

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jackson Stone on his birthday with thanks for all he does for our church.

**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. 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:** FUMC will be serving at ABBA’S House Monday, September 22. We still have 11 lasagnas that need preparing and we need 7 more individuals to help prepare plates. Please sign up at the table located beside the fellowship hall doors. Thank you in advance for your help.

**JOY CLUB:** Joy Club resumes and will meet Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Price is \$12.00 per person. Please contact Gini Eddins (843-910-4745) if you want to attend by September 12<sup>th</sup> (noon).

**VANCO CANCELLATION:** After careful consideration, the decision has been made to not renew our agreement with Vanco. Effective immediately, using the Vanco app or QR code to donate money to FUMC is not available. Even though this online payment option has been cancelled, an alternate donation method would be to set up an ACH bank draft by contacting the church office. The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their understanding and support. We also ask for your prayers to guide us as we work to prepare the 2026 budget.

**EPWORTH'S OFFERING:** We take up donations for Epworth's Children Home Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please make checks payable to Epworth's Children Home. It is a workday offering.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** Our Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. All are invited to come and celebrate all the wonders God has done in our community in 2025. More information to follow.

**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 re-scheduled. 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.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY TODAY.....	Kelly Dusa
CONTRIBUTIONS SEPT 7.....	\$4,139.00.	NURSERY SEPT 21.....	Christy Ruffner
SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPT 7.....	34	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Grits
WORSHIP SEPT 7.....	72	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Sue Skipper	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
LITURGIST SEPT 21.....	Gregory Sanderson		(803.374.1677; Jdkovas@umcsc.org)
GREETER TODAY.....	Marianne & Jim Crawford	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...Shelby Nolan	
GREETER SEPT 21.....	Raymond Crouse		(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
HEAD USHER SEPT.....	Norma Cobb	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE SEPT.....	Carley Watson		(843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com)

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE FOURTEENTH DAY *of* SEPTEMBER 2025

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE

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



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - GREEN

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 | 11:00AM

EPWORTH WORK DAY

† THE PEOPLE STAND

**PRELUDE** His Eye is on the Sparrow Charles Gabriel

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH** Sue Skipper  
*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** Surely the Presence WOLFE  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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

†**HYMN 66** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles’ Creed Sue Skipper

†**GLORIA PATRI 71** GREATOR  
*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 824 R** Psalm 103 Sue Skipper

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**HYMN 355** Depth of Mercy CANTERBURY

**OFFERTORY** No One Ever Cared for me like Jesus George Beverly Shea

†**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** In my Heart there Rings a Melody D. Duane Blakely  
I have a song that Jesus gave me, It was sent from heav’n above; There never was a sweeter melody, ‘Tis a melody of love. *Oh! In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with heaven’s harmony. Oh, in my heart there rings a melody; There rings a melody of love.* I love the Christ who died on Calv’ry, for He washed my sins away; He put within my heart a melody, and I know it’s there to stay. ‘Twill be my endless theme in glory, with the angels I will sing; ‘Twill be a song with glorious harmony; when the courts of heaven ring. *Oh! In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with heaven’s harmony. Oh, in my heart there rings a melody; There rings a melody of love.* There rings a melody, a melody, a melody of love! ELTON M. ROTH, 1924

†**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18: 21-35 Rev. Joseph Kovas

**SERMON** *Forgiveness sets us free* Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**HYMN 389** Freely, Freely FREELY, FREELY

†**DISMISSAL & PRAYER** Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Irish Blessing Joyce Bacak  
May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, and until we meet again, May the God that loves us all hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

†**POSTLUDE** Festive Recessional David Lasky

**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 Thrailkill, James Thurman (Angie Smith’s Father), Sarah Potapova (Betty Hursts's sister), Jack Van Deman, Gailya Wilson, David Dixon, Jenny Outen, Nadia Harris, the family of Joye Howard (friends of the Dusa's), Barbara Dickson, the family of Bruce Pruitt (Pal Moore's Brother), the family of Shannon Johnson, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), and the family of Bobby Spears.