

**Sunday, April 1, 2012**

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

**Monday, April 2, 2012**

11:00am Caring Callers  
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, April 3, 2012**

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

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

5:30 pm Wednesday at the First Activities (see details inside bulletin)  
*Bulletin Deadline*  
*April 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline*  
*Bus Reserved*

**Thursday, April 5, 2012**

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship and Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

**Friday, April 6, 2012**

9am—5:30pm Sanctuary open for prayer

**Saturday, April 7, 2012**

3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt (Church Grounds)

**Sunday, April 8, 2012**

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service (Front of Sanctuary)  
 7:15am Light Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 10:00am Young Adult Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
 11:00am Worship Service

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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.

*April 1, 2012*

*Palm Sunday*

**Prelude** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" J.S. Bach

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

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

**\*The Palm Sunday Entrance** **Mark 11: 1 — 11** Rev. Wood

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** Rev. Wood

Hosanna!

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Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

**Blessed are we, for we have been created by that same God.**

Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.

**Blessed are the hands that clap and strum and pluck, joining together in one glorious Hosanna.**

Blessed are the bodies that move and wave and march and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.

**Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God.**

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**\*Processional Hymn No. 277 in the Hymnal "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"** Stories of Jesus

**Unison Prayer** Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

God of Mercy, we can scarcely perceive the extravagance of your holy love for all generations. In Jesus our Christ, you entered into the beauty and the anguish of our lives. Jesus poured out his spirit in compassion that we might come to know the splendid fullness of your divine care. On this day when Jesus deliberately enters our lives, grant us the wisdom to proclaim his praise with sincerity and love, lavish in response to his self-giving. Grant us endurance to persevere in faith when the acclaim has ceased and darkness falls upon the city. Amen.

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

<b>Epistle Lesson</b>	<b>Philippians 2: 5 — 11</b>	Lay Reader
<b>Mini Sermon</b>		Brandon Buchanan
<b>*Responsive Psalter Reading No. 765 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>Psalm 31: 9 — 16</b>	Lay Reader
<b>*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“The Apostles’ Creed”</b>	Lay Reader
<b>*Hymn No. 2013 in <i>The Faith We Sing</i></b>	<b>“Bless the Lord My Soul”</b>	
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	<b>“Antiphonal Hosanna”</b>	
<b>*Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Mark 15: 1 — 24</b>	Rev. Wood
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“The Stranger in the Streets of Jerusalem”</b>	Rev. Wood
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>*Hymn No. 314 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“In the Garden”</b>	Garden
	<i>During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.</i>	
<b>Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>“Rhosymedre”</b>	Ralph Vaughn Williams
<b>*Doxology No. 95</b>	<b>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</b>	Old 100th
<b>*The Lord’s Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>*Hymn No. 280 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”</b>	St. Theodulph
<b>*Dismissal with Blessing</b>		
<b>Choral Benediction</b>	<b>“Jesus, Remember Me”</b>	

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

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY** — The church office will be closed on Monday, April 9 for the Easter Holiday.

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING** — The Youth Council will meet this afternoon at 3:00pm in the Youth Hut.

**WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST** — No Wednesday at the First this week. Beginning April 11 through May 16, Pastor Paul Wood will teach six classes on the Gospel of Mark. Bring a Bible.

**CHANGES IN *THE CONNECTION* NEWSLETTER** — In an effort to save money on postage, paper and toner *The Connection* Newsletter will only be printed and mailed on the first of the month. The newsletter will still be published on the fifteenth of the month but will only be emailed out. A few copies of the newsletter for the fifteenth will be available in the lobby and narthex for our guests and those members without email.

**COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** — We are all invited to worship tonight at the First Presbyterian Church. Our Community Palm Sunday Worship Service will begin at 6:00pm. Members of the Cheraw Ministerial Alliance will lead the service, and Rev. Bill Oldland, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, will preach.

**SANCTUARY OPEN ON GOOD FRIDAY** — The Worship Ministry Team strongly encourages members of the church and the community to take time for prayer in our sanctuary on Good Friday. It will be open from 9:00am until 5:30pm for that purpose. Invite a friend to join you. Members of the Worship Ministry Team will be present in the sanctuary throughout the day.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** — Next Sunday's Easter Sunrise Service will begin in front of the sanctuary at 6:30 a.m. It will include the ancient tradition of a Paschal Fire which symbolizes the resurrection of Christ. Boy Scouts will assist with this part of the service. Bring a friend!

**BUS MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP** — For some time Jon Kroepel has had responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the church bus. This responsibility has been transferred to the Board of Trustees who have chosen Jeff Allen for the position. Speak to Jeff if you have questions or comments about the bus.

**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 Wagnon.

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**Altar Guild:** Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing  
**Counters:** Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield  
**Alternate Counter:** John Moore  
**Nursery:** Rebekah Buchanan and Kim Williamson  
**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Ray Crouse  
**Children’s Church:** Brandon Buchanan  
**Caring Callers:** Jeff Allen, Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill  
Worship Service Attendance — 147; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday — 136

**Greeters:** M&M Jimmie Williamson  
**Hostess:** Carole Hennessee  
**Cross Bearer:** Sarah Allen  
**Acolyte:** Sullivan Chapman  
**McArn Item:** Baby food  
**Head Usher:** Allan Chapman