



First United Methodist Church  
117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

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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.



**January 10, 2016**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

Rev. Jack Vickers

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

**Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)**

Rev. Vickers

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.** Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name, **worship the Lord in holy array.** The voice of the Lord is upon the water. **The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.** The voice of the Lord is powerful. **The voice of God is full of majesty. Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Rev. Vickers

O Great Spirit whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before you as your children. We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.

**Hymn No. 347 in the Hymnal**

**"Spirit Song"**

Spirit Song

**Children's Sermon**

Sara Sanderson

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 43: 1-7**

Lib Norton, Lay Reader

**Psalter No. 761 in the Hymnal (Responsive Reading) Psalm 29**

Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

**The Apostles' Creed**

Lay Reader

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Vickers

**FUMC STAFF**

Rev. Jack Vickers, Pastor (jhvickersiii@gmail.com )  
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**Hymn No. 139 in the Hymnal** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren

**Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings, Offertory** Rev. Vickers  
\*Doxology No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th  
\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings with Prayer

**New Testament Reading** Acts 8: 14-17 Rev. Vickers

**Gospel Reading** Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22 Rev. Vickers

**Sermon** Rev. Vickers

\***Hymn No. 500 in the Hymnal** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" Morecambe  
*(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)*

\***Benediction** Rev. Vickers

\***Postlude**  
\*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

**WELCOME VISITORS** — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify the pastor at 537-7002.

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), DeAnna Starling, Mike Starling, Hope Griggs (Kelly Dusa's friend), Lindsey Griggs (Mary-Charlotte Dusa's friend), Walter Crosby (aortic valve replacement surgery 1/28 at Duke Hospital).

**NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT REMINDER** — Just a reminder that we have automatic bank draft for your pledge. If you are interested in signing up for this, please see Angie in the church office. If you are already signed up, your bank draft will continue to be taken out next year, unless Angie is contacted otherwise.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** — The flower calendar for 2016 has been placed in the lobby by the church office. If you have a special Sunday you would like to put flowers in the church, stop by and sign up.

**SYMPATHY** — FUMC would like to extend its sympathy to Todd Becker on the death of his father, Mike Becker, last week.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** — The Church Council will meet next Sunday, January 17 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC) TRAINING** — The SPRC Training at Wesley UMC in Hartsville has been moved to Sunday, January 24 from 3pm-5pm. Please mark your calendars and all SPRC members are encouraged to attend.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE #1** — Will meet later this month.

**WATF WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST MEALS** — Carolyn Gary has hurt her wrist, meals will resume when Carolyn is able to cook.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

##### Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:30am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth hut/Fellowship Hall)

##### Monday, January 11, 2016

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

##### Tuesday, January 12, 2016

7:00pm United Methodist Women Circle #3 (Home of Carole Hennessee)

##### Wednesday, January 13, 2016

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
*Sunday, January 17 Bulletin Deadline*

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10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
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#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Heath Ruffner

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

**Altar Guild:** Sarah M. Therrell

**Cross Bearer:** Lydia Lee

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Pam Baker

**Children's Church:** No Children's Church

**Counters:** Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

**Alternate Counter:** John Straughn

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Sally Smith

**Head Usher:** Anthony Harris

**Hostess:** Kelly Dusa

**Acolyte:** Alex Lee

**McArn Item:** Canned meats

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Sue McManus

**Worship Attendance, Jan. 3—** 119

**Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—**127