

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JANUARY 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“Liebster Jesu”	Johann Ahle
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Shannon Johnson
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Shannon Johnson
L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!		
C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!		
L: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!		
C: Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name! Amen!		
OPENING PRAYER²		Shannon Johnson
God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	“Apostles Creed”	Shannon Johnson
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
*OPENING HYMN (vss 1,2 & 5)	“As With Gladness Men of Old” Provided in bulletin	DIX
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Light of Every Nation”	adapted spiritual/text K. Bible
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*DOXOLOGY		
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 60: 1-6	
*HYMN NO. 254 (vss 1 & 2)	“We Three Kings”	KINGS OF ORIENT
SERMON	“Living Light: The Light”	Pastor Debra
*CLOSING HYMN NO. 251	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
	I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus God sent the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus	
	In Him, there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus	

***POSTLUDE**

“Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come”

DUNEDIN

**If you are able, please stand.*

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of our mother Mrs. Beverly McDuffie by her children.

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4508>

² Ibid.

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1860.

Music: 'Dix' or 'Treuer Heiland, Wir Sind Heir' Conrad Kocher, 1838. Abridged by William Henry Monk, 1861.

Setting: Conrad Kocher, 1838, alt. by William Henry Monk, 1861, alt. for "The English Hymnal", 1906.

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♩ = 100

1. As with glad - ness, men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly man - ger bed
 3. As they off - ered gifts most rare At that man - ger rude and bare;
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
 5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright, Need they no cre - - a - ted light;

As with joy they hailed its light Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright
 There to bend the knee be - fore Him whom Heav'n and earth a - dore;
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
 Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down;

So, most glor - ious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
 So may we with will - - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost - liest treas - - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
 There for - - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!



THE CONNECTION

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 Pastor Debra...

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 NRSV

I do not know about you, but I am still trying to type and write 2022. A new year brings a new date to type and write, new hope, new ideas, and all sorts of resolutions. This year I am inviting us all to make a New Year's Resolution that our church is going to live and will thrive in 2022 and beyond.

I know that God has a plan for us and for our church to live and thrive. So, beginning January 12, 2022, I will be teaching a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. for seven weeks using Thom Rainer's book, *Anatomy of A Revived Church: Seven Findings on How Congregations Avoided Death*. The book is \$13.00. If you would like to order a book, please contact the church office no later than January 5, 2022.

To prepare for our new life together as a church a poem by Howard Thurman seems appropriate for us. Let his poem be our prayer as we enter 2022 together!

I Will Sing A New Song¹

The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out.
It has long ago been learned by heart;
It repeats itself over and over,
Bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit.

I will sing a new song.
I must learn a new song for new needs.
I must fashion new words born of all the new growth of my life – of my mind – of my spirit. I
must prepare for new melodies that have never been mine before.
That all within me may lift my voice unto God.

Therefore, I shall rejoice with each new day,
And delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding.
I will sing, this day, a new song unto the Lord.

Pastor Debra

¹ Thurman, Howard, Moods of Christmas, Harper and Row, © 1973

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 Campbell, Jeff Foster Family, Mabel Foster, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Scott Tomberlin, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Bob Dickens (Kim Williamson's Father), Nancy Chestnut (Michelle Rhode's mother). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus, cards, gifts, e-mails, and text messages. Mark and I love y'all and feel incredibly blessed to serve the Lord Jesus with you. Looking forward to the plans God has for us in 2022! Grace and peace, Pastor Debra

Thank you for the staff Christmas gift, cards, and other gifts that were given to me. I am so blessed to be working at FUMC and I treasure the friendship I have with each of you. Serving in Christ, Angie

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I wish to thank the family of FUMC for the generosity and love you shared with me this Christmas season. Your special consideration afforded me the opportunity to increase my giving and pass along an extra measure of joy this season. May the goodness of God continue in your hearts and lives for a Happy New Year! Michael

Merry Christmas to the First United Methodist Church Family! Thank you for sponsoring some of the students at Cheraw Primary School. The Christmas Program was lovely. Most important, the compassion and love from all the members radiated in the room. This program is truly a blessing to Cheraw Primary. Sincerely, Debra A. Johnson, School Counselor at Cheraw Primary.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: The Red Cross collected 15 units from our December 28 blood drive, which will impact 45 patients and their families. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, March 3 from 1:00pm-6:00pm if you would like to go ahead and make an appointment.

WORSHIP ONLINE: Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website www.cherawfirstumc.org. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says video sermon archive. The most recent worship service will be the first service listed. Worship services are available on our website by 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY AT FUMC: Our Nurture and Care team at First United Methodist Church will provide rides to individuals to doctor's or other medical appointments. If you need a ride, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

FLOWER CALENDAR: A flower calendar for 2022 is in the lobby by the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to go by and sign up for a Sunday or two to put flowers in the church.

Looking For a Few Good Techs

First Methodist is seeking to train a small staff of two or three individuals to assist with the weekly video recording of Sunday worship services and other church activities. No prior experience with video equipment is required although basic computer skills would be useful. The time required would be about one Sunday per month from 10:45 am to 1:30 pm following three Sundays of training (total of six hours) and close supervision until you are comfortable with the equipment and tasks. If you are at least 14 years of age and would like to serve your church while learning interesting and technical life-skills, contact Angie at 537-7002 to get your name on the list.



MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF JEFF FOSTER

Betty Thriakill, Patty Fisher, M&M Eric Dusa

IN MEMORY OF CARRIE LEE WHITE

Patty Fisher

IN MEMORY OF JERRY LEACH

M&M Scott Tomberlin & Jac

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES LANEY

Claywell Watson

IN MEMORY OF JERRY CARTER

Claywell Watson



- ❖ The Choir will resume practice and provide choral music in worship following safety protocols.
 - ❖ Groups of 50 or less may have refreshments or meals together in the fellowship hall.
- ❖ We will continue to practice social distance. The pews are marked with yarn to help us know where to sit. Please sit in a pew that has not been marked.
 - ❖ The Nursery is open.
- ❖ Wearing a mask is optional but strongly encouraged. If you do not have a mask or forget yours, masks are available at the entrances into the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 3, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:00am Worship Committee take down
Christmas decorations
6:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
5:00pm Covid Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week of December 29: \$26,229.59
Sunday School Attendance, December 26: 14
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meats, stews
Greeters: Rhett & Marcia Butler
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing
Nursery Workers: Nancy Wagnon and Michelle Rohde
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount needed year to date: \$301,488.20
Received year to date: \$327,509.23
Worship Attendance, December 26: 32
McArn Items: Peanut butter cups
Head Usher: Jack VanDeman
Liturgist for next Sunday: Joey Mills
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN
Video Operator: John Wagnon

FUMC STAFF

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