



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Reverend Keith Stewart

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

PRELUDE	“Benedictus”	Alec Rowley
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		11:00 AM
WELCOME!		Greg Sanderson
CALL TO WORSHIP		Greg Sanderson
L: Teach your rulers, dear God, to know what is right and share with them what you consider just so that they rule fairly, especially in favour of people who are oppressed.		
C: May our lands also enjoy prosperity and also be awake to your righteousness.		
L: As long as the sun shines and the moon rises, even to the end of the ages, so may your people come to worship you.		
C: May those who rule be to us like fresh rain falling on the fields, like showers on the land, to make good things flourish, Praise the God who reigns! God alone does these wonderful things. Praise God's glorious name for ever! May God's glory fill the earth. AMEN.		
†HYMN 410	“I Want a Principle Within”	GERALD
OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Keith Stewart
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Keith Stewart
PSALTER PAGE 795-796 PSALM 72 R 2		Greg Sanderson
†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	Apostles Creed	Greg Sanderson
†GLORIA PATRI 71	“Glory Be to the Father”	GREATOREX
<i>“Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.”</i>		
†HYMN 417	“O For a Heart to Praise My God”	RICHMOND
OFFERTORY	“Organ Improvisation”	Stone

†**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100th
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." A-men.

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Pastor Keith Stewart

ANTHEM "If God is For Us" Paul Williams
"If God is for us, who can be against us? If God is for us, who then can condemn us? God gave His Son to die in our place. If God is for us, who can be against us? God has made us more than conquerors, and nothing separates us from His love; Not death, not life, nor angels, nor demons; Not height, nor depth, nor things created. If God is for us, who can be against us? If God is for us, He has pow'r to keep us. God justifies; His Son intercedes. If God is for us, who can be against us? God has made us more than conquerors, and nothing separates us from His love. Not sword, distress, nor deep tribulation; The present, the past, nor anything to come. If God is for us, who can be against us? He will surely lead us! Joint heirs with Christ, His Spirit lives in us. If God is for us, who can be against us?"

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 7:1-23** Pastor Keith Stewart

SERMON "Things are not what they appear to be." Pastor Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 357** "Just As I Am" WOODWORTH
~During the singing of this hymn, you may come to the altar rail for personal prayer~

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Keith Stewart

†**CHORAL RESPONSE** "Grace" MOODY

†**POSTLUDE** F Major Prelude J. S. Bach
†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 Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our Nation, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Wilma Smith (sister of Libby Shutt & friend of Jean McLean), Sarah Potapova (sister of Betty Hurst) and Lillianna Bullard (friend of Brooke Freeman). **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 Aug. 25th: **\$3916.75**

Sunday School Attendance Aug. 25th: **42**

Worship Attendance Aug. 25th: **76**

Greeter: **Zenda Rushing**

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

Liturgist Next Week: **Rhett Butler**
Head Usher: **Norma Cobb**
Acolyte: **Amanda King**
Nursery: **Reagan Freeman & Kelly Dusa**
Sound System Operator: **Holly Miles**
Video Tech: **Bryson Hunter**
Website: www.cherawfirstumc.org
Food Pantry Item: **Canned vegetables,
Canned Meat, & Peanut Butter**
McArn Food Bank Item: **Canned Salmon,
Beef Stew, & Instant Potatoes**

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY September 1

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

MONDAY September 2

Church Office Closed (Labor Day)

TUESDAY September 3

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

WEDNESDAY September 4

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Open
5:30pm-6:20pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY September 5

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY September 6

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY September 8

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Grief Share will begin meeting Wednesday, September 4th at 10:30am in the Parlor. They will meet every Wednesday for 13 weeks. Bonnie Cundiff & Susan Marsh

† Mark your Calendars for Sunday September 8th, we will have a covered dish luncheon immediately following the service. The church will be providing meat. "Come one, Come all!"

† Sunday School Promotion will be Sept. 8th.

† Sunday Sept. 8th is Epworth's annual workday offering.

† If you have signed up to prepare spaghetti casserole, salad, or bring the bread for the Abba's House Meal; please have all items in the Church's kitchen by 4:00pm on September 2nd. Thank you, Zenda.

† The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to Join the group.

† Joy Club is back September 19th!

This month's menu will feature Goodbye to Summer Salads(chicken, broccoli, pasta, and fruit salads) and lemon cake, all for only \$10!

This is a big undertaking each month and we need your help! We still need hosts each month and 2-3 people willing to spend a couple of hours one day a month contacting our 60+usual attendees. If you're willing to volunteer, please contact Courtney Eubanks ASAP.

† The Organ Tour/Hymnsing and Watermelon Bust is September 19th at 6:00pm. Please come and enjoy learning about our organ, singing your favorite songs, and watermelon!

† You do not want to miss our Christmas Music Program this year! December 19th at 7:00pm. Brass, Strings, Organ, Piano, and ~ 40 singers *spanning several counties will provide sacred and secular holiday tunes at First Church. This is a community event - please invite all! A reception will follow in our fellowship hall. More information to come in the following weeks!*

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