

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE EIGHTEENTH DAY *of* JANUARY 2026

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SUNDAY**

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SUNDAY – GREEN

JANUARY 18, 2026 – 11:00 AM

†CONGREGATION STANDS

**PRELUDE** Ceremonial March

Mark Williams

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Benjamin Kolodziej

**CHIMING/INTROIT** His Name is Wonderful

WONDERFUL

His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!** Eric Dusa

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.

†**HYMN 181** Ye Servants of God

HANOVER

\*Remain seated at first, find the page, and stand when the choir stands (last phrase).

**PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Joseph Kovas

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

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†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881**

Eric Dusa

†**GLORIA PATRI**

GREATOREX

*Glory be 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 774 – PSALM 40 R**

Eric Dusa

# CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## †HYMN 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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## OFFERTORY Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Benjamin Kolodziej

## †DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*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 Lord, Here Am I with Here Am I, Send Me

Cindy Berry

Ready and willing, Lord, here am I. Master, thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me, and I'll find thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me. What is my labor, and where it shall be? Master, thou callest, and this I reply: Ready and willing, Lord, here am I. Here am I, send me, here I am, Lord, send me, unto thee willingly, yielded I come. Show the path that I must walk, compel me then to go, and if I stray, bring back the light of day, for here am I, send me, I pray. Living or dying, I still would be thine; Yet I am mortal while thou art divine. Pardon whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the Light. Master, thou callest, and this I reply: Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!

## SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49: 1-7

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## SERMON *We are Servants*

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## †HYMN 593 Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

\*Remain seated at first, find the page, and stand when the choir stands (last phrase).

## DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

## †CHORAL BENEDICTION O God in Heaven

HALAD

\*Please remain standing as the choir sings the benediction.

## †POSTLUDE Festival Prelude

Mark L. Williams

**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** Please pick up a 2026 committee and church officers list beside the office. This publication also contains the liturgist schedule, greeter schedule, and acolyte schedule. Each church member is encouraged to have one (especially if you are frequently a leader in worship or member of a committee).

**THANKS:** Thank you for your organ donation at A First Church Christmas 2025! \$4,015.00 was collected.

**TRY IT TO SEE:** The tradition has been to immediately stand when the organ starts to play to sing a hymn. We have noticed that this “hurried” process can create confusion in later parts of the service when hymns aren’t announced (on purpose). Over the next few weeks, we are going to try a different method. When the organ starts to play for the hymns, don’t stand immediately. The entire hymn will be played through as the introduction. Find the correct page and follow along in the hymn and stand when we reach the last line or phrase. The hope with this endeavor is that it gives you much more time to find the page of the hymn, acquaint yourself with the tune, and stand together as one body. You will need to stand with confidence! If this language is confusing to you, please watch the choir. Stand when they stand.

**MISSING A DISH?**: Please pick up your personal dishes from the Christmas program last month. Several dishes were left behind that do not belong to the church kitchen (fellowship hall). Stop in to check it out.

**ALTAR GUILD NEXT MONTH:** Cindy Sanderson & Jackson Stone

**THANK YOU:** The Shepherd’s Child Christmas party was a huge success this year! The 61 children were so well behaved, loving, and so very appreciative. Many hugs were given and many kind words were given from the parents and grandparents. The party could not have happened without all your support whether it was a monetary donation or buying gifts for a child or two. Thanks to all the wrappers and servers. A special thanks to Zenda Rushing for all her help! This is a huge undertaking for our church, and many people have been blessed by our generosity.

**PEOPLE STILL NEED YOUR HELP:** Yes, it is a new year, but we still have people in need. Please remember our Blessing Box at the exit of our parking lot (self-opening cans, please...also, bags and clothespins in the fellowship hall). And please remember your donations to McArn Food Bank and continue to help with ABBA’S house. Thank you all so much. – Missions/Evangelism.

**JOY CLUB:** The next JOY gathering is Thursday, January 15 at 12:00 noon. Come hear Billie Sikes speak and watch the *Nurse Honor Guard* perform. We need hostesses to help set up, serve, and clean up.

**PAL MOORE:** In care of Morningside of Gastonia. 2755 Union Rd. Apt 102, Gastonia NC 28054.

**ABBA’S HOUSE:** The next ABBA’S house serving is Monday, January 19. We need people to pick up frozen lasagnas after church Sunday, January 18 and return the baked lasagna either to the church or to ABBA’S house directly by 3:30pm Monday, January 19. We also need servers. Please sign up by the fellowship hall.

**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, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas & Sharon McKinnon, Frank Shutt, Pal Moore, Kaitlyn Freeman, Lesley Jean Watson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith’s cousin), Wyatt Smith (Gini Eddins Mother’s Morning Out Child), Avery Dickson, Nadia Harris, the family of Jimmie Creech, Jack Van Deman, Gailya Wilson, the family of Mr. Herbert Gadson (father of Rev. Telley Gadson – our DS), and John Trussell.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	<b>\$5,928.83.</b>
CONTRIBUTIONS JAN 11.....	<b>\$2,995.00.</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL JAN 11.....	<b>37</b>
WORSHIP JAN 11.....	<b>81</b>
LITURGIST TODAY.....	<b>Eric Dusa</b>
LITURGIST JAN 25.....	<b>Barbara Dickson</b>
GREETER TODAY.....	<b>Jerry &amp; Julia Tucker</b>
GREETER JAN 18.....	<b>Lynn Tweed</b>
HEAD USHER JAN.....	<b>Rhett Butler</b>
ACOLYTE JAN.....	<b>Charlie Ruffner</b>

NURSERY TODAY.....	<b>Kelly Dusa</b>
NURSERY JAN 18.....	<b>Michelle Rohde</b>
MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	<b>Dried Beans</b>
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