

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JANUARY 24, 2021***

***3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

## **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Angela Holliday and Bryson Hunter

## **PRELUDE**

“Spirit Song” John Wimber

Ruth Ann Jones

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **GLORIA PATRI**

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 AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"

Words in Bulletin

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1: 14-20

**SERMON**

"Follow Me!"

**HYMN**

"Until the Whole World Hears" By Casting Crowns

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

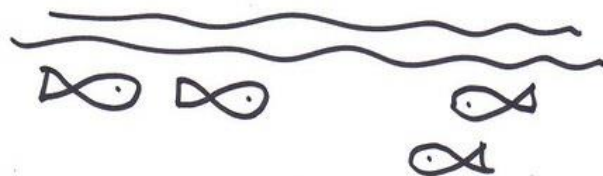
"As the Deer" Psalm 42:1 Martin J. Nystrom

Ruth Ann Jones

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Billy and Sarah Wicker by their family.



I will make you Fishers of men,  
Fishers of men, Fishers of men.  
I will make you Fishers of men  
If you follow me.  
If you follow me  
If you follow me.  
I will make you Fishers of men  
If you follow me .



## ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

# “UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS”

## CASTING CROWNS

Lord, I want to feel your heart  
And see the world through your eyes  
I want to be your hands and feet  
I want to live a life that leads

Ready yourselves, ready yourselves  
Let us shine the light of Jesus in the darkest  
night  
Ready yourselves, ready yourselves  
May the powers of darkness tremble as our  
praises rise

Until the whole world hears, Lord, we are  
calling out  
Lifting up your name for all to hear the  
sound  
Like voices in the wilderness, we're crying  
out  
And as the day draws near  
We'll sing until the whole world hears

Lord, let your sleeping giant rise  
Catch the demons by surprise  
Holy nation sanctified  
Let this be our battle cry

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Let us shine the light of Jesus in the darkest  
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I want to be your hands and feet  
I want live a life that leads  
To see you set the captive free  
Until the whole world hears

And I pray that they will see  
More of you and less of me  
Lord, I want my life to be  
The song You sing

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calling out  
Lifting your name up for all to hear the  
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# THE CONNECTION

Volume 16, Issue 4  
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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...*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1 NRSV

This past week a friend of mine sent me a virtual hug and a article from the Cleveland Clinic about hugs. I sure needed that in a week where the coronavirus hit to close to home and felt as if it will be endless. My friend began by reminding me how in our college days our virtual hugs looked like this: (). That brought a smile to my face and joy to my weary heart. Then she included a 2021 updated virtual hug! Last she included a link to the article mentioned earlier.



The article reminded me of the importance of human touch and how much we are missing that in the current pandemic environment. Hugging raises the level of chemicals in our brains that help us feel good and secure. Hugs allow us to express and receive positive emotion. And hugs right now are dangerous for us in many settings. Even so, there is hope. Hope that we will one day conquer the coronavirus. Hope that we will be freer in the future with our hugs. Hope in the form of virtual treasures like my friend's virtual hug.

Until that time, the article suggests ways we can still hug until the pandemic is over. Here are the suggestions:<sup>1</sup>

- Hug a pet.
- Hug a love one in your household.
- Invest in a body pillow, get comfy, and hug it.
- Connect with love ones online.
- Do pleasant things for yourself like take a long, warm bubble bath.
- If you go out, mask up, wash your hands, keep social distance, and meet outside.

One addition I would make to this article is to read God's word and receive scriptural hugs from our Lord that remind us of God's love for us like Psalm 136:1. Here are some other favorites of mine.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have internal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17 NRSV*

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are! 1 John 3:1a NRSV*

*Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22 NRSV*

May you all be blessed by this virtual hug from me!

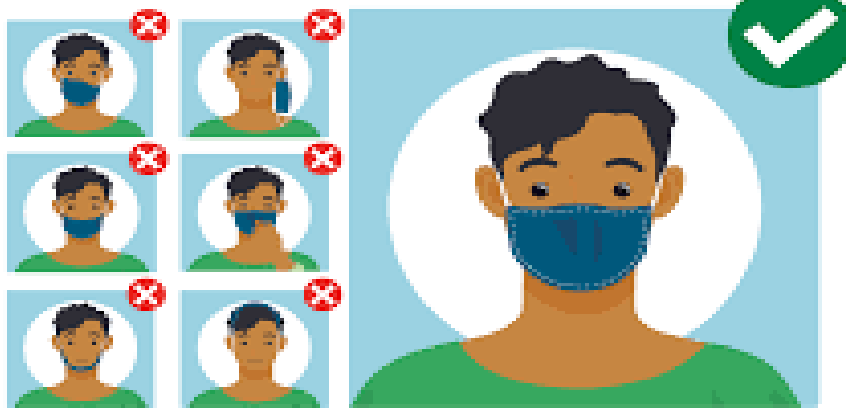
*Pastor Debra*

<sup>1</sup> <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/why-hugging-is-actually-good-for-your-health>


**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 Thrailkill, Sarah Margaret Therrell Family, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, JoAnne Morgan, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Randy Butler, Mary-Mallete Wood, Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Sam Eubanks, Harold Lomas, Pete Baker Family, Debbie Adams and Family, Becky Thompson.  
**NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

## A mask worn incorrectly is not safe or effective.

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASH CORRECTLY?



### Make sure:

-  Your nose, mouth, and chin are covered
-  Your straps should hold your mask snugly around your face without any gaps.



## Thank You For Your Cooperation With Our COVID-19 Safety Protocols!

- Enter Through Office Lobby
- Temperature Checks
- Exit Through Sanctuary Front Doors after Worship as Directed by Ushers
- Maintain 6ft Distance
- No Singing
- Wear Masks Properly and the Entire Time You Are in the Church

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** The UMW have started purchasing cantered meals for bereavement meals due to the COVID-19 restrictions. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your check bereavement meals and mail it or drop it off at the church on Sunday morning.

**BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** All Bible Study and Sunday School classes are postponed until further notice due to the high incidence of COVID-19 in our area.

**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.

**J.O.Y CLUB:** The J.O.Y Club will not be meeting until further notice. Mary and Renie will advise when the first meeting will be.



### *Nurture and Care Ministry Reaching Hearts*

First United Methodist Church's Nurture and Care ministry works extremely hard to help shut-ins stay connected with our church especially during the covid-19 pandemic. Phone calls, cards, and gifts help those who cannot attend church at this time know we love them and are thinking about them. The transport ministry has provided rides for several individuals to doctor's appointments. If you would like to be contacted by one of our ministry volunteers, or if you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

**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, Bereavement Meals, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.



Join us for virtual worship when you cannot be here in person. Sunday Morning Worship Services are recorded each week in the sanctuary. The service is available by 2 p.m. on the Sunday it is recorded. To worship with us virtually go to [www.fumc.org](#). Click on the tab labeled "video sermon archive." Then click on the service you want to participate in and enjoy worshipping with your church family. The most recent sermon will always be at the top of the list



### **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.



**ENDOWMENT FUND:** Have you considered remembering the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving, if you would like to make a contribution to this fund, mark on the "for line" of your check Endowment Fund.

## IN MEMORY OR HONOR

*In Memory of Amy Smith*

M&M Jimmie Williamson

*In Memory of Billy Wicker*

Wilda Walker, Dana & Kent Walker, M&M David McLean, M&M Jimmie Williamson

*In Memory of Henry Brasington*

M&M David McLean

*In Memory of Pete Baker*

M&M David McLean

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, January 24, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

### Monday, January 25, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm January 31 Bulletin Deadline  
5:00pm Worship Committee Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

### Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

### Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF  
6:00pm Church Council Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)

#### FUMC STAFF

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Angie Smith, Ministry Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)

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

**Now Hiring!** - Music Director

**McArn Items:** Crackers  
**Head Usher:** Greg Sanderson  
**Attendance January 17:** No in-person worship

**Year to Date Received:** \$15,345.00  
**Year to Date Expenses:** \$23,443.97