

**Sunday, March 25, 2012**

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 4:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)
- 5:00pm UMYF (*Guest Speaker Chris Pochipa*) (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, March 26, 2012**

- 11:00am Caring Callers
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
- 6:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012**

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 3:00pm ROOTS Student Ministry (Fiesta Topitia's)
- 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

- 5:30 pm Wednesday at the First Activities (see details inside bulletin)
- Bulletin Deadline*
- Bus Reserved*

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

- 11am-2pm Spring BBQ

**Sunday, April 1, 2012**

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 4:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)
- 5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

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The Mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture  
 souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

*March 25, 2012*

*5th Sunday in Lent*

**Prelude** "Talk About a Child that Does Love Jesus" arr. Calvin Taylor

**Greeting and Announcements** *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymns of Praise No. 2152 in *The Faith We Sing* "Change My Heart, O God" Change My Heart**  
**No. 2157 in *The Faith We Sing* "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Confitemini Domino**  
**No. 2056 in *The Faith We Sing* "God Is So Good" God Is So Good**

**Prayer of Confession** Bob Lockey, Lay Reader

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. (*UM Book of Worship*)

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

**Mini Sermon** Brandon Buchanan

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1: 18 — 2: 5 Lay Reader

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 856 in the Hymnal Psalm 143: 1 — 10** Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal "The Apostles' Creed"** Lay Reader

**\*Hymn No. 2013 in *The Faith We Sing* "Bless the Lord"** Bless the Lord

**\*Gospel Lesson** Mark 8: 27 — 38 Rev. Wood

**Sermon** "The Answer on Which All Other Answers Rest" Rev. Wood

## Pastoral Prayer

**\*Hymn No. 707 in the Hymnal**                      **“Hymn of Promise”**                      Promise  
*During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.*

## Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

**Offertory Anthem**                                      **“Lifting My Eyes to the Hills”**                      John Bell

**\*Doxology No. 95**                                      **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**                      Old 100th

## \*The Lord’s Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Hymn No. 2130 in *The Faith We Sing***                      **“The Summons”**                      Kelvingrove

## \*Dismissal with Blessing

**Choral Benediction**                                      **“Jesus, Remember Me”**

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**OUR PRAYER LIST** Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, Susan Jones (Ruth Ann Jones’ Daughter-in-Law), John Moore. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING** — The Youth Council will meet on Sunday, April 1 at 3:00pm in the Youth Hut.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — This year’s Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 7 starting at 3:00pm. This is a community event for children ages Pre-K to 5th grade. If you enjoy ministering to the children in our community, we would love your help. We need donations of juice boxes, candy, small toys and party favors. We need your donations by Sunday, April 1. For more information contact Brandon Buchanan or Nancy Wagon.

**I AM—DESIGNED TOUR** — Chris Pochiba, lead campaigner for Visual Word Media, is coming to First UMC this afternoon for UMYF at 5:00pm. This event is open to anyone who would love to experience teaching about creativity, pain, suffering, and hope.

**BBQ TIME AGAIN** — Helpers, helpers, we need helpers ... if you have not signed up or been contacted to help with the spring BBQ, please call the church office at 537-7002.                      Thanks, Sammy Quick

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** — Community Palm Sunday Service (First Presbyterian Church), Sunday, April 1 at 6:00pm; Maundy Thursday and a Service of Tenebrae, Thursday, April 5 at 7:00pm; Good Friday, Friday, April 6, the sanctuary will be open all day beginning at 9:00am.; Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 8 at 6:30am.

**UMYF MINISTRY ARTS** — On Sunday’s at 4:00pm our students gather to cultivate their arts for ministry in their church, community, and conference. If you have a passion for teaching arts, your help is needed. If you are interested in helping our students learn photography, painting, and music, please contact Brandon Buchanan at [brandon@fumccheraw.net](mailto:brandon@fumccheraw.net) or on his cell phone at 863-528-8124.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES** — The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring Lenten Lunches at the First Baptist Church of Cheraw each Wednesday until March 28. Each event begins at noon with a soup and sandwich lunch. A Cheraw area pastor will bring a devotion, and the event will conclude by 1:00 p.m. Bringing the devotion on Wednesday, March 28, will be Kyle Henderson of First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw.

**UPCOMING WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST PROGRAMS** — March 28, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); April 4, Spring break

**WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF)** — The meal begins at 5:30, is cooked by Carolyn Gary, and costs only \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21.00 for a household).

Sign up on the worship attendance sheet, or ask that your name be added to the list of “regulars.”

\*\*Menu for March 28 — Roast, mashed potatoes, string beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.

\*\*The youth meet in the youth hut at 6:00pm. (doors open at 5:00pm).

\*\*Children’s Bible Study — 6:15pm.

\*\*Handbells — 6:30pm (3rd—5th Grade).

\*\*Arts and Crafts with Janice Moore — 6:30pm (K — 2nd grade); 7:00pm (3rd — 5th grade).

\*\*Children’s Choir — 7:00pm.

\*\*Adult Bible Study — 6:30pm—7:25pm.

### SERVING TODAY

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones

**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Ellison Outen

**Alternate Counters:** Brenda Rayfield, Doug Marsh

**Nursery:** Rebekah Buchanan and Sally Smith

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Ray Crouse

**Children’s Church:** Gloria Chapman

**Caring Callers:** Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

Genesis Service Attendance — 44 Regular Worship Service — 127; Total 171

Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 142

**Greeters:** M&M Curtis Jones

**Hostess:** Lib Norton

**Cross Bearer:** Caroline Crouse

**Acolyte:** Greer Eddins

**McArn Item:** Baby food

**Head Usher:** Theodore Burns