

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Marcia & Rhett Butler's 52nd wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

WELCOME: We welcome Rev. Joseph Kovas to the First United Methodist Church family. We look forward to his ministerial leadership and friendship! Welcome, Joseph!

ABBA'S HOUSE: FUMC will be feeding ABBA'S House August 11th and again September 22nd. Please be on the lookout for instructions regarding food preparation.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: The United Women in Faith will meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 8th at El Sherif's. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: FUMC will be collecting school supplies for the Cheraw Community and will be delivered to Maranatha. Let's make sure all children have the school supplies they need to be successful. Please place your donations in the two tubs by the church office. Thank you - your Missions & Evangelism committee.

HAPPY INDEPENDANCE!: First Church wishes you a happy July 4th holiday. Please wear red, white, and blue to church this Sunday July 6th. We recognize that this day is after July 4th, but July 6th is closer than June 29th. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed July 7th 2025 in observance for the 4th of July holiday.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY.....	
CONTRIBUTIONS JUN 29.....	\$2,292.75.	NURSERY JUL 13.....	
SUNDAY SCHOOL JUN 29.....	45	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Peanut Butter
WORSHIP JUN 29.....	88	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
GREETER.....	Lynn Tweed	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
GREETER JUL 13.....	Kay & Jack Van Deman		(803.374.1677; Jdkovas@umcsc.org)
LITURGIST.....	Gregory Sanderson	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...	Shelby Nolan
LITURGIST JUL 13.....	Ray Crouse		(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
HEAD USHER JULY.....	Sammy Quick	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE JULY.....	Norma Cobb		(843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE SIXTH DAY *of* JULY 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - GREEN

JULY 6th 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

CHORAL PRELUDE This is My Song FINLANDIA
This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH Gregory Sanderson
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.

CHIMING & INTROIT God of the Ages **NATIONAL HYMN**
*God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds
in splendor through the skies, our grateful song before thy throne arise.*

OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 696 America the Beautiful MATERNA

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed Gregory Sanderson

†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.

PSALTER 780 R 1 Psalm 46 Gregory Sanderson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 697 My Country, 'Tis of Thee AMERICA

OFFERTORY Battle Hymn Julia Ward Howe

†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER 95 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 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Paul Lemmel
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. O Soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. His word shall not fail you He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace, His glory and grace. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

†**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 6: 25-34 Rev. Joseph Kovas

SERMON *What's Next?* Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 405 Seek Ye First SEEK YE
Our altar rail is always open for personal and intercessory prayer as the Holy Spirit guides you

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER Rev. Joseph Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION God Bless America Irving Berlin
*God bless America land that I love stand beside her and guide her through the night with a
 light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam: God bless
 America, my home, sweet home!*

†**POSTLUDE** The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

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, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), James Thurman (Angie Smith's Father), Jenny Outen, the family of Donald King, Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurt's sister), Judy Hennecy (Libby Shutt's cousin), the family of Ray Young, Jack Van Deman, Larry Spears, and the family of Sue Kriner (Judy Dixon's aunt).