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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JANUARY 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Martha Starling
PRELUDE	<i>"Basse Et Dessus Trompette"</i>	LOUIS-NICOLAS CLÉRAMBAULT
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Joey Mills
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Joey Mills
L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.		
C: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.		
L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.		
C: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus has lead us.		
L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.		
C: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation!		
OPENING PRAYER²		Joey Mills
God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your way. Amen.		
PSALTER NO. 758-59	<i>Psalm 27</i>	Joey Mills
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i>	Joey Mills
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880	<i>Nicene Creed</i>	Joey Mills
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		GREATOREX
*HYMN NO. 545 (Verses 1-4)	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i>	AURELIA
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
ANTHEM	<i>"Above The Hills"</i> Chancel Choir	THOMAS TIPLADY
Above the hills of time the cross is gleaming, fair as the sun when night has turned to day; and from its love's pure light is richly streaming, to cleanse the heart and banish sin away. To this dear cross the eyes of men are turning, today as in the ages lost to sight; And so for Thee, O Christ, men's hearts are yearning, as shipwrecked seamen yearn for morning light.		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Duo"</i>	LOUIS-NICOLAS CLÉRAMBAULT
*DOXOLOGY NO. 94	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts Praise Jesus Christ whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 451	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	SLANE
GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 4: 12-23</i>	Pastor Debra

SERMON

“A Light To The Nations: Can You See the Light?”

Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO. 348**

“Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

THOMPSON

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 206 (Verse 1) “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus, God set 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**

“Improvisation on Duke Street”

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

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4613>

² Ibid

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brant Thompson by Becky, April, Christy, Ken and Ashlyn.

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, Jim Bennett, Scott Tomberlin, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Tony Thrailkill, Bill Eutsler, Jr., Mary Burr, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s Brother-In-Law), Jody Reid, Craig Norton, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Zenda Rushing, Jennifer Rayfield (Lanny Rayfield’s wife) Hope & Michael Byles (Ann & Mack Atkinson daughter and son-in-law), Gillian Gardner (Kelly Dusa’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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:30am Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Trustees Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy SS Classroom)
- 5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy SS Classroom)
- 5:30pm Church Council Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy SS Classroom)
- 5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting (Kid’s Nook)
- 5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting (Youth Hut)

Monday, January 23, 2023

- 6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

- 8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
- 5:00pm Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)
- 5:30pm Children/Youth/Special Event Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy SS Classroom)

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

- 8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
- 12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
- 1:30pm Grief-Share (Parlor)
- 6:00pm Bible Study (Parlor)
- 6:00pm Carillon Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 26, 2023

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

Friday, January 27, 2023

- Fellowship Hall in Use

Saturday, January 28, 2023

- Fellowship Hall in Use

Sunday, January 29, 2023

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:30am Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 11:00am Worship
- 3:00pm Reception for Angie Smith (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting (Kid’s Nook & Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Grief Share sessions are held at 1:30pm every Wednesday in the Parlor. For information or questions please call Bonnie Cundiff at 843-910-7526





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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WELCOME TO FUMC

On behalf of the SPPRC, I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new administrative assistant for our church. Please join me in welcoming April Polson.

April lives in Chesterfield, and she is the mother of four children. She is very excited to have this opportunity to work with our church and our church family. April began training with Angie on January 17. She will continue her training next week Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM. April will begin as our administrative assistant on her own on Monday, January 30.

There will be new office hours starting January 30th. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 2 PM and the office will be closed from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM every day for lunch.

Thank you,
Jenny Keefe SPPRC Chairperson



RECEPTION: Hello FUMC, family! On behalf of the SPRC committee I would like to invite you to join us for a reception honoring Angie Smith, our administrative assistant on Sunday, January 29 at 3 PM. Please make plans to come and join us as we honor and thank Angie for all of her hard work and dedication to this church for over 22 years. She is much more than just an administrative assistant she is family and a part of this church. We love her and have been truly blessed by her. We wish her the very best in her retirement. I look forward to seeing you all there! Jenny Keefe, Chairperson of SPPRC

DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED BY FUMC UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH: Caroline Quick, sister of Betty Hurst and a former teacher in our Child Development Center and worker in the church nursery for many years, recently lost everything in a house fire. The United Women of Faith are collecting donations for her benefit. Checks may be made payable to the UMW, designated for Caroline Quick.



Weekly amount needed budget: \$5,928.83
Amount Needed to Date: \$17,786.49
Sunday School Attendance, January 15: 50
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry cereal
Greeters: Jimmie & Kim Williamson
Acolyte: Nancy Wagnon
Nursery Worker: Michelle Rohde
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount received week of January 18: \$6,451.48
Amount Received Year to Date: \$35,538.53
Worship Attendance, January 15: 67
McArn Items: Rice Crispy Treats
Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Liturgist for next Sunday: Jenny Keefe
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN
Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

FUMC STAFF

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