

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

February 12, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE 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 it in the offering plate.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Martha Starling

PRELUDE *Antiphon III* MARCEL DUPRE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ray Crouse

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Ray Crouse

L: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

C: Blessed are those who observe God commandments.

L: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

C: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

L: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

C: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

OPENING PRAYER² Ray Crouse

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. **Amen.**

PSALTER NO. 840-41 Response 3 Psalm 119:1-8 Ray Crouse

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ray Crouse

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880** Ray Crouse

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70** GREATOR EX

***HYMN NO. 139** verses 1,2,3, &5 *Praise To The Lord The Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Debra

ANTHEM *Whispering Hope* SEPTIMUS WINNER

Soft as the voice of an angel, breathing a lesson unheard, hope with a gentle persuasion whispers her comforting word: wait till the darkness is over, wait till the tempest is done, hope for the sunshine tomorrow, after the shower is gone.

Refrain: Whispering hope, oh, how welcome thy voice, making my heart in its sorrow rejoice. If, in the dusk of the twilight, dim be the region afar, will not the deepening darkness brighten the glimmering star? Then when the night is upon us, why should the heart sink away? When the dark midnight is over, watch for the breaking of day.

Hope, as an anchor so steadfast, rends the dark veil for the soul, whither the Master has entered, robbing the grave of its goal; come then, oh, come, glad fruition, come to my sad weary heart; come, O Thou blest hope of glory, never, oh, never depart.

OFFERTORY

St. Peter

HEALEY WILLAN

***DOXOLOGY NO. 94** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* 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. 549** verses 1,4,5,6

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-48

Pastor Debra

SERMON

A Light to the Nations: New Rules for Life

Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO. 467**

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

***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 light 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**

1 <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4658>

2 Ibid.

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, Jody Reid, Craig Norton, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Zenda Rushing, Cale Yarborough. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



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 the pastor...

The Light Shines with Prayer

"I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you." John 17:21 CEB

This epiphany season we have been taking another look at how Jesus is revealed as the light of the world that broke through all the darkness of evil and sin. The past week we saw that the Light of the World called us to the salt of the earth and the light of the world, salty lights. One of the ways we do that is to pray. Our world, our church, our family, our friends all need our prayers. In John's gospel, Jesus prayed that we would be one with each other and one with our triune God. Jesus revealed in chapter seventeen verse twenty-one the reason to pray. When we pray we are one with each other and one with God, and then the world will believe that Jesus was sent by the Father.

It is humbling and uplifting to know that Jesus prayed for us. Jesus was a man of prayer and daily made the time to pray. Jesus taught us how to pray. We recite the Lord's Prayer together every Sunday. Prayer is spiritual discipline that Jesus taught us because it is critical for our spiritual growth.

To be salt and light for those around us, it is crucial that we take time to be one with the Lord in prayer. Prayer that not only spoken but quiet time in prayer listening for God's voice. Take time this week to read the entire prayer in John seventeen. Plumb its depths to experience the deep love and connection that God desires for us. Reflect upon the oneness between humanity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Imagine what that looks like in your life, in our life together as a church, and in the world. Consider if you and if we are one with Christ. Sit quietly in silence for several minutes listening. Focus on the wonderful spiritual discipline of prayer and join Jesus praying for us to be one.

Pastor Debra



Retirement Reception for Angie Smith



Grief Share sessions are held at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in the church parlor. Please call Bonnie Cundiff at 843-910-7526 for more information.

Lenten Bible Study Begins March 8 & 9, 2023

Journey this Lenten Season to the resurrection with historical and biblical insights, this **six-week study** takes you through the experiences of Holy Week, from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection on Sunday morning. Gain a deeper understanding of events like Passover and the Last Supper, Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the road to Golgotha, and the empty tomb. See how even the smallest details of Holy Week fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. Books will be available in the church office soon. Cost is \$10:00.

KEY TO THE
CORRECTION

Bible Study



All women of the church are invited to join us Valentine's Day at 3:00 p.m. for our February United Women in Faith meeting. As an act of love, we will be praying for and writing cards to the residents of Cheraw Heath Care.

2023 Lenten Schedule



February 22 nd	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 p.m.
February 26 th	First Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 5 th	Second Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 8 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 9 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 12 th	Third Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 15 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 16 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 19 th	Fourth Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 22 nd	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 23 rd	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 26 th	Fifth Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 29 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 30 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
April 2 nd	Palm Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
April 6 th	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 12, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30-6:30 p.m. Fireflies (Kid's Nook & Fellowship Hall)
5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 13, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
3:00 p.m. United Women in Faith (Fellowship Hall) Please
bring Valentines Day cards
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
Noon Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
1:30 p.m. Grief Share (Parlor)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Parlor)
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Practice (Choir Room)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parlor)
12:00 p.m. Joy Club (Please reply by Monday @
noon)

Friday, February 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83

Amount Needed to Date: \$35,572.98

Sunday School Attendance February 5: 50

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Powdered Milk

Greeters: Ray Crouse

Acolyte: Renie Seel

Nursery Workers: OPEN

Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Amount Received Week of February 8: \$2,187.48

Amount Received to Date: \$43,185.97

Worship Attendance February 5: 70

McCarn Food Bank Item: Individual size cereal boxes

Head Usher: Keith Smith

Liturgist Next Week: Erica Dusa

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHERAW STAFF

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Jim Glass – Music Director and Organist (fumcmusic01@gmail.com)

In Memory Of Carole Hennessee:

James & Lynn Tweed

Shayne Brannon

AJ & Nancy Carr

**FUMC Youth Fundraiser
Murder Mystery Dinner Party
Hosted by:**

**FUMC Youth & Fireflies
Saturday March 25 th at 5:00 PM
FUMC Fellowship Hall
For Tickets Contact:**

FUMC Office (April)-843-537-7002 or Angela Holliday-843-337-4515

Thank You for your generous donations for Caroline Quick

Thank You letter from Angie Smith:

I cannot begin to tell you how bittersweet my retirement from FUMC has been. I am looking forward to spending time with my grandson but I will miss everyone at FUMC. You all have become my family over the past 22+ years and I am thankful for each of you.

Thank you for the wonderful reception Sunday Jan 29th, and the sweet cards and gifts that I received. The framed picture of FUMC and the beautiful Willow Tree angel will be placed in my home to remind me of all my special friends.

I want to keep in touch with you and I plan to come to J.O.Y Club and see you there. Please keep in touch with me, my address and phone number is listed below. My leaving is not good bye but see you later.

With all my love, Angie

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