

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 1st, 2024 | The First Sunday of Advent - Purple

† The people stand

Opening Voluntary | People, Look East

BESANCON

Chiming & Welcome/Announcements!

Thomas Samuel

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

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Keith

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Norma Cobb & Jackson Stone

†**Hymn 196** | Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

†**The Affirmation of Faith 880** | The Nicene Creed

Thomas Samuel

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

GLORIA

Hanging of the Wreath

Nancy Wagnon

Presentation of the Poinsettias

Pat Barham & Norma Cobb

Children's Moment | Lighting of the Crismon Tree

Pastor Keith

Offertory | News of the Christ Child

Jason Blackbird

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.

†**Hymn 206** | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Anthem | Bethlehem Wind

John Rutter

Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, over the hills and the valleys. Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, God's promise of love and salvation. Blow, blow, Spirit of Truth, carry the news of a Savior. Blow, blow, Spirit of God, preparing the world for God's Son. Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, carry the song of the angels. Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, move through the hearts of the nations. Blow, blow, Spirit of Hope, scatter the leaves of our sorrows. Blow, blow, Spirit of God, warm the whole world with your love. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

†**Scripture Reading** | Matthew 5: 14-16

Pastor Keith

Sermon | *"The Light within us"*

Pastor Keith

†**Hymn 718** | Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
During the singing of this hymn, you may pray at the altar rail.

HELMSLEY

†**Dismissal with Prayer**

Pastor Keith

†**Choral Benediction** | Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

†**Closing Voluntary** | Let Us Adore Him

Roger Wilson

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, 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 Mary Lomas. **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks.**

CHURCH Announcements

OPERATION SHOEBOXES!!! - Thank you! The Pee Dee region met their goal! They took in **28,118** boxes. Thanks everyone for filling your shoe boxes and blessing children all over the world!

RECENT DEVASTATION - Maranatha's next trip to the devastated areas of western NC needs **new toys, apples, oranges, and heaters.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST - **December 8th 2024 at 8:30.** Come hungry!

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE - Zoar Methodist Church: **Sunday, December 8th 2024 from 6:00-8:30pm.**

DECEMBER 4TH 2024 - Last day of Griefshare.

DECEMBER 7/8 MASTERWORKS - The Masterworks Choir of Florence SC will have their Christmas Concert **December 7th at 7:00pm and December 8th at 4:00pm.** There are 4 FUMC choir members involved with Masterworks!

DECEMBER 11TH POSTPONED - The 200 year church anniversary service has **been rescheduled** for the month of January. Please stay tuned for a new date!

DECEMBER 15TH 2024 - **Fireflies and Youth's Christmas Program** during morning worship. Please be with us!

A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS - Mark your calendars now! **Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm.** Come and enjoy secular & sacred Christmas music 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 catered reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH Reports & Info.

Weekly tithe needed: **\$5,928.83.**
Tithes received Nov. 24th: **\$4,326.75.**
Sunday School Attendance Nov. 24th: **43**
Worship Attendance Nov. 24th: **76**
Acolyte: **Penny Quick**
Liturgist: **Thomas Samuel**
Liturgist Dec. 8: **Rhett Butler**
Greeter: **Norma Cobb**
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Head Usher: **Chase Watson**
Nursery: **Reagan Freeman & Michelle Rohde**
Nursery Dec. 8: **Kelly Dusa & Reagan Freeman**
Sound System: **Sound Group**
Videographer: **Bryson Hunter**
Food Pantry: **Canned vegetables/peanut butter**
McArn Food Bank: **Canned beef/potatoes**
Website: **cherawfirstumc.org**
Address: **117 Third St, Cheraw SC 29520**
Church Office Phone: **843.537.7002**
Newsletter: **The Church Herald, monthly**
Church Design: **Greek Revival**

CHURCH Calendar

SUNDAY December 1
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm-7:00pm Youth Play Practice
MONDAY December 2
9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
TUESDAY December 3
9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am-12:00pm Mat Making (kitchen)
12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline**
WEDNESDAY December 4
9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am GriefShare (Parlor)
5:30pm-6:20pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY December 8 Advent 2
8:30am Men's Breakfast
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FIRST DAY OF *of* DECEMBER 2024

THE BEGINNING OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD

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

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