

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 8, 2020***

***23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

**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**

Doug and Susan Marsh

**PRELUDE**

Ruth Ann Jones

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS**

*Harold Lomas – Air Force*

*Vincent Prevatte – Navy*

*Jim Bennett – Navy*

*Mark Armstrong – Army*

*Ellison Outen – Army*

*William (Billy) Wicker – Air Borne Ranger*

*John Moore – Air Force*

*Dallas Keefe – Air Force*

*CC Quick – Army National Guard*

*Sammy Quick – Army National Guard*

*Ronald Cundiff - Army*

**\*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.**

**MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

“Even So Come” Chris Tomberlin

Words in Bulletin

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 25: 1-13

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**SERMON**

Be Ready for the Kingdom

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**\*HYMN**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Words in Bulletin

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Ruth Ann Jones

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.***



# Even So Come

Chris Tomberlin

All of creation  
All of the Earth  
Make straight a highway  
A path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner  
Wake up the saint  
Let every nation  
Shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride  
Waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church  
Ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus come

There will be justice  
All will be new  
Your name forever  
Faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride  
Waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church  
Ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing

Even so come  
Lord Jesus come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus come

So we wait  
We wait for You  
God we wait  
You're coming soon  
So we wait  
We wait for You  
God we wait  
You're coming soon

Like a bride  
Waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church  
Ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing

Like a bride  
Waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church  
We'll be ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus come  
Even so come  
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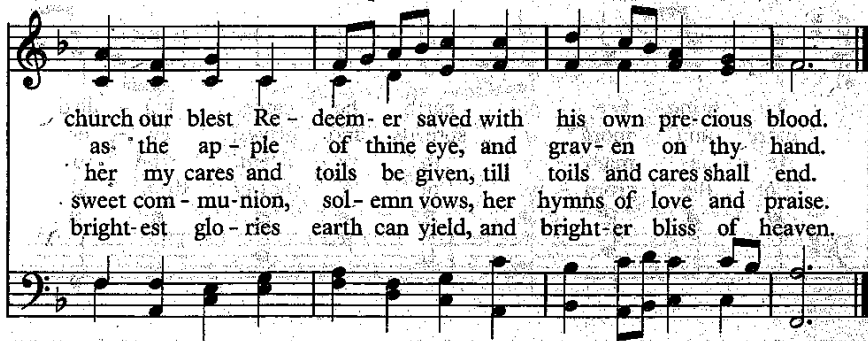
Songwriters: Jess Cates, Jason Ingram, Chris Tomlin

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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1. I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the  
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls be-fore thee stand dear  
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as-cend, to  
4. Be - yond my high-est joy I prize her heav-en-ly ways, her  
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the



church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

WORDS: Timothy Dwight, 1801

MUSIC: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

ST. THOMAS

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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...*

This is the time of year that we consider the stewardship of our church for the coming year. Each one of us entered a covenantal relationship with God and with the people of First United Methodist Church when we became members. We promised to support FUMC with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. The pandemic and other challenges in 2020 required creativity and commitment for us to live out our membership vows.

Here are some suggestions to help us all remain faithful in the days ahead:

**Prayers** Take time each day to be alone with God in a set aside place in your home. Read and pray scripture. Offer prayers of confession, petition, and intercession. Be still and take time to listen to God and to feel God's presence.

**Presence** Attend worship services in-person or watch them on online on our website.

**Gifts** Bring your tithes and offerings to worship on Sunday, to the church office during the week, or mail them to First United Methodist Church, 117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

**Service** Participate in the Operation Christmas Child project, our Shepherd's Child ministry, and donate to the Lois McArn Food Bank to help with Thanksgiving and Christmas gift certificates for turkey or ham.

**Witness** Always be ready to share the love of Jesus with your words and your actions taking every opportunity to do acts of loving kindness.

*Pastor Debra*

**FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in honor of all veterans.

**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, Zenda Rushing, Larry MacDonald, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

## *Congratulations Lib Norton!*



In recognition of her 50 years of service to Northeastern Technical College, Mrs. Lib Norton was presented with the Order of the Silver Crescent by Senator Vincent Sheheen and Representatives Patricia Moore Henegan and Richie Yow on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Order of the Silver Crescent is the state's highest civilian award for significant contributions, leadership, volunteerism and lifelong influence within a region or community. Mrs. Norton's service at Northeastern Technical College and at First United Methodist Church Cheraw make a difference for many people in our community.



**FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you would like to put flowers in the church in November, these Sunday's are available: November 8, November 15, and November 22.

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:** The Christian Education Committee would like the addresses of all FUMC college students. Please send these addresses to Angie. Thanks, Holly Miles, Christian Education Committee Chairperson.

**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 Thraillkill, are available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each and the money is being donated to FUMC.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It is once again time for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes, labels and list of items to buy will be provided outside of the church office. Please prayerfully consider filling a shoebox. All across the world we have experienced Covid -19, therefore we want to collect more shoeboxes than ever before. Now more than ever children need HOPE. Please join me in putting a smile on the face of a Child this Christmas that needs to see Jesus. Please have all boxes at the church by **November 22**. Please remember to include your 9 dollars for shipping. If you would like to donate money to fill boxes you may give your money to the church office. I will be glad to shop and fill the boxes for you. Thank you so much for all you do! - Jenny Keefe

**OFFICE HOURS THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING:** The office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 the week of 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).



**FIRST UMC FOOD PANTRY READY AND SET FOR NEED:** Thank you for continuing to remember the needs within our Cheraw community, of individuals who are lacking adequate resources of sustenance and nutrition. As the social distancing restrictions are beginning to relax, and various businesses are beginning to re-open, we are starting to get calls from community members who are in need of food supplies. Currently, our Food Pantry is "equally supplied" with items we typically offer to families, and so on your next shopping outing, you are invited to simply pick up whatever items you would like to donate to our Food Pantry. We will continue to keep you updated as to any specific Food Pantry needs which arise. If you are planning to bring some Food Pantry donations to the church office during regular business hours, please call ahead and let us know you are coming. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**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!





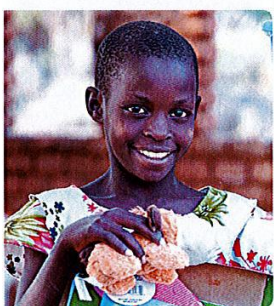


**SHARING GOOD NEWS,  
GREAT JOY!**

**DEAR FRIEND,**

Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him through our discipleship program called The Greatest Journey.

In a new initiative, we are going island to island in the Pacific to take the Gospel to a half a million children over the next few years, as part of our commitment to "*proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation*" (Mark 16:15, ESV).



In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to-reach places to make His Name known.

This has resulted in more than 2 million children making decisions for Christ and over 1,000 churches being started in one year! For example, there's now a church in a remote village in Namibia among the Himba unreached people group.

"Before we had never heard of Jesus," said Pastor Kuyelia, leader of the new church. "Now, we have abandoned witch doctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship."

We're thankful for all those who have faithfully prayed for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. You can join us in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world can hear the Good News of the Gospel. May God bless you.

— **Franklin Graham**  
**President, Samaritan's Purse**



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# THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



## PACKING, COLLECTING, & SHIPPING

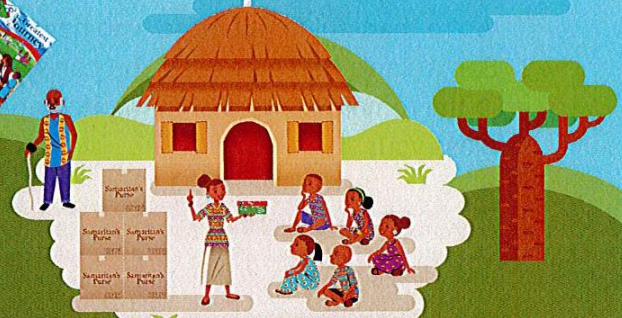
People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.



## INTERNATIONAL

### DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who are eager to share the Gospel and bless children.



## INTERNATIONAL

### OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



## INTERNATIONAL

### DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, November 8, 2020

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

### Monday, November 9, 2020

*Office closed*  
5:00pm **NO** Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
6:00pm **NO** Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

### Tuesday, November 10, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
11:00am **NO** Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn (Fellowship Hall)  
12:00pm November 15 Bulletin Deadline

### Wednesday, November 11, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
7:00pm Living Prayer Bible Study

### Thursday, November 12, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
10:00am-11:00am Living Prayer Bible Study

### Sunday, November 15, 2020

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

**McArn Items:** Canned meats  
**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa  
**Attendance Sunday, November 1:** 79

**Year to Date Received:** \$284,124.01  
**Year to Date Expenses:** \$301,433.63

#### FUMC STAFF

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