

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***FEBRUARY 7, 2021***

***5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Harrison & Amy Goodwin

## PRELUDE

Jackson Rushing

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

P: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

C: **God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

P: God embraces the wounded and broken.

C: **God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

P: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

C: **God is the light of our lives.**

P: God is the one who makes all things new.

C: **Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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

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

## HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Words in Bulletin

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1: 29-34

**SERMON**

“She Began to Serve”

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**HYMN**

“Jesus Messiah” By Chris Tomlin

Words in Bulletin

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Jackson Rushing

<sup>1</sup> <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/call-to-worship-prayer-epiphany-4b.html>

## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION<sup>i</sup>**

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

**CONFESSION<sup>ii</sup>**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of you. So Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>iii</sup>**

P: 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.

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

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING<sup>iv</sup>***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You sit on your throne above the earth and beyond the sky. Your power is more than we can comprehend. 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, who healed the sick, cast out demons and gave us the example of prayer to you. 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, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, all of you. This is my body, which is given from you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is the 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 your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ 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 for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood that the world might live in peace.

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 the heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ with your Holy Spirit in your holy church all honor and glory is yours almighty God now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Now with the confidence of the children of God we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be thy 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, and the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.**

**The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

#### **GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**The body of Christ, given for you. Amen**

**The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

**Eternal Father, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us be all things to all people that they might know your redeeming love. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

<sup>i</sup> United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House, pg. 35.

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid, pg. 25.

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid, pg. 35.

<sup>iv</sup> O'Donnell, Michael J, OSL, Lift Up Your Hearts Year B, OSL Publications, Akron, Ohio, 1999, pgs. 29-30.



**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**  
**Thomas A. Dorsey**

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

# **“Jesus Messiah”**

## **Chris Tomlin**

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, his blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn

Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
You're the Lord of all  
The Lord of all



# 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...*

We often call February the love month because of our celebration of Valentine's Day. It is a great time though to think about God's love for us. Henri Nouwen, in his book Life of the Beloved, pens a wonderful love letter to us from God. Nouwen writes, "I have called you by name, from the very beginning. You are mine and I am yours. You are my beloved, on you my favor rests. I have molded you in the depths of the earth and knitted you together in your mother's womb. I have carved you in the palms of my hands and hidden you in the shadow of my embrace. I look at you with infinite tenderness and care for you with a care more intimate than that of a mother for her child. I have counted every hair on your head and guided you at every step. Wherever you go, I go with you, and wherever you rest, I keep watch. I will give you food that will satisfy all your hunger and drink that will satisfy all your thirst. I will not hide my face from you...Wherever you are I will be. Nothing will ever separate us. We are one."<sup>1</sup>

May these words remind you of who and whose you are. May they enable you to reconnect, to be renewed, to recommit to your personal journey of faith with our Lord Jesus. For it is by receiving and understanding God's love for us that we are able to share the true love of God with others. Every day this month, I invite you to read Psalm 139 and hear in this scripture the depth of God's love for you and for all of God's children. Read it each day, as if you had never read it before. It is old news, it is new news, and it is Good News!

*Pastor Debra*



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
REMEMBER  
PSALM 139**

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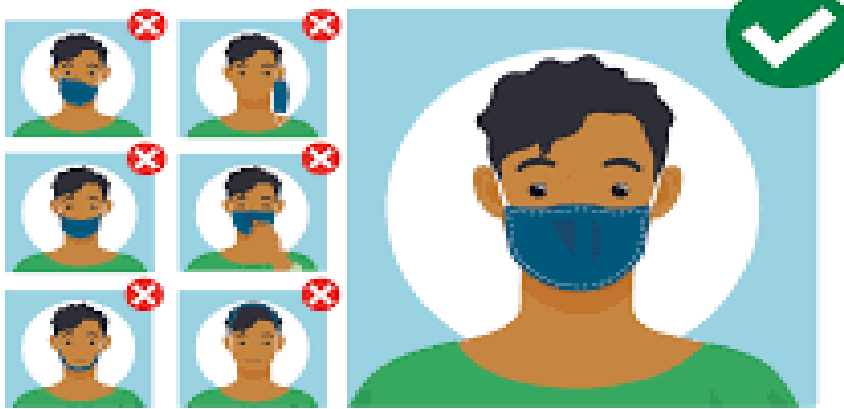
<sup>1</sup> Nouwen, Henri, *Life of the Beloved*, Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, 1992.



**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), Scott Tomberlin, Lloyd Coren (Courtney Eubanks' dad), Dallas Keeffe. **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.

**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).

**WELCOME TO THE 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** The Church Council meets each quarter to conduct the business of the church. The council coordinates ministries here at First UMC and most members are the chairperson or coordinator of a specific committee or ministry in our church. The council allocates the church resources and set priorities for ministry that help us to make disciples for Christ Jesus.

The members of the new Church Council were commissioned at its meeting January 31, 2021. The members are: Jim Crawford, Chairperson; John Wagon, Vice Chairperson and Memorial Committee Chair; Susan Marsh, Recording Secretary; Brenda Rayfield, Treasurer; Herbert Watts, Assistant Treasurer, Susan Eschenfelder, Communications Ministries Coordinator; Pam Baker, Finance Chair, Joey Mills, Lay Leader; Jenny Keefe, Lay Member to Annual Conference, SPRC Chair, and Sunday School Superintendent; Patty Fisher, Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference; Sam Eubanks, Childcare Ministry; Angela Holliday, Children, Youth, and Special Events Ministry Chair; Zenda Rushing, Evangelism and Mission Chair; Mary Burr, Older Adult Ministries Chair; Ray Crouse, Stewardship Chair; John Moore, Scouting Ministries Representative; Sammy Quick, Trustees Chair; Lib Norton, United Methodist Women; Theodore Burns, United Methodist Men, Norma Cobb, Worship Chair;

Be sure to thank them for their willingness to serve, give them your support and your ideas for ministry.

**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.

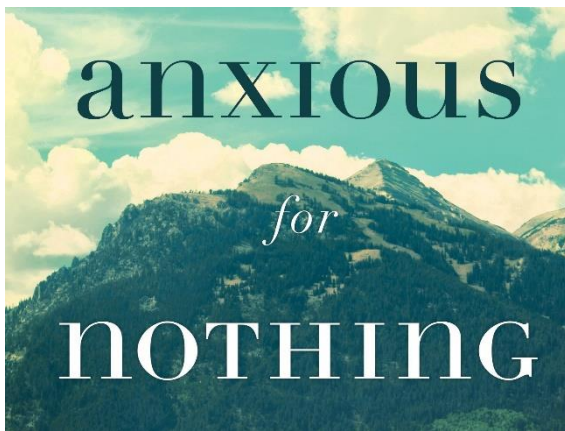
*Join us Wednesday,  
February 17, 2021  
Ash Wednesday Service*

*6:00 p.m.*

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



May your Ash Wednesday be a time  
of reflection and promise.



*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.*

**ADDRESS:** Mrs. Betty Canipe is taking rehab right now, if you would like to send her note or card her address is:

Mrs. Betty Canipe  
Wadesboro Health & Rehabilitation Center  
2051 Country Club Road  
Wadesboro, NC 28170



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.



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*

James & Lynn Tweed

*In Memory of M&M Billy Wicker*

James & Lynn Tweed

*In Memory of M&M Jerry Therrell*

Lynn Tweed

*In Memory of Sarah Margaret Therrell*

Linda Evans, Donna Evans, M&M Mickey Sullivan

*In Memory of Pete Baker*

Lynn Tweed, M&M Mickey Sullivan

*In Memory of Henry Brasington*

James & Lynn Tweed

*In Memory of Joe Hoover*

M&M Ron Cundiff

*In Memory of Sara Margaret Stanton*

M&M Rhett Butler

*In Memory of Shannon Laney*

M&M Rhett Butler

*In Memory of Anne Bryan*

M&M Rhett Butler

*In Memory of Jess Penegar*

M&M Rhett Butler

**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.

Displaying 75 closest locations

### Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center (Hospital)

Accepting Phase 1a and people 70+ Years

1304 W Bobo Newsom Hwy, Hartsville, SC 29550

843-656-0101

[CONTACT THIS PROVIDER](#)

# COVID-19 VACCINE FLOW IN SC



Suppliers started shipping Dec. 13, 2020 (ships weekly)

## PHASE 1 IN SC STARTS

Vaccine first received Dec. 14, 2020

## PHASE 2

### PHASE 1A (CURRENTLY ONGOING – FEBRUARY 2021):

- Healthcare workers
    - Includes home health and hospice workers, dentists and dental hygienists/assistants, pharmacists, and more.
  - LTCF residents and staff
  - Admitted hospital patients, aged 65+
  - 70+ with or without underlying health conditions
  - COVID-19 vaccine/testing mission-critical state/local government employees
- See more detailed listing of Phase 1a at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](http://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts)

### PHASE 1B (EARLY SPRING):

- Frontline essential workers
    - Includes law enforcement officers, corrections officers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, teachers, daycare workers, and more.
- See more detailed listing of Phase 1b at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](http://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts)

### PHASE 1C (LATE SPRING):

- All people aged 65 and older
  - 16–64 years old with certain underlying health conditions
  - Other essential workers
    - Includes transportation and logistics, food service, public safety, non-frontline healthcare workers, and more.
- See more detailed listing of Phase 1c at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](http://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts)

### PHASE 2 (SUMMER – FALL):

- All people who wish to be vaccinated
- Widespread availability

THE COVID-19 VACCINE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, February 7, 2021

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

### Monday, February 8, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

### Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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

### Thursday, February 11, 2021

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

### 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  
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship  
Service (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, February 18, 2021

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

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

February 4 John Moore  
February 6 Susan Allen  
February 7 Cameron Crouse  
February 9 Alex Lee  
February 12 Gini Eddins  
February 14 Jimmy Duffy  
February 16 Shellie Mears  
February 17 Jake Williamson, Sammy Quick  
February 18 Keith Stubbs  
February 24 Scott Tomberlin  
February 25 Tavener Threatte  
February 28 Will Smith

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

February 26 M&M Jackson Rushing

**McArn Items:** Peanut butter and jelly  
**Head Usher:** Keith Smith  
**Attendance January 31:** 40

**Year to Date Received:** \$23,420.00  
**Year to Date Expenses:** \$30,644.55

### FUMC STAFF

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**Now Hiring!** - Music Director