

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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***THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.***

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 22, 2020***

***CHRIST THE KING THANKSGIVING SERVICE***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**\*\*Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.**

**The Chiming of the Hour and Prelude are times during which we quiet ourselves, centering our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. Please use those times not for socializing but for prayer and meditation. This is a sacred time when God communes with his people.**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Renie Seel and Peyton Taylor

**PRELUDE**

“Ode to Joy”

Bryson Hunter

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.<sup>i</sup>**

**BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES**

Pastor Debra

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “THE APOSTLES CREED”**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Spoken in Unison)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“The Greatness of Our God” Newsboys

Words in Bulletin

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 100

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**THANKSGIVING HOMILY**

“Thanksgiving for the King”  
**Service of Holy Communion**

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## CONFESSION

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, not been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us to the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ and have grieved your soul.<sup>ii</sup>

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**PASTOR:** Hear the Good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**PEOPLE:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

**ALL:** Glory to God. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING<sup>iii</sup>

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. By your appointment, the seasons come and go. You bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image and made us stewards of your world. Earth has yielded its treasure, and from your hand we have received blessing on blessing. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. When hungry and tempted, he refused to make bread for himself that he might be the bread of life for others. When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them. He broke bread with the outcast but drove the greedy from the temple. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Words in Bulletin

Commitments to First United Methodist Church 2021

**PASTOR:** I invite you to offer your pledges and renew your commitments to First United Methodist Church.

**PEOPLE:** We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.<sup>iv</sup>

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Amazing Grace”

Bryson Hunter

**Please leave your offering in the basket near the door as you exit**

Theodore Burns

*\*Please stand if able*

***REMINDER—MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHILE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING, INCLUDING WHILE IN THE SANCTUARY.***

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# Greatness Of Our God

By Newsboys

O-oh  
O-o-oh

From the dawn of Creation  
This world has been cryin' out for hope  
For a hero to save us  
We long for the supernatural

But there is only one God Who can save  
the day  
So clear the stage, prepare the way  
'Cause Heaven and Earth are singing

Glory, hallelujah, let the whole world see  
The greatness of our God  
In awesome wonder, He reigns forever  
We know the greatness of our God  
His pow'r is endless, He lives within us  
We know the greatness of our Go-o-o-od  
(Whoa-oa-oa-oa)  
The greatness of our God

There's no one above Him  
Only our Savior wears the crown  
There's none who can stop Him  
Not even the grave could hold Him down

But there is only one King Who can save  
the day  
So clear the stage, prepare the way  
'Cause Heaven and Earth are singin'

Glory, hallelujah, let the whole world see  
The greatness of our God  
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(Whoa-oa-oa-oa)

The greatness of our Go-o-o-od (Whoa-  
oa-oa-oa)  
The greatness of our God

We stand in awe and wonder  
All the honor is Yours (Aw yeah)  
We stand in awe and wonder  
All the honor is Yours, Jesus  
We stand in awe and wonder  
Awe and wonder

The greatness of our God  
In awesome wonder, He reigns forever  
We know (We know) the greatness of our  
God

His power is endless, He lives within us  
We know (We know) the greatness of our  
Go-o-o-od (Yeah, yeah, whoa-oa-oa-oa)  
The greatness of our Go-o-o-od  
Oh, Lord, You're great, oh, God, You're  
great, yea-ea-ea-eah

The greatness of our Go-o-o-od (O-o-o-  
oh)

Holy is our God  
The greatness of our God

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

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1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en;

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en;

who from our moth-ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed;  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1663; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858  
 (Sir. 50:22-24)  
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# THE CONNECTION

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

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## *A Few Words from the Pastor...*

*For the Lord is good! His steadfast Love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5 NRSV*

We are blessed this week to offer our praise and thanksgiving on Christ the King Sunday in a variety of ways. We will worship and praise the Lord together with special emphasis on the goodness of our God. As part of worship, we will come together at the Lord's Table thankful for the meal that celebrates the goodness of our God who gives us the gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We also will offer gifts of thanksgiving in two ways. First, we will bless the Operation Christmas Child boxes. These our gifts from us to help others see and learn about the goodness of God. Second, we will make our commitments to support the goodness of our God by committing our support to His church. For this act of thanksgiving we will renew our commitment to support First United Methodist Church with our prayer, our presence (in-person and/or on-line), our gifts, our service, and our witness and offer our pledge cards to the Lord.

*Pastor Debra*



## **Reminder from the Stewardship Team – Commitment Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Even amid a global pandemic, a highly active hurricane season, record wildfires, civil unrest in our country, and many other challenges...God has provided everything that we needed. Though our church life may have been and felt different this year, our participation in God's mission continues. At times, our doors were closed but the Church was always open! A team was formed to provide digital worship services. Teams were formed to determine how to safely offer in- person worship (following UMCSG guidelines/protocols) and safely offer childcare. The global health crisis has presented us new opportunities to reimagine the church...and explore how we can continue mission and ministry in new ways.

**Tithing** ensures that our needs will be met and gives back to God what was always His. God is honored when we are faithful. When we acknowledge that God is the true owner and giver of all that we have, we will be rewarded in countless ways. Tithing supports the needs of our pastor, our staff, church buildings and the work of the local church. Tithes help pay staff salaries, keep the church's lights on, support programming, fund ministries, grow new digital services, and meet the needs of the community.

We have all prayerfully considered how we may give generously to FUMC Cheraw...as we acknowledge how generous the Lord has been to us, our families, and our church. Please complete the commitment card mailed earlier to your home and bring it with you to worship on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can also mail or drop your card off at the church office.

It takes all of us giving our first and best to God so that our church can actively participate in the great commission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- *As a reminder, direct deposit is available for tithing and gifts.*
- *Additional online giving tools are currently being researched...more to come on that!*



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
**The people of The United Methodist Church™**



**OUR PRAYER LIST** — Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thraikill, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Tony Thraikill, Rebecca Baker, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, Connie Williamson, JoAnne Morgan, Walker Laney Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



### **Shepherd's Child Christmas Party**

We will have a little different format this year due to COVID-19, so we will need more volunteers to help the day of the party. Please let Trina Mills know if you are willing to help.

The Shepherd's Child Christmas party will be Dec. 18 at 1:00 p.m. We plan to have 36 children. The names of the children will be ready for you to choose on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> as you enter church. You can also come by the church during office hours to choose a name.

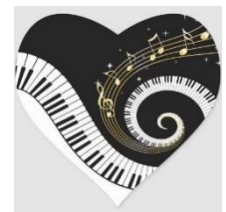
If you would like someone to shop for your child, you can donate money for your child. We also need monetary donations to purchase supplies for the party.

To make a monetary donation for your child's gifts or to help with supplies for the party, you may give the money to Trina Mills, to Angie Smith in the church office. or put it in the offering plate labeled Shepherd's Child Party.

With your help, we will be able to have a successful party for these children even in the midst of a pandemic.

### **Your Help Needed!**

We do not currently have a person on staff to provide music for worship. Volunteer musicians are providing the music for the prelude and postlude each Sunday. We are using recordings of hymns. If you can play the guitar, piano, organ we need your help to provide music for our worship service in this transition. Please contact Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586 and offer to share your God-given talents with our church.



We have some needs for our food pantry. It is helpful to have items that have pull-top lids. Food for the pantry may be dropped off at the church on Sundays or Tuesday – Thursday during office hours. Items needed at this time are:

- Canned meat
- Canned Meals—Beef Stew, Ravioli, Beenie Weenies, etc.
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned fruit (we have plenty of applesauce)
- Instant Grits
- Instant Oatmeal
- Low sugar nutritious cereal
- Individual packs of cookies, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, etc.

## **Choice of In-Person or Virtual Learning for Students Underway**

Parents of students in the Chesterfield County Schools have until November 24, 2020 to choose if your child(ren) will attend school in-person or virtually for the Spring Semester that starts January 4<sup>th</sup>. After November 24<sup>th</sup> there will not be any changes. Parents were emailed a link by the school district for them to use to make the choice for their child(ren). If you did not receive a link, contact your child's school office to get that information.

**PAINTING CLASS:** Beth Maier, a local artist, helped us last year get funds for the Shepherd's Child party. I have planned a painting lesson for December 2 at 6:30pm at her studio in Teal's Mill or at Mt. Olivet, depending on the number we have. Beth donates her time, her supplies, and we pay \$25.00 to paint. She lets us keep the money for the Shepherd's Child Party and we have a neat picture, too. Social distancing will be in place. Please join us. If you can attend, please call Trina Mills at 843-910-0518.

**GIVE TO THE MCARN FOOD BANK IN HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL:** If you normally give a gift to a special friend, but would like to do something different this year, why not give a monetary donation to the McArn Food Bank in honor of that special person. These donations can be dropped in the offering plate on Sunday, brought by the church office during office hours, or mailed directly to McArn Food Bank, 131 Second Street, Cheraw, SC 29520. Along with your donation, please put who the donation is given in honor of, their address, and your name and address, for notes to be sent to them about the donation.

**J.O.Y CLUB:** The J.O.Y Club will not meet anymore this year, but plans are being made to meet on Thursday, January 21, 2021, providing Covid is gone and things are safe to meet at that time.

**BOOK AVAILABLE:** Copies of the book titled "Resurrection, A Pastor's Reading of the Major New Testament Resurrection Passages" by Pastor Phil Thrailkill, are available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each and the money is being donated to FUMC.

**OFFICE HOURS THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING:** The office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 this week for Thanksgiving.

**HEAD USHERS NEEDED:** If you would like to head usher, please call Theodore Burns at 843-287-1836 or Angie Smith at 843-537-7002.

**PASTORAL VISITS:** Pastor Debra is scheduling pastoral care visits. These will be porch or driveway visits and the pastor will wear a mask. Please do not wait for a scheduled time if you need pastoral care. Pastor Debra is available by email, phone, text, and video chat. The pastor's contact information is: Church Office: 843-537-7002; Cell Phone: 843-253-3132; or email [daarmstrong@umcsc.org](mailto:daarmstrong@umcsc.org).

**FACEBOOK FAN?** As you are hopefully aware, during this extended time of social distancing due to the coronavirus, your FUMC staff has continued to try to keep you informed through the various means of emails, One Calls, personal phone calls, and our FUMC Facebook page! Please know that as we continue to "endure" some extended social distancing protocol, your FUMC staff will continue to post pictures, comics, and uplifting messages in order that we might "stay connected". If you would like to share something uplifting or humorous with our FUMC family via the FUMC Facebook page, please submit your post to Angie at: [fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL GIFTS:** If you would like to give an "in memory" gift to FUMC, you may designate it to any area listed below: Contingency Fund, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Adult Exercise Class, Salkehatchie Summer Service, Bus Fund, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Building Upkeep Fund, Parsonage Upkeep Fund, Grounds Upkeep Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** First UMC offers a Nurture and Care Ministry. If you have a loved one who could use a visit and/or a word of cheer, and/or if you know of a shut-in who needs some care and attention, please contact the church office. Please note that while our Nurture and Care volunteers have "re-modeled" their ways of reaching out due to our current social distancing recommendations, they are continuing to contact shut-ins via phone calls, greeting cards, and porch "deliveries"! So please let us know if there is someone of whom you are aware who would appreciate some extra TLC!

**A MINISTRY OF SERVICE:** Our Nurture and Care Committee offers a transport ministry by members of First UMC. If you or a loved one needs a ride to a doctor's appointment or a medical errand, please call the church office. We have several volunteers on the roster who are willing to give you a lift, in strict compliance with the current COVID-19 guidelines. Please don't hesitate to call the church office if you are in need of this valuable ministry of service to others!







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## ***BLOOD DRIVE***

**When: Tuesday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Times: 1:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Where: First United Methodist Church  
In the Fellowship Hall**

**To schedule your appointment please call Angie Smith at  
843-537-7002 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use  
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ANTIBODIES**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School  
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies

### Monday, November 23, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm November 22 Bulletin Deadline  
5:00pm **NO** Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
6:00pm **NO** Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

### Tuesday, November 24, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
11:00am **NO** Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### Thursday, November 26, 2020

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
Happy Thanksgiving

### Sunday, November 29, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School  
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies

**McArn Items:** Drink mixes and crackers

**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa

**Attendance Sunday, November 15:** 62

**Year to Date Received:** \$291,121.22

**Year to Date Expenses:** \$310,009.38

#### FUMC STAFF

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Holly Haire, Child Development Ministry Director (fccdm@yahoo.com)

**Now Hiring!** - Music Director