15, 9:30 - 10:30am and 11am - 12pm
- **Wed, Mar 18:** 6:30 - 7:30pm
- **Sun, Apr 5:** 5:15 - 6:15pm

United Methodist Business Leaders: Wed, Mar 11, 8am in Room C-206. The doors will open at 7:30am for socializing/networking and will remain open 30 minutes after the conclusion at 8:30am. This group is open to all who seek to better integrate their Christian faith and business practices.T

Restored Groups: Several groups began this week, including Wed afternoon/evening. Discover how God restores the messes of our lives in this study which corresponds to the sermon series during Lent. Groups are offered in a variety of places and times. We also offer online groups. To find a group visit: firstumc.org/restored or stop by the round Kiosk in the Welcome Center today. Contact Warren: wpattison@firstumc.org, 863-686-3163x227

Adult Sunday Studies

Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our Adult Sunday School groups. All classes meet at 9:30am. If you would like more info on these or other adult classes and groups, contact Warren Pattison: 863-682-1912 or wpattison@firstumc.org.

The BYKOTA Class is studying foundational texts of the Bible. Rev. Doug Hallman leads. Room C-207.

The Genesis Class is currently participating in the Lent study "Restored." Room C-202.

Homebuilders Rev. Brian Tiffany teaches from the Standard Lesson Series. March's theme is "God Requires Justice." Chapel.

The Koinonia Class invites you to join them in life application Bible study using Bible passages from the *Revised Common Lectionary*. Rev. Terry Heck teaches. Room C-205.

The Searchers Class is participating in the Lent study "Restored." Room C-206.

The Sendero Class welcomes you as they explore Deitrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together* - Bonhoeffer's 1938 reflections on the character of Christian community. Charles Marsh leads. Room C-204.

Storyline is experiencing *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*. The study is led by Ryan and Angela Rosenburg. Room C-201C.

Vanguard welcomes Rev. Jose Bove to lead from the March theme "Wilderness" from the Adult Bible Studies series. Room C-203.

Children: PreK3 - Grade 5 Sunday School at 9:30am:

- Nursery 2 through grade 4: Our lesson today is 'Jesus Teaches' from Matthew 5:1-9
- Grade 5 will be in worship with their families this morning.

Tonight: 5-7pm, Battle of the Ages

Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Center, \$5/person, \$20/family. Kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to join us for an evening full of games and challenges for all ages. Everyone is invited. Childcare available for PK4 and under with reservation.

Wed: Join us from 6:30-7:30pm for **Faith+Fellowship+Fun!** Children PK3, (fully toilet trained), through grade 5 are invited to join us where kids can connect and grow in faith together.

Mark Your Calendars Now:

Mar 15: Youth Talent Show Fundraiser
Mar 20: Grades 4 & 5 Gathering

Childcare is available 6:30-7:30pm for children six weeks through PK2 for families participating in events on campus. Reservations are required - please visit firstumc.org/children.

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

Youth: Grades 6-12

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

Tonight: 5-7pm, Battle of the Ages Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Center, \$5/person, \$20/family. Middle and High Schoolers and their families are invited to join us for an evening of games and challenges for all ages.

Wed Night RECHARGE: 6-7:30pm in the Youth Game Room. Come hang out with us as we enjoy fun, snacks and fellowship.



SERVE

KidsPACK: This Wed, Mar 4 in the Welcome Center. At 9am we will set up. At 4pm we will pack and wrap food for students to take home for the weekend. Occasionally we need substitute drivers to assist with weekly delivery to our assigned schools. Save the remaining dates: Apr 1 and May 6. Contact Skip Stevenson: cstevenson006@tampabay.rr.com

***Orange Gleaning:** Sat, Mar 7, we will head to Clermont with Society of St. Andrew to glean oranges. Meet at First United Methodist at 7:30am to return by 1pm.

***Habitat for Humanity,** Thu, Mar 26: We are committed to serve monthly in 2020 with our friends at East and Central Pasco Habitat for Humanity in Dade City. Work days begin at 8:45am and ends at 3pm. Open to all skill levels and anyone age 16 and above. There is paperwork to complete before your first work day. Find out more at: <https://habitatpasco.org/>

***Salvation Army:** Sat, Mar 21, we will help the Salvation Army with a large sorting project of food and clothing at their warehouse on 3804 Kathleen Rd, Lakeland. Work begins at 8:50am and will end at noon. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

***Costa Rica Mission Teams** - We will have two 30-minute information sessions for those interested in serving with our Costa Rica Mission Projects teams - Mar 1, 10:30am and Mar 4 at 6pm, both in the Church Parlor. Our teams are scheduled to serve in Costa Rica Jun 13-20, 2020, and Dec 29, 2020-Jan 5, 2021. Must be 16 or older to participate.

***One Blood:** The Big Red Bloodmobile will be here next Sun, Mar 8, from 8am 12:30pm. Plan to help us save lives!

*Contact Forrest White, Director of Missions to sign up: fwhite@firstumc.org