

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship, & Serve

February Get Involved, Stay Involved Member Challenge: Continuing last month's mission goals, we will offer a goal each month for you to reach. The goal for February: *Attend the 11:00am worship service every Sunday this month without missing one in-between.*

Upcoming Committee Meetings: On Tuesday, Feb. 25th, the following committee meetings will be held: Stewardship, 5:00pm; Trustees, 5:30pm; Finance, 6:00pm.

Joy Club: NO Joy Club tomorrow!

Food Pantry Needs: The food pantry needs can openers for the homeless who come to our church to get a food donation. Some cans must be opened with a can opener. We also need pop-top cans of food (ex. meats, fruits, soups, pasta, pudding cups).

Fireflies & Youth: No meetings this Sunday 23rd! March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th are still open for dinner. Please contact Lesley Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a meal.

Ash Wednesday Service: March 5th at 6:00pm. The imposition of ashes will take place at this service. Please plan to be here.

Men's BBQ: The Men's BBQ is April 5th, 2025. Drive through pick up only from 11:00am-2:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00. If you need tickets, please see Joey Mills or drop by the church office.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Tithes needed weekly: **\$5,928.83.**; Received Feb. 16th: **\$3,883.75.**
Church School Attendance Feb. 16th: **39**; Worship Attendance Feb. 16th: **69**
Liturgist: **Zenda Rushing**; Greeter: **Gini Eddins**
Head Usher: **Keith Smith**; Nursery: **Kelly Dusa**
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THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY *of* FEBRUARY 2025

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY - GREEN

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | My Jesus, I Love Thee

John Matthews

CHIMING & WELCOME

Zenda Rushing

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

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 158** | Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** | The Apostles' Creed

Zenda Rushing

†**GLORIA PATRI 70**

MEINEKE

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.

PSALTER 772 | Psalm 37

Zenda Rushing

The congregation is encouraged to sing the Psalm Response with the choir at each red "R."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Zenda Rushing

†**HYMN 549** | Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

OFFERTORY | Jesus, Jesus

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.

David Beech



†**DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

OLD 100TH

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 | Jesus Shall Reign

John Behke

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

†**SCRIPTURE READING** | Luke 6: 27-38

Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON | *Leaning Into God's Mercy*

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 354** | I Surrender All

SURRENDER

†**DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER**

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** | Freely, Freely

FREELY

†**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** | Postlude in C Major

Various

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, firefighters, law enforcement officers, all young and aged people with mental illnesses, 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), Joann Odom (sister-in-law of Gloria Williams), Adam Faile, and James Thurman (Angie Smith's Dad).