

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 17th, 2024 | 26th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

OLD HUNDREDTH

† The people stand

Opening Voluntary | Joshua Fit De Battle

Geoffrey Martinez

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Keith

We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

Call to Worship

Sammy Quick

L: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

P: Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.

L: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

P: The Rock of Ages is a foundation like no other.

L: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given strength.

P: Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up.

L: God comes bringing judgement to the ends of the earth, calling us to hope and faithfulness.

P: Come, Rock of Ages, come quickly now. Amen!

† **Hymn 361** | Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Keith

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Pastor Keith

Children's Sermon

Pastor Keith

Psalter 834 | Psalm 113

Sammy Quick

† **The Affirmation of Faith 881** | The Apostles Creed

Sammy Quick

† **Gloria Patri**

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 731** | Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

Offertory | Boundless Love

Elaine Aune

Be gracious to me, Lord, and hold my spirit fast, that I may shelter by your side until the storm is past. Such boundless love, such boundless love; to shelter by your side, such boundless love. Though snares are set for me, yet I will sleep in peace, for I have asked the care of God whose love shall never cease. Such boundless love, such boundless love; to have the care of God, such boundless love. My soul, awake and sing, such boundless love recall, exalt God's name above of the skies, God's glory over all! Such boundless love, such boundless love; God's glory over all, such boundless love.



† **Doxology & Offertory Prayer**

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.

Anthem | In Times Like These

Elaine Aune

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famine, pestilences and earthquakes: In times like these you need a Savior, in times like these you need an anchor; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This rock is Jesus, yes, He's the one, this rock is Jesus the only One; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock. You need a Savior, you need an anchor, in times like these, in times like these: you need a Bible, in times like these oh be not idle; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This rock is Jesus, yes, He's the one, this rock is Jesus the only One; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock. You need a Savior, you need an anchor, in times like these, in times like these: you need the Lord!

† **Scripture Reading** | Mark 13: 1-8

Pastor Keith

Sermon | "In Times Like These..."

Pastor Keith

† **Hymn 714** | I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

During the singing of this hymn, you may pray at the altar rail.

† **Dismissal with Prayer**

Pastor Keith

† **Choral Benediction** | Soon and Very Soon

Spiritual

† **Closing Voluntary** | Festiva

Robert J. Powell

We thank you for your presence with us today. We hope that you have a great week and that we will see you again soon.

✠ **The flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bonnie Cundiff on the occasion of her birthday and in celebration of her service to FUMC and the Cheraw community.

✠ **Musical Fun Fact:** Our second hymn in the service, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," was removed from hymnals across the globe during World War II because of its association with Germany. The tune (AUSTRIA) became the official German national anthem and was used as a symbol for Nazi reign. Many publishers rebuked the use of this hymntune and called for a complete removal from all hymnals. The hymntune was later reintroduced to hymnody because of its beautiful melodic line coupled with stirring words, which in fact have no relation to war at all!

Our Prayer List | Please be in prayer for all on the prayer list!

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, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Sarah Potapova (sister of Betty Hurst), Lynda Stann (friend of Jenny Outen), and Faye Eschenfelder. **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks.**

CHURCH *Announcements*

SOUP FUNDRAISER LUNCH - November 17th, 2024 at 12:15pm in our Fellowship Hall.

JOY CLUB - November 21st, 2024 at 12:00pm. Make plans to attend!

CHARGE CONFERENCE - November 19th, 2024 at 6:00pm. Please attend!

STAFF-PARISH MEETING - Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

ABBA'S HOUSE - On November 25th, we are providing cranberry sauce for "Thankful Monday." The Ezer Sunday School class is providing the cranberry sauce. We still need volunteers to serve. Please sign up in the church office. Thank you very much. - Zenda Rushing

200TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FIRST CHURCH - Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30pm. There will be a celebratory service in the Sanctuary in celebration of 200 years of Methodist Witness in Cheraw. A time of refreshments and fellowship will be held immediately following this service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite finger food! Calling all members of First Church - those here and far. Please inform all members of this occasion and mark your calendars accordingly!

A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS - Mark your calendars now! December 19th, 2024 at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy secular & sacred Christmas classics featuring a 45 member multi-community choir, brass quintet, string quartet, organ, and piano. The choir spans 5 counties & 2 states. The Handbell Choir will provide a 15-minute prelude before the program. Come early to claim a seat! A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH *Calendar*

SUNDAY *November 17*

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
12:15pm Soup Lunch
5:30pm-7:00pm Youth Play Practice

MONDAY *November 18*

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

TUESDAY *November 19*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am-12:00pm Mat Making (kitchen)
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Charge Conference

WEDNESDAY *November 20*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am GriefShare (Parlor)
5:30pm-6:20pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm Staff-Parish Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY *November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday*

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

CHURCH *Reports & Info.*

Weekly tithe needed: \$5,928.83.
Tithes received Nov. 10th: \$6,407.75.
Sunday School Attendance Nov. 10th: 49
Worship Attendance Nov. 10th: 93
Veterans Day Program Attendance 11th: 153
Acolyte: **Norma Cobb**

Liturgist: **Sammy Quick**
Liturgist Nov. 24th: **Greg Sanderson**
Greeter: **Keith & Sally Smith**
Greeter Nov. 24th: **Norma Cobb**
Head Usher: **Eric Dusa**
Nursery: **Kelly Dusa & Choles Reid**
Nursery Nov. 24th: **Amanda King**
Sound System: **Sound Group**
Videographer: **Bryson Hunter**
Food Pantry: **Canned vegetables/peanut butter**
McArn Food Bank: **Canned beef/potatoes**
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Newsletter: **The Church Herald, monthly**
Church Design: **Greek Revival**



A late 12th century depiction of the Destruction of Jerusalem
(from the Utrecht Psalter)

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SEVENTEENTH DAY *of* NOVEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

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