

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

December 31, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

If you are a visitor, please sign the visitor card on the back of the pew.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE	“Prayer”	Boellmann
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Thomas Samuel
Call to Worship		
L: The Christmas tree lights have dimmed.		
C: The once-wrapped gifts have been shared.		
L: But the awesome love of God still shines brightly in our hearts.		
C: Our spirits resound with the good news of salvation.		
L: God is with us!		
C: Thanks be to God! AMEN		
Hymn No. 251	Go, Tell it on the Mountain	GO TELL IT
OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Keith
Children’s Moment		Pastor Keith
Psalter No. 861 Psalm 148	Response	Thomas Samuel
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881	The Apostles Creed, Traditional Version	Thomas Samuel
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71		GREATOREX
*Hymn No. 249	There’s a Song in the Air	CHRISTMAS SONG
OFFERTORY No.	“Adoration”	Price
OFFERTORY RESPONSE	“Joy to the World”	ANTIOCH
	“Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.”	
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Keith
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Let there be Peace on Earth”	
*SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew Luke 2: 22-40	Pastor Keith
SERMON	Our Promised Redeemer	Pastor Keith
*HYMN NO. 671	Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings	SICILIAN MARINERS
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Keith
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“God, be with You till We Meet Again”	GOD BE WITH YOU
Postlude	“The Heavens Declare”	Marcello

Our PRAYER LIST- Our President, our Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our Nation, Jim Bennett, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, Erika Kollitz, Tony Thraikill, Mike Starling, Kathy Treadaway(friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Jacorah Booth (friend of Joey and Trina Mills), Scotty Mason(Joey Mills' cousin), Shelton Rumph, and (Rhonda Jones(sister-in-law of Ruth Ann Jones), Emily Marsh, The Family of JoAnne Morgan, Carolyn Tuner(Amanda Carobo Mother) Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin),Harley Rushing, Janye Board, Zach Mills (Trina and Joey mills' son, Pal Moore, Daryl Stubbs, Joanne Spivey, The Family of Martha Bentley, Judy Dixon, Alice Seel, Scott Hunter. 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, Dec. 31, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:30 Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 5:30-7:00 Fireflies and Youth

WEDNESDAY, Jan 3, 2024

9.00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
 6:30 -8 pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

MONDAY, Jan. 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, Jan 4, 2023

9:00a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Open

TUESDAY, Jan. 2, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 10:30a.m. Mat Makers

FRIDAY, Jan. 5, 2023

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, Jan 7, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83	Received week of Dec. 24 :
Amount Needed to Date:	Amount Received to Date:
Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meat/Stew & Dry Cereal	McArn Food Bank Item: Canned soup & Rice
Greeter: Rhett & Marcia Butler	Head Usher: Norma Cobb
Greeters Next Sunday: Norma Cobb	
Acolyte: Penny Quick	Liturgist Next Week: Rhett Butler
Nursery workers: Michelle Rohde	
Sound System Operator: Holly Miles	Video Tech: Bryson Hunter

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC CHERAW

The Mat Project group will resume meeting on Tuesday Jan. 2, 2024 from 10:30 to Noon.

Music Ministry

If you are interested in being involved in our Music Ministry (choir or handbells, or both) of the church, please reach out to me using the number provided below. I would encourage those interested in music in any capacity to contact me. A common misconception for choir or handbells is that you must be a professional musician to be successful in the Music Ministry. No- this is not accurate. We want those who are willing to use their talents for the glory and worship of our Lord. If you are interested, please consider using your time and talents in our Music Ministry. We need you!

Jackson Stone
843-506-4312

Worship Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 9th at 5:00 pm in the Fred Harris/ Pairs & Spares Sunday school room.

The Church office will be closed during the week of Christmas Through New Year's Day. The Church office will reopen Jan. 2nd @ 9:00 am.

January Greeter

1/7 Rhett & Marcia Butler
1/14 Joey & Trina Mills
1/21 Angela Holliday
1/28 Jimmie & Kim Williamson

January Liturgist

1/7 Jimmie Williamson
1/14 Greg Sanderson
1/21 Joey Mills
1/28 Thomas Samuel

January Head Usher: Rhett Butler

January Acolyte: Ashton Becker

January Nursery:

Please let Michelle Rohde know if you can help in the Nursery and what date. Thank you!

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