



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

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

MARCH 17, 2024

Reverend Keith Stewart

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR 11:00 AM

PRELUDE "Lacrimosa" W.A. Mozart
~May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to meditation and prayer~

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Thomas Samuel

CALL TO WORSHIP Thomas Samuel

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

C: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

L: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

C: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

C: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

†**HYMN 168** "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Keith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Keith

PSALTER PAGE 785- 786 PSALM 51, Response 2 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 359** "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" HUDSON

OFFERTORY "In The Garden" Haddington

†**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 "Wondrous Love" Shackley
"What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul. When I was singing down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb – Who is the great 'I AM;,' While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing. And I'll sing of wondrous love, wondrous love!"

†**SCRIPTURE READING** John 12: 20-33 Pastor Keith

SERMON "We can't avoid the Cross" Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 504** "The Old Rugged Cross" RUGGED CROSS

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Keith

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

†**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Dies Irae" W.A. Mozart

†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! ~

~ Musical Note: You have probably noticed the choir singing the same choral response each week during Lent. This choral response was designed to be used for the duration of Lent by Dubois. The text is carefully crafted so that it can be repeated each week in Lent but reflecting a different tone of the day according to the Scripture used. It will be sung for the last time on Palm Sunday as we enter a week of reverence and solemnity. ~

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 Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, Tony Thrailkill, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shelton Rumph, Emily Marsh, Carolyn Turner (Amanda Carabo's mother), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Pal Moore, Joanne Spivey, Scott Hunter, Jimmy Duffy, Shannon Johnson, The family of Beverly McDuffie, Gailya Wilson, Rev. Dean Parker, Chris Thrailkill, and Barbara Dickson. **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 March 10th: **\$1775.00**

Sunday School Attendance March 10th: **44**

Worship Attendance March 10th: **88**

Greeter: **Norma Cobb**

Greeter next Sunday: **Amy Lewis**

Liturgist Next Week: **Greg Sanderson**

Head Usher: **David McLean**

Acolyte: **Renie Seel**

Nursery: **Farah Lewis & Michelle Rohde**

Sound System Operator: **Holly Miles**

Video Tech: **Bryson Hunter**

Website: www.cherawfirstumc.org

Food Pantry Item: **Canned Meat, Stews & Canned vegetables**

McArn Food Bank Item: **Canned Soup, Beef Stew, & Instant Potatoes**

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY *March 17*

10:00am Sunday School
10:30am Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm – 6:30pm Youth & Fireflies

MONDAY *March 18*

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

TUESDAY *March 19*

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

WEDNESDAY *March 20*

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

THURSDAY *March 21*

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

FRIDAY *March 22*

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY *March 24*

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Joy Club will meet Thursday, March 21st at 12:00 Noon. We will have meat loaf, mashed potatoes, butterbeans, and peach cobbler. The cost is \$10 per person. Please make your reservation by noon on Monday, March 18th with Renie Seel at 843-344-1841.

† The Church Office has tickets for the BBQ if you need some.

† LENTEN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Host Church: Cheraw First Baptist

† To assist and finalize the budget, we ask if you have not turned in your Pledge Card for the 2024, you can pick one up from the ushers at the front entrance or the side entrance. We do appreciate your attention to this matter so we can get the 2024 budget finalized. Thank You, Stewardship Committee

† We will celebrate Maundy Thursday on March 28th at 6:00pm. We will have a service of communion. Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning at 7:00am on the front steps of the church. A light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall after Sunrise Service. This is sponsored by the Missions/Evangelism Committee. There will be a flowering of the cross. Please bring your flowers before Sunday School or Church to add to the cross on the front porch of the church. Join us for Easter Service at 11:00am.

† When you are kind enough to take the Kitchen dish cloths home to wash, please return them promptly. Thankfully, we are using our Kitchen often and need a good supply of linens available.

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