

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JANUARY 23, 2022***

***3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“My Savior First of All (I Shall Know Him)”</b>	arr. Mary McDonald
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Mark Armstrong
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Mark Armstrong
L: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.		
<b>C: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.</b>		
L: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.		
<b>C: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.</b>		
L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.		
<b>C: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Mark Armstrong
Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880</b>	<b>“Nicene Creed”</b>	Mark Armstrong
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>*OPENING HYMN NO. 64 (vss 1&amp;4)</b>	<b>“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”</b>	NICAEA
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100TH
<b>CHORAL ANTHEM</b>	<b>“Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul”</b>	John W. Peterson
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Luke 4: 14-21</b>	
<b>*HYMN NO. 157 (vss. 1&amp;4)</b>	<b>“Jesus Shall Reign”</b>	DUKE STREET
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Living Light: Anointed”</b>	Pastor Debra
<b>*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2130 (The Faith We Sing) (vss 1&amp;5)</b>	<b>“The Summons”</b>	KELVINGROVE
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>		
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		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<b>“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”</b>	WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3522>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid



# 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...*

*The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. John 20:30-31 NLT*

Epiphany and the season after it shine a revealing light on who Jesus is. It tells us why Jesus, the incarnated living Son of God, makes a difference in our lives. It also reveals how we, as Jesus' disciples, are to respond to these revelations. Epiphany Sunday revealed Jesus as the Light of the World who came to eliminate the darkness of sin and death. Our response is to be living lights that reflect the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus into the darkness of the world around us.

The first Sunday after the Epiphany revealed that Jesus was with God when we were created and formed and named and claimed by God. We are to respond this revelation with lives of fearless faith because we are part of God's family. The third Sunday revealed to us that Jesus has the power to do miraculous things. We are to respond by seeing the glory of God's Son and believe in him. On a lighter note, several years ago a young Sunday School student of mine summed up the miracle of changing water into wine. He said, "if you're going to a wedding make sure Jesus shows up too!" Amen!

In John's gospel, Jesus does show up in what John refers to as miraculous signs. They are signs of Jesus glory and power. The purpose of the miraculous signs John tells us is so that we will believe in Jesus and have life and power in his name. The first miraculous sign of Jesus was to turn water into wine at a friend's wedding in Cana.

This sign reveals Jesus as much more than a miracle worker. The glory of the Lord shines forth astonishing wedding guests, bringing praise to the bridegroom and his family, and convinces the disciples to believe in Jesus' power. Jesus listened to his mother, showed compassion for the wedding party and their guests, and literally saved the event from a major hospitality faux pas that would have brought dishonor and shame to the wedding hosts.

Yet, this miraculous sign reveals even more to us. It shows that Jesus has the power to make amazing changes. Not only can this miraculous winemaker change water, he can also save us and change us from sinners into his disciples. Jesus can change a dying church into a living vibrant one. Jesus can resurrect a life that was headed for death in the throes of addiction. Jesus can heal broken marriages and broken lives. Jesus can and does perform miracles today. I know this is true because I have seen many miraculous signs in my life.

The response we are called to have sounds simple but can be incredibly hard. We are to believe in Jesus! When the storms of life are raging, we are to believe in Jesus. When hate, evil and injustice seem to be winning we are to believe in Jesus. When anything tries to steal our joy we are to believe in Jesus. No matter what happens we are to believe in Jesus. Emmanuel, God with us, the Son of God, our Lord Jesus will show up with miraculous signs and walk us through to the other side. Believe it!

*Pastor Debra*

***The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory to a wonderful husband, parent, and grandparent, by Becky, April, Christy, Ken and Ashlyn.***

**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.

**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, Mabel Foster, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Scott Tomberlin, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Richard & Alice Todd (Family lost their home to a fire), George Adams, Rachel Smith (Brenda Rayfield's friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**NEW ADDRESS:** Mr. Ellison Outen has moved to the Veteran's Village in Florence. His new address and telephone number is listed below, for you to stay in contact with him.

Mr. Ellison Outen  
Veteran's Village  
1200 E. National Cemetery Road  
Room 4112 (Farrow 4A)  
Florence, SC 29506-3239  
803-687-2149

**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](http://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.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **Sunday, January 23, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

##### **Monday, January 24, 2022**

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

##### **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

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

##### **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline  
6:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00pm Choir Practice

##### **Thursday, January 27, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
5:30pm Youth/Children/Special Events  
Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

##### **Sunday, January 30, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24  
**Amount received for week of January 19:** \$5,292.64  
**No Sunday School or Worship on January 16**  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Peanut butter  
**Greeter:** Jimmie & Kim Williamson  
**Acolyte:** Zenda Rushing  
**Nursery Workers:** Chase & Lesley Jean Watson  
**Soundsystem Operator:** Jackson Rushing

**Amount needed year to date:** \$11,538.48  
**Received year to date:** \$10,938.65

**McArn Items:** Instant Grits  
**Head Usher:** Jack VanDeman  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Jenny Keefe  
**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Video Operator:** John Waggon

#### FUMC STAFF

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