



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 22, 2024

Reverend Keith Stewart

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

PRELUDE	“Amazing Grace!”	George Shearing
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		11:00 AM
WELCOME!		Greg Sanderson
CALL TO WORSHIP		Greg Sanderson
L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.		
C: God's ways are just and merciful.		
L: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.		
C: In all that they do, they prosper.		
L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.		
C: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.		
†HYMN 365	“Grace Greater than Our Sin”	MOODY
OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Blondell S. Miller
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Sammy Quick
PSALTER PAGE 738 PSALM 1 R2		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 191	“Jesus Loves Me”	JESUS LOVES ME
OFFERTORY	“Tapestry of Sunday School Gems”	Arnold Whitter
†DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	OLD 100th
<i>“Praise God, from whom all bless-ings 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.</i>		
†OFFERTORY PRAYER		Greg Sanderson

ANTHEM

“Rain Down ”

Jaime Cortez

[Refrain] *Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
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 the right;
full of God’s love is the earth. [Refrain]*

*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. [Refrain]*

God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
All of our hope lies in you. [Refrain]

†SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37

Rev. Blondell S. Miller

SERMON

“True Greatness”

Rev. Blondell S. Miller

†HYMN -Insert

“Who is Greatest in the Kingdom?”

~During the singing of this hymn, you may come to the altar rail for personal prayer~

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Blondell S. Miller

†CHORAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

OLD

†POSTLUDE

“Psalm 51 ”

Gordon Young

†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 Thraikill, Mary Burr, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Tony Thraikill, 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.**

CHURCH REPORTS & INFO.

Weekly Amount Needed: **\$5,928.83.**
Received week Sept. 15th: **\$3075.36.**
Sunday School Attendance Sept. 15th: **43**
Worship Attendance Sept. 15th: **77**
Greeter: **Joey & Trina Mills**
Greeter next Sunday: **Angela Holliday**
Liturgist Next Week: **Joey Mills**
Head Usher: **Norma Cobb**
Acolyte: **Amanda King**
Nursery: **Farah Lewis**
Sound System Operator: **Holly Miles**
Video Tech: **Bryson Hunter**
Website: www.cherawfirstumc.org
Food Pantry Item: **Canned vegetables,
Canned Meat(Ham), & Peanut Butter**
McArn Food Bank Item: **Canned Salmon,
Beef Stew, & Instant Potatoes**

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY *September 22*

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies & Youth

MONDAY *September 23*

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

TUESDAY *September 24*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline**

WEDNESDAY *September 25*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am Grief Share Meeting
5:30pm-6:20pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY *September 26*

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY *September 27*

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY *September 29*

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Please join Pastor Keith for a Bible study on the Parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast, held in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, Sept. 23rd at 6:00pm. The Title of the Study is THE KINGDOM of GOD BEGINS SMALL and EXPLODES DESPITE EVIL'S OPPOSITION

† There is a Sign-Up Sheet for volunteers for the Children's Moment, at the 11:00am service, on the hall table by the office door. Thanks.

† Comments from the Chair of the Church Council offered during last Sunday's worship service regarding the recent 'separation vote' are printed for your review on the church website (chewawfirstumc.org) as the first selection (Comments on Council Meeting) under the Resources tab. Thanks John.

† Grief Share will meet every Wednesday in the Parlor at 10:30am. Bonnie Cundiff & Susan Marsh

† Please send Jackson Stone your information as soon as possible for the Newsletter. Thank you.

† Abba's House is asking us to start collecting new and gently used coats for children & adults through October 6th. You may leave your coats in the Pairs and Spares classroom that is not in use now, Monday through Wednesday from 9:00am to 1:30pm. Zenda... Chairperson of Mission/Evangelism.

† 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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