

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***FEBRUARY 14, 2021***

***TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY***

***SCOUT SUNDAY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Judy Dixon and Martha Starling

**PRELUDE**

“Be Thou My Vision”  
pre-recorded on the organ

Beth Maier

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sammy Quick

**SCOUTING AT FUMC**

Sammy Quick

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>i</sup>**

Sawyer Becker

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>ii</sup>**

Sawyer Becker

L: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us.

**C: A light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world.**

L: That transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends, and new life is born.

**C: In glory, Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.**

L: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

**C: Amen.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles Creed**

Sawyer Becker

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

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

Pastor Debra

## HYMN

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"  
Beth Maier pre-recorded on the organ

Words in Bulletin

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9: 2-9

Pastor Debra

## SERMON

"Only Jesus"

Pastor Debra

## HYMN

"Only Jesus" By Casting Crowns

Words in Bulletin

## BENEDICTION

Jimmy Duffy

## POSTLUDE

"Open My Eyes that I May See"  
pre-recorded on the organ

Beth Maier

<sup>i</sup> <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/02/call-to-worship-for-transfiguration.html>

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid



# "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

## Charles H. Gabriel

1. I stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful  
is my Savior's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden  
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."  
He had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.  
(Refrain)

3. In pity angels beheld him,  
and came from the world of light  
to comfort him in the sorrows  
he bore for my soul that night.  
(Refrain)

4. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered and died alone.  
(Refrain)

5. When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.  
(Refrain)

# "Only Jesus" Casting Crowns

Make it count, leave a mark, build a name for yourself  
Dream your dreams, chase your heart, above all else  
Make a name the world remembers  
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams  
I got lost in the light when it was up to me  
To make a name the world remembers  
But Jesus is the only name to remember

And I, I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me  
Only Jesus  
And I, I've only got one life to live  
I'll let every second point to Him  
Only Jesus

All the kingdoms built, all the trophies won  
Will crumble into dust when it's said and done  
'Cause all that really mattered  
Did I live the truth to the ones I love?  
Was my life the proof that there is only One  
Whose name will last forever?

And I, I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me  
Only Jesus  
And I, I've only got one life to live  
I'll let every second point to Him  
Only Jesus

Jesus is the only name  
Jesus is the only name  
Jesus is the only name to remember, oh  
Jesus is the only name  
Jesus is the only name  
Jesus is the only name to remember

And I, I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me  
Only Jesus  
And I, I've only got one life to live  
I'll let every second point to Him  
Only Jesus

I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me  
Only Jesus

# SCOUTING AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Executive Officer:** Debra Armstrong

**Chartered Organization Rep:** John Moore

## CUB SCOUTS

**Cubmaster:** Dr. Kyle Wagner

**Wolf Leader:** Wade Lambert/Trent Knight

**Assnt. Cub Master:** Jed Reid

**Tiger Leader:** Robyn Brown

**Webelo Leader:** Cindy Wagner

**Lions Leader:** Phillip Shepard

**Bear Leader:** Richard & Aleisha Ainsworth/  
Brandon Ard

## Committee Members

Trent Knight  
Phillip Shepard  
Robyn Brown

Cindy Wagner  
Richard Ainsworth  
Aleisha Ainsworth

## Webelos

Trey Brock  
Eli Brumbles  
Billy Campbell  
Sawyer Cassidy  
David Hitesman  
Leethan Hogan  
Charlie Holter  
Ty Lane  
Gareth Robertson  
Lawson Shepard  
Baker Watson  
Rivers Watson  
Hector Medina

## Wolf

Brewer Knight  
Sawyer Lambert  
Connor Ruffner

## Tiger

Tripp Adams  
Benjamin Brown  
Gray Knight

## Lion

Brooks Knight  
Carter Shepard

## Bear

Ethan Ainsworth  
Xian Buatista  
Braden Gadson  
Benjamin Wallace  
Milo Ratliff

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

### ADULT LEADERS

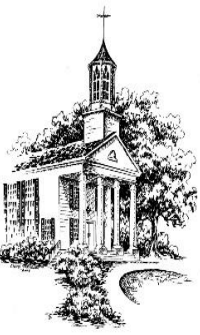
Scoutmaster: Kyle Wagner  
Michael Johnson  
Sammy Quick  
Kyla Wagner Blair

Assistant Scoutmaster: Jim Kennedy  
John Moore  
Raymond Smith

### YOUTH MEMBERS

Sawyer Becker  
Robert Castleberry  
Aaron Emery  
Jack Johnson  
Jayden Middlebrooks  
Jeremy Wallace

John Earl Campbell  
Neil Crowley  
Thomas Holter  
Michael Kennedy  
Zander Wagner



# 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...*

Our 2021 Lenten Journey Begins February 17, 2021

*Rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.*

*Joel 2:13 New King James Version*

This scripture will be our focus on our Lenten journey in 2021 as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The prophet Joel speaks for the Lord reminding God's people that God is interested in the condition of hearts rather than outward appearances. It does absolutely nothing for us to tear garments as a demonstration of repentance and refuse to open our hearts for God's cleansing. God wants to renew and create clean hearts in us. The only way that will happen is when we render our hearts wide open to the Lord.

The prophet goes on to remind us that we can trust God because God is merciful, slow to anger, and kind. God wants to save us from the disease of sin with its consequences of certain and eternal death. There are many things that damage and close our hearts. It is a natural response to fear, pain, sorrow, and stress to lock up our hearts tight when we just cannot face another heartache. 2020 gave us many reasons to shut the doors on our hearts and to throw away the key.

hear these words of the prophet Joel calling out to us, my brothers, and sisters in Christ. With hearts wide open let us come before God this Lenten season and allow God to prepare us for new life this Easter and the new things God has planned for us in in 2021.

*Pastor Debra*



**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, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, JoAnne Morgan, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Randy Butler, Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Sam Eubanks, Harold Lomas, Becky Thompson, Kim and Austin Carnell (Martha Starling's daughter & son-in-law), Mary Lomas, Scott Tomberlin, Lloyd Coren (Courtney Eubanks' dad), Dallas Keefe. **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 MASK 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 catered 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.

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** The 2021 flower calendar has been placed in the lobby area. If you would like to sign up for a special Sunday, please sign up on the calendar on Sunday or call the church office and Angie will put your name on the calendar for you.

**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.

**DO YOU READ THE ADVOCATE?** The South Carolina United Methodist Advocate is the monthly print newspaper focusing on the United Methodist church and its people throughout South Carolina. Delivered to your mailbox as a hard copy, and also available online, the award-winning Advocate was founded in 1837 and is the oldest newspaper in Methodism. It is a newspaper ministry with a prayer-driven mission is to inform and connect South Carolina Methodists by reporting news, engaging readers, providing a forum for dialogue and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is independent but receives funding from the South Carolina Conference of the UMC and other sources, including subscriptions, ads and donations. It also operates a successful Christian book publishing arm. You can subscribe at [www.advocatesc.org/subscribe](http://www.advocatesc.org/subscribe), calling 803-786-9486 ext. 335, or mailing a check to Advocate, 4908 Colonial Dr., Columbia, SC 29203. Cost is \$15/year print and \$8/year online only. Learn more: [www.advocatesc.org](http://www.advocatesc.org).

**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.

**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.



### *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.



The wooden cross that is the focal point on the altar during Lent is an exact replica of the brass cross on the altar the rest of the year. Billy Wicker made the cross from a cedar tree on the church property that needed to be cut down. The cross was stained to match the wooden candle sticks used on the altar during Lent. As we gaze at this wooden cross during the Lenten season, may it remind us of God’s love that gives us all good things especially the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus.

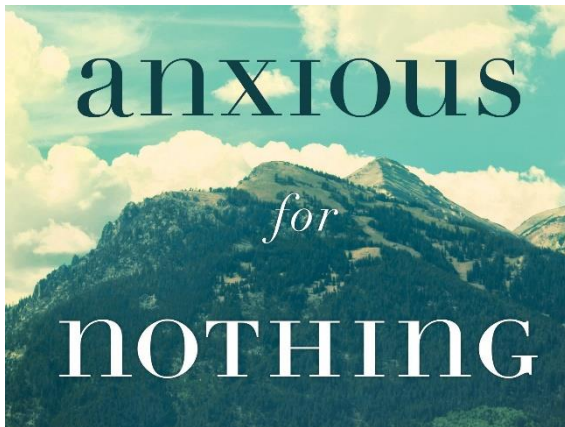


Join us for virtual worship when you cannot be here in person. Sunday Morning Worship Services are recorded each week in the sanctuary. The service is available by 2 p.m. on the Sunday it is recorded. To worship with us virtually go to [www.church.com](#). Click on the tab labeled "video sermon archive." 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.

*Join us Wednesday,  
February 17, 2021  
Ash Wednesday Service*

*6:00 p.m.*

*We will be using our Covid-19  
safety protocols.*



*Lenten Online Bible Study*

*Six Thursdays @ 4:30 p.m.*

*Begins February 18, 2021*

*Books Available for \$8.00*

*Call the church office at 843-537-7002 to register for  
the class and to order a book.*



Thank you to my church family for your love and support during this difficult time in our lives. You are all such a blessing.

Love, Pam, Becca and Anna Maria

**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.

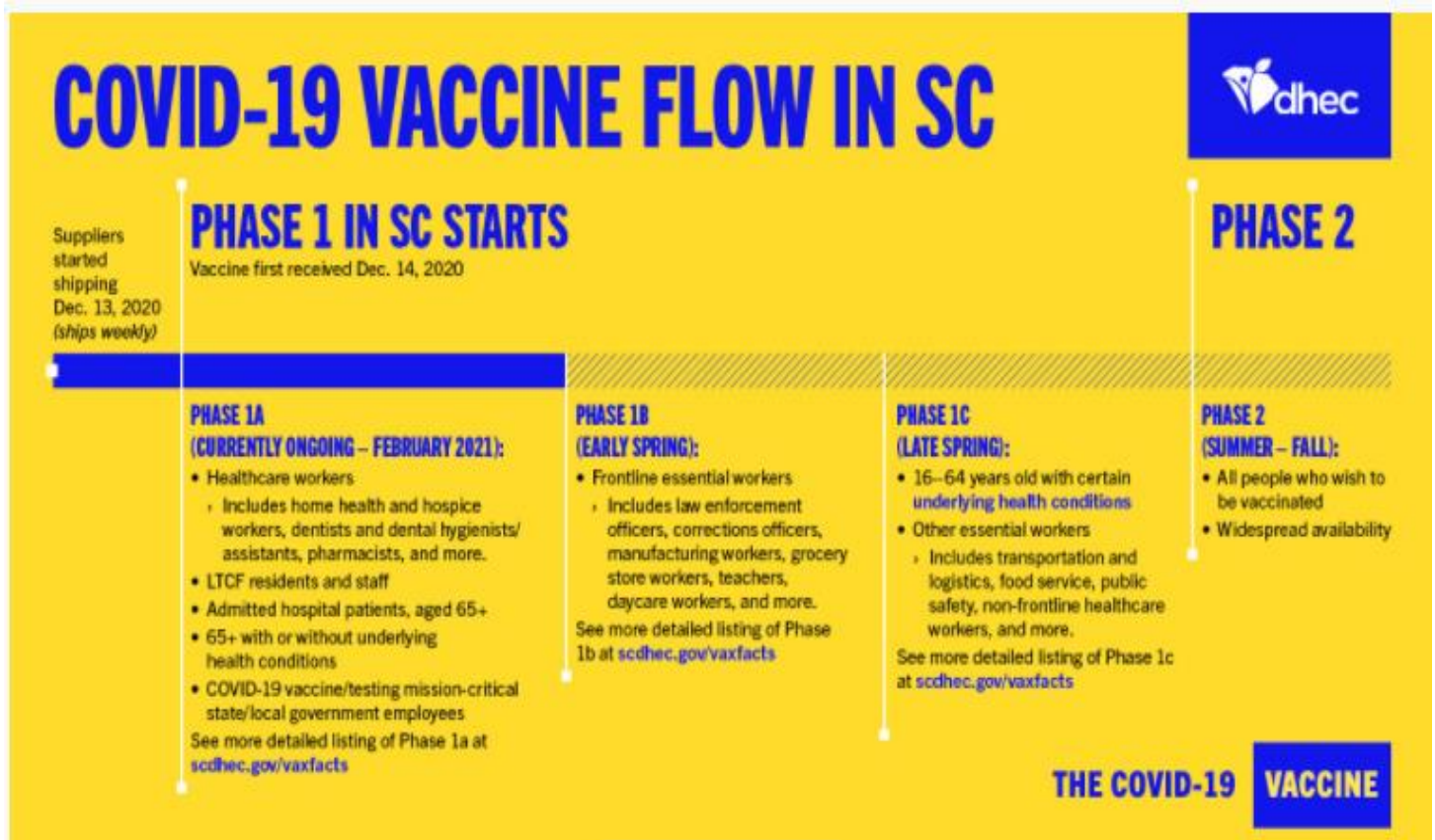


**Your Help Needed!**

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.

**COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION:** Below find the information where the COVID-19 Vaccine is being given. Also below is a chart that shows the phases of this vaccine and when they are expected to begin.

**Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center (Hospital)**  
 Accepting Phase 1a and people 70+ Years  
 1304 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550  
 843-656-0101



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, February 14, 2021**

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

### **Monday, February 15, 2021**

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### **Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

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

### **Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm February 21 Bulletin Deadline  
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship  
Service (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, February 18, 2021**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
4:30pm Online Lenten Bible Study

### **Sunday, February 21, 2021**

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

**McArn Items:** Flour/sugar

**Head Usher:** Keith Smith

**Attendance February 7:** To be reported 2/21

**Attendance February 14:** To be reported 2/21

**Year to Date Received:** To be reported 2/21

**Year to Date Expenses:** To be reported 2/21

#### FUMC STAFF

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