



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

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

APRIL 28, 2024

Reverend Keith Stewart

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER - WHITE
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

PRELUDE	"Voluntary"	Alton
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		11:00 AM
WELCOME!		Sean Eubanks
CALL TO WORSHIP		Sean Eubanks
L: Beloved, let us love one another.		
C: We love because God first loved us.		
L: There is no greater love than this:		
C: to lay down one's life for one's friends.		
L: This is the new commandment in Christ:		
C: As Jesus loves us, so let us love one another. Amen.		
† HYMN 170	"O How I Love Jesus"	O HOW I LOVE
OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Keith
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Keith
PSALTER PAGE 856-857 PSALM 143: 1-10 Response 2		Sean Eubanks
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	Apostles Creed	Sean Eubanks
† GLORIA PATRI 71	"Glory Be to the Father"	GREATOREX
	<i>"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."</i>	
† HYMN 470	"My God, I Love Thee"	WINCHESTER OLD
OFFERTORY	"Jesus Loves Me"	Bock
† DOXOLOGY	"When I Survey"	HAMBURG
	<i>"Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."</i>	
† OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Keith

ANTHEM "Rain Down" Carter
"Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life. Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust. God's mercy falls on the just and trust right; full of God's love is the earth. We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life for our thirst. Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life."

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4: 7-12 Pastor Keith

SERMON "What's Love got to do with it?" Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 172** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" GORDON
~During the singing of this hymn, you may come to the altar rail for personal prayer~

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL RESPONSE** "The Irish Blessing" Eliers

†**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Grand Recessional" POWELL

†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!

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, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Emily Marsh, Carolyn Turner (Amanda Carabo's mother) Joanne Spivey, Scott Hunter, Shannon Johnson, Rev. Dean Parker, Chris Thrailkill, Gaylia Wilson, Kathy Duffy Trussell (Jimmy Duffy's sister), Ron Beck, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Dennis Pressley, the family of Lyle Coffy (daughter passed away), Teresa Ward, Rev. Kim Eanes (Her mother is in Hospice Care) and Joey Mills. **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 April 21st: **\$2,030.50**
Sunday School Attendance April 21st: **51**
Worship Attendance April 21st: **105**
Greeter: **Jim and Marianne Crawford**
Greeter next Sunday: **Jay & Dawn Leach**
Liturgist Next Week: **Jenny Keefe**
Head Usher: **Jed Reid**
Acolyte: **Carley Watson**
Crucifer: **Courtney Eubanks**
Nursery: **Kelly Dusa & Choles Reed**
Sound System Operator: **Holly Miles**
Video Tech: **Bryson Hunter**
Website: **www.cherawfirstumc.org**
Food Pantry Item: **Peanut Butter & Canned Fruit**
McArn Food Bank Item: **Canned Soup, Beef Stew, & Instant Potatoes**

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY *April 28*

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm-6:30pm Youth & Fireflies

MONDAY *April 29*

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

TUESDAY *April 30*

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

WEDNESDAY *May 1*

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

THURSDAY *May 2*

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

FRIDAY *May 3*

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY *May 5*

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm-6:30pm Fireflies & Youth

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

† There will be a Missions/Evangelism Meeting on Monday, April 29th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks, Zenda Rushing

† If anyone knows of any youth 14-18 years of age who would like to attend Salkehatchie this summer, please contact Angela Holliday at 843-337-4515.

† If you have any information for the May newsletter, please send the material to Jackson Stone via email or text. Jackson asks that your information be delivered in a concise and punctual manner for clear understanding. Thanks!

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