

## OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVE

**PLEDGE CARDS** - If you haven't already, this is a friendly reminder to please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible.

**ABBA'S HOUSE** - Thank you to all who contributed to the support of ABBA'S House this past Monday night. We fed around 225! The next occasion to feed the community will be "Christmas at ABBA'S feeding" which involves all churches. FUMC provides the mashed potatoes. Again, thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your Mission/Evangelism team. Zenda Rushing.

**CAROLINA VS CLEMSON YOUTH DRIVE** - USC Gamecocks takes home the win at FUMC & defeats Clemson. (This author is very disappointed).  
**GAMECOCKS** - \$372.00  
**CLEMSON** - \$190.00

**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT** - If you would like to give a monetary gift to the staff Christmas gift, please have your money to the church office or in the offering and mark it as "Staff Christmas gift" by December 17th. Thank you! - Staff-Parish Relations

**SHEPHERD'S CHILD** - Shepherd's Child Party is December 18th 1:00pm. Thank you! Trina Mills.

**A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS** - Mark your calendars now! Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm. This Thursday! You don't want to miss it. Our situation with the caterer has changed. We need all interested hands to prepare "finger foods" for the reception after the program. Please keep in mind that we are predicting a large crowd, so generous portions of your choice will be wonderful! The food is due in the fellowship hall anytime during the day on Thursday up until 6:30pm. This is so that all people may enjoy the program. Thank you so very much!

**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** - Please join us at 5:00pm on December 24th for our meaningful Christmas Eve service around candlelight.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH DAY *of* DECEMBER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD

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

### *Reports & Info.*

Weekly tithe needed: **\$5,928.83.**  
Tithes received Dec. 8: **\$6,273.75.**  
Sunday School Attendance Dec. 8th: **38**  
Worship Attendance Dec. 8th: **64**

### *Serving in Worship Today*

Liturgist: **Jimmie Williamson**  
Greeter: **Betty Hurst**  
Head Usher: **Chase Watson**  
Nursery: **Amanda King & Mason Tomberlin**

### *First United Methodist Church Staff*

**Keith Stewart** | *Pastor & Friend* (803.439.2543; Bkstewart@umcsc.org)  
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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PURPLE

DECEMBER 15TH, 2024 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** | Advent Processional

William Martin

**CHIMING & WELCOME**

Jimmie Williamson

We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please take note of our important announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

**OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Keith

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Michelle Rohde & Vincent Prevatte

†**HYMN 249** | There's a Song in the Air

CHRISTMAS SONG

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** | The Nicene Creed

Jimmie Williamson

†**GLORIA PATRI 238** | Angels We Have Heard on High  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA

†**HYMN 220** | Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

**OFFERTORY** | Noel, Noel

Donald Freeman

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church. If you are visiting, please sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate so we may connect with you. Scan the QR code to the right for digital offerings.



†**DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

VENI EMMANUEL

**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;**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** | An Interview with Ebenezer Scrooge

**Cast:**

**Sarah King** - Shepherd

**Jacquelyn Tomberlin** - Producer/Katy

**Lilah King** - Joseph

**Alma Scott** - Angel

**Amanda King** - Lipsync/Shepherd

**Chase Watson** - Wiseman

**Viva Lang** - Holly/Mary

**Doug Marsh** - Wiseman

**Alice Lang** - Julia Child/Shepherd

**Ben Holliday** - Wiseman

**Bryson Hunter** - Ebenezer Scrooge

**Ryder Mills** - Angel

**Carley Watson** - Mandy

**Palmer Reid** - Angel

**Julia Watson** - Spirit/Angel

**During the program, the congregation will be invited to sing a hymn while a transition scene occurs. Hymns: 230: O Little Town of Bethlehem; 224: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

Soloist: O Come, All Ye Faithful - **Amanda King**

Program Directors: **Angela Holliday and Leslie Jean Watson**

Costumes: **Susan Marsh**

† **HYMN 237** | Sing We Now of Christmas

FRENCH CAROL

†**DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER**

Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** | Come and Worship!

REGENT SQUARE

†**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** | Festive Recessional

John Dinel

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.

**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 the family of Jane Kiser (Kip Kiser's mother). *Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks.*