



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

"A Church with a Heart, in the Heart of Cheraw"

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Reverend Keith Stewart

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR 11:00 AM

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Amazing Grace'" Miller
~May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to meditation and prayer~

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Thomas Samuel

CALL TO WORSHIP Thomas Samuel

L: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

C: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

L: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

C: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

L: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

C: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus. AMEN.

†**HYMN 374** "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Keith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Keith

PSALTER PAGE 752-753 PSALM 22: 25-31, Response 1 Thomas Samuel

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** "Apostles Creed" Thomas Samuel

†**GLORIA PATRI 71** "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX
"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."

†**HYMN 415** "Take Up Thy Cross" GERMANY

OFFERTORY "Room At The Cross for You" Stanphill

†**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" OLD 100th
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Pastor Keith

ANTHEM "Come to Me, All Who Labor" Althouse
"Come to me all who labor and are heav'ly laden down, and I'll give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me now, for I'm gentle and low in heart. Here you'll rest, you'll find rest for your weary soul, for my yoke is easy, and my burden's light, come to me. Come all who labor, let me take your load, I am life, I am rest for your soul. Here you'll find rest for your weary soul, for my yoke is easy, and my burden's light, come to me."

†**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 8: 31-38 Pastor Keith

SERMON "Give me a break" Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 297** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL RESPONSE** "Adoramus te, Christe" Dubois
Please remain standing for the choral response

†**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Stone

†Denotes the congregation to please stand

~ If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign the visitor's card found in your pew rack. We are so glad you joined us for worship and hope that you feel at home here at First Church. We would love to see you again! ~

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Join us Wednesdays at Noon

February 28 th	Host: Cheraw First Baptist
March 6 th	Host: Cheraw United Methodist
March 13 th	Host: Cheraw United Methodist
March 20 th	Host: Cheraw First Baptist
March 27 th	Host: Cheraw United Methodist

Those to keep in **PRAYER** -

Our President, 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, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, Tony Thraikill, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Jacorah Booth (friend of Joey & Trina Mills), Shelton Rumph, Emily Marsh, Carolyn Turner (Amanda Carabo's mother), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Zach Mills (Trina & Joey Mills' son), Pal Moore, Joanne Spivey, Judy Dixon, Scott Hunter, Jimmy Duffy, and Shannon Johnson.

Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.

CHURCH REPORTS & INFO.

Weekly Amount Needed: **\$5,928.83.**

Received week of February 18th: **\$775.50**

Sunday School Attendance February 18th: **47**

Worship Attendance February 18th: **87**

Greeter: **Patty Fisher**

Greeter next Sunday: **Julia Tucker**

Liturgist Next Week: **Rhett Butler**

Head Usher: **Keith Smith**

Acolyte: **Ashton Becker**

Nursery: **Michelle Rohde & Kelly Dusa**

Sound System Operator: **Holly Miles**

Video Tech: **Bryson Hunter**

Website: www.cherawfirstumc.org

Food Pantry Item: **Canned Meat, Stews & Ramen Noodles**

McArn Food Bank Item: **Canned Soup, Beef Stew, & Butter Beans**

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY *February 25*

10:00am Sunday School
10:30am Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Worship Service
No Meeting Fireflies & Youth

MONDAY *February 26*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Open

TUESDAY *February 27*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am-12:00pm Mat Making

WEDNESDAY *February 28*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Open
5:30pm-6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY *February 29*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Closed

FRIDAY *March 1*

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY *March 3*

10:00am Sunday School
10:30am Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Worship Service

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

† 59 were present for the Ash Wednesday night service. Thanks be to God!

† Please let Michelle Rohde know if you would like to fill these two dates to help in the Nursery: March 3rd & March 24th.

† We are so excited to announce that we will be rolling out a newsletter on the first Sunday in March! If your group is going somewhere, you have a project that you are working on, or you just have something you want to share with the church please give your info. to the church office or to Jenny Keefe, by the last Monday of each month. The newsletter will go out every month on the first Sunday. The newsletter will be in several locations around the church following the worship service. Shut-ins will be mailed a copy. - Thanks, Jenny Keefe

† District United Methodist Men's Meeting will be held in Hartsville at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 9th. All will be asked to donate toward the cost of breakfast. To help in the planning and preparation of breakfast, a man from each church attending should call Meredith Allen at 843-332-1196, to inform her as to how many men from your church will be attending.

† The Masterworks Choir in Florence, SC, will be presenting their winter choral concert on March 3rd at 4:00pm at Central United Methodist Church. This concert features compositions from women composers and poets. Please join us if you have a free afternoon. Several members of our own Chancel Choir are part of Masterworks.

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