



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 7, 2024

Reverend Keith Stewart

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER - WHITE
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		11:00 AM
PRELUDE	"Onward, Christian Soldiers"	Young
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Sanderson
CALL TO WORSHIP		Greg Sanderson
L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.		
C: That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.		
L: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.		
C: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.		
L: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.		
C: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.		
†HYMN 310	"He Lives!"	ACKLEY
OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Keith
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Keith
PSALTER PAGE 850 PSALM 133, Response		Greg Sanderson
†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	"Apostles Creed"	Greg Sanderson
†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 2196 in TFWS	"We Walk By Faith"	MARTYRDOM
OFFERTORY	"Here Am I, Send Me"	Wilbur
†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 "Medley of Oldies" Various
*"Would you be free from your burden of sin? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. Refrain.
I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry from the waters lifted me, now safe am I. Refrain.
Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time; I have a future in Heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime. And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed; Riches eternal and blessings supernal from His precious hands I received. Refrain."*

†**SCRIPTURE READING** John 20: 19-31 Pastor Keith

SERMON "***From Darkness to Light***" Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 364** "Because He Lives" RESURRECTION

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL RESPONSE** "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

†**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Toccata on 'JUDAS MACCABEUS'" Fey

†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, 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, Rev. Dean Parker, Chris Thrailkill, Barbara Dickson, and Ron Beck.
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 31st : **\$5189.50**

Sunday School Attendance March 31st: **66**

Worship Attendance March 31st: **186**

Greeter: **Betty Hurst**

Greeters next Sunday: **Jim & Marianne Crawford**

Liturgist Next Week: **Jimmie Williamson**

Head Usher: **Jeff Johnson**

Acolyte: **Carly Watson**

Nursery: **Michelle Rohde & 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 7*

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

MONDAY *April 8*

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

TUESDAY *April 9*

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

WEDNESDAY *April 10*

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

THURSDAY *April 11*

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

FRIDAY *April 12*

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY *April 14*

10:00am Sunday School
10:15am Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Worship Service

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

† April Newsletters are available in the Church Narthex and on the table at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall if you would like one.

† The men's breakfast will be in the fellowship hall on April 14th at 8:30am. Please try to attend. Thanks, Greg Sanderson

† If anyone is interested in helping in the Nursery, please let Michelle Rohde know.

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