

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all our faithful members of FUMC and for Rev. Kovas's birthday (Wed. 24) by Jackson Stone.

**WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF): IT'S BACK!** Please join us for a Wednesday night meal and prayer meeting that will take place in our fellowship hall. 5:45-6:30. This will happen through the month of September to gauge interest. Activities will take place during the Wednesday night supper, such as a short liturgy service, a hymn-sing, a Bible Study, but most of the time just having good ole Methodist fun! We want Wednesday night suppers to be a fun and inviting evening surrounded by good food and friends.

**ABBA'S HOUSE:** ABBA'S House is collecting new and gently used coats through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Drop off at Maranatha Mon-Fri between 8:30-2:00pm.

**GRIEFSHARE:** Bonnie Cundiff & Susan Marsh are our facilitators of this group. The group meets from 10:30am-12:30pm Wednesdays for 13 weeks. It ends Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> unless a meeting has to be rescheduled. We have a banner that will be put at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Market. Bonnie Cundiff: (843) 910-7526. Susan Marsh: (843) 921-7831.

**A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS:** Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. You DO NOT want to miss this incredible opportunity. Sacred/Secular musical program featuring strings, brass, organ, piano, and a 50 member choir singing all of your favorite Christmas tunes. Reception to follow. Join us!

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY TODAY.....	Lesley Jean Watson
CONTRIBUTIONS SEPT 21.....	\$3,370.00.	NURSERY OCT 5.....	
SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPT 21.....	38	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Grits
WORSHIP SEPT 21.....	75	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Kathryn Hurst	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
LITURGIST OCT 5.....	Rhett Butler		(803.374.1677; Jdkovas@umcsc.org)
GREETER TODAY.....	Kelly & Eric Dusa	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...	Shelby Nolan
GREETER OCT 5.....	Gini Eddins		(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
HEAD USHER SEPT.....	Norma Cobb	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE SEPT.....	Carley Watson		(843.506.4312; jacystone14@gmail.com)

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY of SEPTEMBER 2025

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE

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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - GREEN

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2025 | 11:00am

† THE PEOPLE STAND

**PRELUDE** Piano/Organ duet - Lead Me to Calvary; Tell Me the Old Story

## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

Kathryn Hurst

*Welcome 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** Many Gifts, One Spirit Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us love to learn each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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

†HYMN 139 Praise to the Lord LOBE DEN HERREN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed Kathryn Hurst

†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 854 R Psalm 139 Kathryn Hurst

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

MESSIAH

OFFERTORY Op. 14 D Major

Piano Book of Solos

†DOXOLOGY 95 & 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 Treasures in Heaven

Allen Pote

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within, give from within, from within your heart.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. There will your heart be also.

ADAPTED FROM MATTHEW 6:19, 1 CORINTHIANS 9:7

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8: 1-17

Rev. Joseph Kovas

SERMON John Wesley's Witness of the Holy Spirit

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 545 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION Amen in G

Holcombe

†POSTLUDE Postlude in C Major

Jean Wilmont

**PRAYER LIST** Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, health care workers, EMTs, 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 Thraillkill, Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurst's sister), Jack Van Deman, David Dixon, Nadia Harris, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), Jim Thomas (friend of the Rushing family), and Pal Moore.