



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM

UMC SCOUTING SUNDAY

The Church with a Heart in the Heart of Cheraw

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Vincent Prevatte

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

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 833 – PSALM 112: 1–9 R

Vincent Prevatte

The Liturgist reads the light typeface. The congregation reads the bold typeface in response. The Psalm response is sung at each R.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children are invited to join Rev. Kovas on the chancel steps. Children are dismissed to the nursery or back to families following the lesson.

†HYMN 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

Remain seated at first, find the page, and stand when the choir stands.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Walking in the Light

Jayne van Bueron

†DOXOLOGY

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

Light of the World

Joel Raney

Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe in me. In my Father's house, I've prepared a place for you, and I will come for you to take you home. Let not your heart be troubled, I am the way, the truth and life. And if you know me, you know the Father; immortal God, eternal light. Jesus, light of the world, holy Lord of all. King of kings to reign on earth forever. Lord and Savior, Jesus, the light of the world. Lord, let your light shine through us, may our deeds glorify your name. King of kings, eternal Lord of lords, immortal, holy Three in One – the great I AM! Jesus, light of the world, holy Lord of all. King of kings to reign on earth forever. Lord and Savior, Emmanuel, precious Lamb of God, great Redeemer, holy Jesus! Jesus, the light of the world.

SCRIPTURE READING

†Matthew 5: 13-20 *congregation stands*

Rev. Kovas

SERMON

We are the Light of the World

Rev. Kovas

†HYMN INSERT found in this bulletin

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON

Remain seated at first, find the page, and stand when the choir stands.

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION *please remain standing*

The Irish Blessing

Joyce Eliers

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

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us faithfully pray for 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 MMO Child), Avery Dickson, Nadia Harris, the family of Jimmie Creech, Jack Van Deman, Gailya Wilson, John Trussell, James Thurman (Angie Smith's dad), Gayle Davis, the family of Forest Bassham (Penny Quick's friend), Martha Starling, Kim Carnell, Judy Dixon, Lucy Parsons, Barbara Dickson, and the family of Karen Rogers (friend of Jackson Stone and many in the choir).

As members of God's family, remember those who are trapped in the cycle of addiction and those who walk with them. Remember the over-thinkers, the worriers, the depressed, and those riddled with anxiety. Remember the young and aged who struggle with chronic mental illnesses. Remember those who serve and defend our great nation, including our president, congress, governors, mayors, state & local employees, health care workers and doctors, EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and those who labor tirelessly with no relief. We also remember those who live with progressive neurological or immunological diseases and loved ones who support them. At this time in the cold winter months, let us particularly remember those without a home who must endure the bitter cold days and even colder nights, including animals that have been neglected. Remember the oppressed and marginalized, those without food and water, and those who are scorned. Finally, remember those who do not know the love of Jesus. Remember those who have been hurt by religion and have turned away from God that they might experience Jesus' great redeeming love once more. Remember those who pray but find their prayers unanswered. Remember those who feel like giving up. Remember those who are persecuted in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and those who have died defending it.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY: HEAR OUR PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY lasts from Christmastide to Lent and culminates on Transfiguration Sunday. During this season, we focus on Jesus' ministry and acts of grace and humble service. Green paraments adorn our church during Epiphany, symbolizing growth, renewal, and continuity. In earlier Methodist worship, this "ordinary time" was known as Kingdomtide, reflecting God's Kingdom present on earth through Jesus Christ. The green banners in this publication correspond to the current liturgical season.

COVER ARTWORK: John August Swanson, Festival of Lights, 2000.

CONFIRMATION/RETREAT INTEREST MEETING: If you are a youth who is of confirmation age (minimum age 12) or youth 12 and up who has not gone through confirmation and/or a parent/guardian of a confirmation age youth, **please meet with Pastor Kovas after worship today in the office for a brief interest meeting.**

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: The Youth Ministry of First Church will be at the doors of the sanctuary today fundraising for "souper bowl" Sunday. Please come prepared to pick which team you would like to win and place a donation in the appropriate bowl. Regardless of which team you pick, your contributions to youth ministry are appreciated.

MCARN FOOD BANK: The McArn Food Bank in need of the following items for their Backpack Ministry. These items may be placed in the basket outside the office door. **Mac and cheese cups, cereal cups, pop-tarts, instant grits/oatmeal cups, and pudding cups.** Thank you!

HOLY EXPERIMENTATION: To clarify when to stand for hymns, please remain seated when a hymn begins. Wait until the choir stands before you rise. The first verse of each hymn will be played through entirely while you're seated, giving you time to find the hymnal page without feeling rushed. If unsure, **simply watch the choir for your cue to stand.** We appreciate your flexibility as we try this new approach to ensure everyone remains together during worship.

SHROVE TUESDAY: Our Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser Dinner **February 17, 2026** at 5:30pm. There is no cost for the pancake dinner. Donations made to the Fireflies and Youth are **HIGHLY** appreciated.

STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING is Tuesday, **February 10, 2026** in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY evening service is Wednesday, **February 18, 2026** at 6:00pm. Please plan to begin the Lenten journey with us Ash Wednesday.

BBQ SALE: First Presbyterian Church & St. David's Episcopal Church is having a barbecue sale. You may purchase BBQ by the pound (\$14.00) or the whole butt (\$45.00). Pickup is at St. David's Church **February 7 from 11:00-12:00**. There are a limited number of whole butts being sold. The proceeds are being used to support First Presbyterian Church's youth group ministry.

JOHN WESLEY'S DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING, RULE #1: *Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.* (This rule and the rest can be found in your United Methodist Hymnal pg. Vi)

JOY CLUB will meet Thursday, **February 19 at 12:00pm** in the fellowship hall. Bill's Grill of Patrick will provide hamburger steak with peppers and onions on the side, baked beans, salad, and rolls. Zenda and I will provide dessert. The cost is \$12.00/person. We need to know if you will be attending by noon Friday, February 13. It is very important that you let us know by this date and time as we will not be able to change the number we give to the caterer after this date. **Amy Gavin** will be our guest speaker. Hand and foot cards will be played at 9:30am. Please indicate if you will be eating, playing cards, or both. Thank you, Gini Eddins.

IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, please contact the church office with this information.

OUR UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH will meet Tuesday, February 10 at 3:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please remember to bring your pre-signed Valentine cards. All women are invited to come and fellowship together.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!!! If you had heat, stayed dry, and had food to eat during this past winter storm, count your blessings! Now, share with your brothers & sisters by hanging extra blankets, sweaters, gloves, earmuffs, and scarves on our blessing fence. Large bags, black sharpies, and clothespins are still in the fellowship hall. Place self-opening cans of food in our blessing box. Please continue to donate to the McArn Food Bank. Thank you - *Missions/Evangelism*.

SCOUT LAW

Leader: The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

Scouts: A Scout is trustworthy.

Leader: He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts: A Scout is loyal.

Leader: You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. ... (Leviticus 19:18)

Scouts: A Scout is helpful.

Leader: Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

Scouts: A Scout is friendly.

Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scouts: A Scout is courteous.

Leader: A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

Scouts: A Scout is kind.

Leader: Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Scouts: A Scout is obedient.

Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:13-15)

Scouts: A Scout is cheerful.

Leader: Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

Scouts: A Scout is thrifty.

Leader: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts: A Scout is brave.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)

Scouts: A Scout is clean.

Leader: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

Scouts: A Scout is reverent.

Leader: A scout is reverent toward God. A scout is faithful in their religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris -'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de -mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev -'ry dread dis -ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des -ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou -sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev -'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



February Birthdays

2/3 Collin Lewis

2/6 Susan Allen

2/7 Bryan Moore Crawford

2/7 Cameron Crouse

2/9 Alex Lee

2/12 Gini Eddins

2/14 Jimmy Duffy

2/15 Barbara Dickson

2/16 Shellie Mears

2/17 Jake Williamson

2/17 Sammy Quick

2/18 Keith Stubbs

2/18 John Sanderson

2/28 Will Smith

Happy AV to
M&M Jackson
Rushing!











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ORGANIZED 1822
ESTABLISHED 1832

SUNDAY February 8

9:15am.....Choir Rehearsal
10:00am.....Sunday School
11:00am.....Worship
12:10pm.....Confirmation Meeting
5:30pm-7:00pm.....Fireflies & Youth

MONDAY February 9

9:00am-1:30pm.....Church office open

TUESDAY February 10

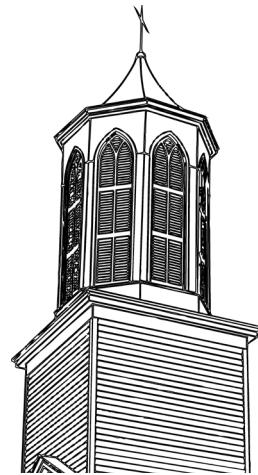
9:00am-1:30pm.....Church office open
10:30am-12:00pm.....Planning
12:00pm.....**Bulletin Deadline**
5:30pm.....Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY February 11

9:00am-1:30pm.....Church office open
5:30pm-6:15pm.....Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm.....Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY February 15

9:15am.....Choir Rehearsal
10:00am.....Sunday School
11:00am.....Worship



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TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83
CONTRIBUTIONS FEB 1.....	
SUNDAY SCHOOL FEB 1.....	
WORSHIP FEB 1.....	
LITURGIST	Vincent Prevatte
LITURGIST FEB 15.....	Sammy Quick
GREETER.....	Chase & Lesley Jean Watson
GREETER FEB 15.....	Jimmie Williamson
HEAD USHER FEB.....	Keith Smith
ALTAR GUILD FEB.....	Cindy Sanderson/Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE FEB.....	Carley Watson
NURSERY.....	Michelle Rohde
NURSERY FEB 15.....	Lesley Jean Watson
MCARN FOOD BANK.....	Instant Rice