

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023***

***TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

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

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

Variations on “We Gather Together”

Martha Starling

Elliott

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thomas Samuel

**Call to Worship**

L: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

**C: Delight in God’s goodness!**

L: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

**C: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!**

L: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

**C: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. AMEN!**

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Thomas Samuel

**Hymn No. 694**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

**OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor Keith

**Children’s Moment**

Pastor Keith

**Psalter: Psalm 123**

Thomas Samuel

**Response**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us.

**R**

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**R**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles Creed, Traditional Version**

Thomas Samuel

**\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

MEINKE

**Hymn No. 413**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

BOYLSTON

**OFFERTORY No.**

“In Everything Give Thanks”

MARTIN

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor Keith

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 25: 14-30**

Pastor Keith

**Sermon**

**Investing Our Resources on the Kingdom of God**

Pastor Keith

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Jenny Keefe

Blessing of the Mats

Judy Dixon

**\*HYMN NO. 399**

**“Take My Life and Let it Be”**

MESSIAH

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Keith

**Postlude**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

KARG-ELERT

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, The family of Scott Tomberlin, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Joy Blackman, Members of the Spann Family( friends of Jenny Rushing Outen), Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, Erika Kollitz, Deborah Hurst Whaley, The family of Ronnie Harris (Friends of Christie Ruffner), Tony Thraikill, The Family of Bryan Sellers, Mike Starlings, The Bryan White family, Jackie Keefe, 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, JoAnne Morgan, Courtney Eubanks, Carolyn Tuner( Amanda Carobo Mother) Pam Walter (Angie Smith’s cousin), Harley Rushing, Matthew McLain(friend of Jenny Keefe), Jayne Board and Pam Baker. 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, Nov.19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:40. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
5:30-7:00 Fireflies and Youth

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

9.00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Church Office Closed  
10:30AM Grief Share (Parlor) No Meeting  
No Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**MONDAY, Nov.20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**THURSDAY, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

**TUESDAY, Nov.21<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Church Office Open  
No Meeting: 10:30a.m. Mat Makers

**FRIDAY, Nov.24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Church Office Closed

**SUNDAY, Nov.26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

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Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83  
Amount Needed to Date: \$155,159.58

Received week of Nov. 12th : \$4908.98  
Amount Received to Date:

Sunday School Attendance 52  
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned Meat /Stew  
Dry cereal  
Greeters: Jerry & Julia Tucker  
Greeters Next Sunday: Amy Lewis  
Acolyte: Ashton Becker  
Nursery Workers: Choles Reed and Kelly Dusa  
Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Worship Attendance 85  
McArn Food Bank Item: Canned soup and rice  
Head Usher: Eric Dusa  
Liturgist Next Week: Greg Sanderson  
Flowers Next Sunday:  
Eric and Kelly Dusa  
Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC CHERAW

The Mat Project group will meet on Tuesdays, from 10:30 to Noon.

Thank you so much to everyone for your support of Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoe box or by donating money. Because of a shoebox you have changed the life of a child- Jenny Keefe.

We would like to welcome Jackson Stone to FUMC as our new Music Director. Jackson is originally from Dillon SC and currently lives in Florence SC. He attended the College of Charleston and majored in Music ( Sacred – Organ ) where he studied under Dr. Julia Harlow for 2 years. He then transferred to Francis Marion University where he will complete a degree in Biological Science and Minor in Chemistry and will graduate in the spring of 2024. I have always been involved in music in some form, whether in church or local theatre or community ensembles. I extend my gratitude to the congregation of First Church Cheraw for welcoming me so kindly. Many thanks to the Pastor, SPRC, and congregation for allowing me a place among you in worship. I look forward to a wonderful time of worship with you.

The Shepherd's Child Party will be December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00. We plan to provide Christmas for 50 children this year! Trina Mills will have the names of the children for you on Sunday November the 19<sup>th</sup> or if you prefer to let her do the shopping for you, please send a check to the church.

Deadline for signing up for the Advent Bible Study will be Monday, Nov.20<sup>th</sup> at noon. Study will begin on Nov. 28th at 10 am for morning classes and 6 pm for evening classes. Pick up your books on Nov. 20 or 27. **Please read the First Advent Session before the first class.**

Please remember to join us for our Thanksgiving Gathering this afternoon at 5 pm. If you need a ride, please call the Church Office and we will pick you up. Food will be provided by several of our cooks. Please bring can goods for our church pantry. We look forward to seeing you.



**Jim Bennett at Wellmore of Lexington was so happy to get a surprise visit from David Rohde and Thomas Samuel on Veterans Day weekend.**