

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Shannon Johnson, following her 56<sup>th</sup> birthday (October 8<sup>th</sup>).

**JOY CLUB:** Joy Club will meet Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. The meal will be catered by Jeanette Sowell and will cost \$12.00/person. Hand and foot cards will be played starting at 9:30 am. Please let me know by 12 noon this Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending. Also please indicate if you will be playing cards. Thank you. Gini Eddins.

**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.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:** The UWF will meet on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 in the fellowship hall. All Methodist women are invited.

**HALLOWEEN TABLE:** Again this year, FUMC will have a table set-up for the Town-of-Cheraw's Halloween walk-through at Centennial Park on Thursday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. We need donations of candy and the treat baggies that can be left in the church office. Thank you!

**GRIEFSHARE:** Need someone to talk to? Is the burden too great? GriefShare meets from 10:30am-12:30pm every Wednesday for 13 weeks. It ends Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> unless a meeting must be rescheduled. Bonnie Cundiff: (843) 910-7526. Susan Marsh: (843) 921-7831.

**A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS – HELP NEEDED:** We need your help for our Christmas Program Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Ushering, decorating the church and fellowship hall (additional décor aside from Advent decorations, like greenery, candles, lights, etc.), passing out programs, moving chairs and furniture, supervising the reception, and security are items for discussion. In the coming weeks, a small meeting will be held to discuss these options. Contact Jackson Stone if you are interested in helping and wish to be added to the “group” of helpers. Also, please begin thinking about the food item(s) you might bring to the reception. We speculate 400+ in the congregation like last year.

**PAL MOORE'S ADDRESS:** Atrium Health Carolina's Rehabilitation.  
275 Beatty Rd. Room 1116 Belmont, NC, 28012

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	<b>\$5,928.83.</b>
CONTRIBUTIONS OCT 5.....	<b>\$2,191.00.</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL OCT 5.....	44
WORSHIP OCT 5.....	69
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Ray Crouse
LITURGIST OCT 12.....	Eric Dusa
GREETER TODAY.....	Debbie Elmore
GREETER OCT 12.....	Angela Holliday
HEAD USHER OCT.....	Ray Crouse
ACOLYTE OCT.....	Norma Cobb

NURSERY TODAY.....	Dawn Leach
NURSERY OCT 12.....	Michelle Rohde
MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Instant Rice
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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWELFTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025  
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE  
THE CHURCH WITH A HEART IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE – GREEN

OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 – 11:00 AM

†CONGREGATION STANDS

## †DOXOLOGY 95

*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.*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

## ANTHEM Spirit Song

Tom Fettke

O let the Son of God enfold you with his spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Fill your lambs.

JOHN WIMBER, 1979

## †SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## SERMON *Seek the Welfare of the City*

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## †HYMN 433 All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

## †DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## †CHORAL BENEDICTION Let All the World

Ralph V. Williams

Refrain: *Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.* The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Refrain.

## †POSTLUDE Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts

Stephen Wallace

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**THE LAST HYMN:** The last hymn in our service today is admittedly not as well-known throughout Methodist congregations. It is the only hymn in the Methodist Hymnal that is connected to Jeremiah 29 and pairs with today's scripture reading. The prelude and introit are based on it; Please listen intently and sing your best!

**PRAYER LIST** - Our Church, President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State & 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, Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurst's sister), Jack Van Deman, David Dixon, Nadia Harris, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), Pal Moore, Fran Lewis (Mary Crouse's sister), Regina Reames (Brantley Butler Reams' mother-in-law), Barbara Dickson (total hip replacement Mon. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>), Kaitlyn Freeman, and Lesley Jean Watson.

**PRELUDE** Variations on "CHARLESTOWN"

Joyce Bacak

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!**

Ray Crouse

Welcome to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please read and take note of our important announcements.

**CHIMING & INTROIT** All Who Love and Serve

CHARLESTOWN

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless.

**OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Joseph Kovas

**†HYMN 733** Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881**

Ray Crouse

**†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 790 – Psalm 66**

Ray Crouse

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Joseph Kovas

**†HYMN 427** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

**OFFERTORY** Adoration

Florence Price