ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will begin Tuesday April 29th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Books and study guides can be picked up after church today from Gini Eddins. Prior to our meeting April 29th, please read the introduction & Rule 1 and complete these sections in your study guide. Please pay Gini Eddins \$16.77.

FIREFLIES & YOUTH: April 27th is open for dinner. Contact Lesley Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a meal.

ABBA'S HOUSE: A big "shout out" to all who donated instant potatoes or monies, helped make the instant potatoes, and those who helped serve on 4/21 at the Resurrection partnership meal at Abba's House. Thank you!

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS: April is Sexual Assault Awareness & Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Women in Faith were honored to have Ethel Moore and Janice Hamlin (representatives from the Pee Dee Coalition) come to their April meeting and speak on the conditions in the Marlboro & Chesterfield County region. Pinwheels have been placed around Cheraw's Centennial Park along with teal-blue ribbons in trees to make people aware of these issues. Please wear blue denim jeans April 30th to bring awareness to the meaning of this month. A list of their needs has been placed in the fellowship hallway. Thanks. - Zenda Rushing

RIDE TEAM: If you are interested in signing for the ride team of FUMC, please contact the Church Office (Shelby Nolan). These people will assist those in need of a ride.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Church Council meets Thursday, May 1 at 6:00pm.

SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORTS: Maundy Thursday - 52; Good Friday - 39; Sunrise Service - 13.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS APR 20 SUNDAY SCHOOL APR 20 WORSHIP APR 20 GREETER LITURGIST HEAD USHER	\$4,504.75.
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First United Methodist Church



THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY of APRIL 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - WHITE APRIL 27TH 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE Fugue in G Minor *BWV 578*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING & WELCOME

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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.

INTROIT Christ is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die!

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†HYMN 310 He Lives ACKLEY

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

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†GLORIA PATRI 71

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.

PSALM 150 R 1 Psalter 862

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Keith Stewart

†HYMN 311 Now the Green Blade Rises

FRENCH CAROL

OFFERTORY Contemplations

Unknown

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 for digital offerings.



†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM Doubting Thomas

Mark Schweizer

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heav'n, the glorious King o'ver death and hell rose triumphing, Alleluia, Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word, Alleluia, Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, my feet, I show to thee, Not faithless, but believing be," Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side, "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried; Alleluia, Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win, Alleluia, Alleluia!

†SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 19-31

Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON *Do You Have Honest Doubt?*

Rev. Keith Stewart

†HYMN 364 Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†CHORAL BENEDICTION Up From the Grave

CHRIST AROSE

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

†POSTLUDE Judas Maccabeus

Paul Fey

PRAYER LIST

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, health care workers, EMT's, firefighters, law enforcement officers, people of all ages with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Mary Burr, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), James Thurman (Angie Smith's Father), Jenny Outen, Michelle Rohde, and Betty Yates (Cindy Sanderson's mother).