

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Whitaker Smith	
PRELUDE	In Christ Alone with The Solid Rock/Larson	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*HYMN	What a Friend	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify the Father	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/GREETING	Andy Whitaker Smith	
OFFERTORY	God Is So Good w/ Jesus Loves Me/Tornquist	Elise Knoll, Piano
*DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	How Bad Can It Be?/John 3:11-21	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 144	This Is My Father’s World	
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Every Time I Feel the Spirit/Patterson	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
OPENING SONG	God So Loved	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Jeremy Hearn	
*SONGS OF PRAISE	House of The Lord, This Beating Heart, Holy Spirit	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/GREETING	Andy Whitaker Smith	
OFFERTORY	Mother Bird, Mother Bear	
SERMON	How Bad Can It Be?/John 3:11-21	Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE	God The Maker of The Heavens	
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith	

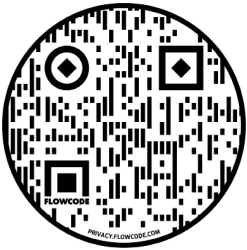
11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Whitaker Smith	
PRELUDE	Love Unknown/Corl	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*HYMN 363	And Can It Be (st. 1, 3 & 5)	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*GLORIA PATRI 70	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	God So Loved the World/Stainer	Chancel Choir
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/GREETING	Andy Whitaker Smith	
OFFERTORY	My Song Is Love Unknown/Schalk	Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	How Bad Can It Be?/John 3:11-21	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 144	This Is My Father’s World	
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*RESPONSE	The Lord Bless You And Keep You/Rutter	
POSTLUDE	Postlude in A/Faulkes	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jeremy Hearn	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Alex Shanks	
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Great Are You Lord, Oh How I Need You, God So Loved	
CENTERING PRAYER	Alex Shanks	
OFFERTORY	Mother Bird, Mother Bear	
DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	How Bad Can It Be?/John 3:11-21	Alex Shanks
COMMUNION	Alex Shanks	
*SONG OF RESPONSE	For The Beauty of The Earth	
*BENEDICTION	Alex Shanks	

CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: Jesus teaches Nicodemus of how much God loved the world, and thus how much God gives toward the world.	
ALL:	God has given us dominion over it all. Should it not be used as we like? How bad can it be?
LEADER: Does Jesus offer himself to the world, so that we may use him, as we like? Or is there a greater purpose?	
ALL:	Help us to see and know your purpose for us, O God,
ABOUT OUR SERVICES	

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Presence in Worship (April 24)
In Person: 772
Online: 736
Total: 1,508

8:15am Sanctuary Service: Traditional worship presented in a new way with a fresh approach to time-honored hymns and a variety of styles of music.

9:30am Fellowship Center: A more contemporary, relaxed atmosphere with worship music of today.

11am Sanctuary Service: Traditional hymns with organ accompaniment, as well as musical pieces from our various fine arts groups.

11am The Current: A unique worship experience with contemporary worship music and settings. Communion is offered each Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE	
Hospitalized (as of May 3) Ray Finklea, Cliff Perkal, Caroline Kent	
Baptized Haley June Riforgiat (5/1), Daughter of Wil & Stacy Riforgiat	
Birth Alessandro Daniel Monacelli, 4/28 Son of Ivelisse De la Fe and Gian Carlo Monacelli	
Altar Flowers To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit firstumc.org/altar-flowers or contact Angela Everett: aeverett@firstumc.org , 863-686-3163	

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor or online at firstumc.org/connect.



The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a worship plus three church. **Worship Plus Three** is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God’s work in our lives.

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact Diana Russell (info@firstumc.org - 863-686-3163 x223)



Guest Preacher May 29, Rev Dr Martyn Atkins
Rev Dr Martyn Atkins has been a British Methodist pastor for over 40 years. He served as professor of mission and evangelism, then President of Cliff College - a Methodist training institute in England; was elected as the President of the Methodist Church in Britain and was for 7 years its General Secretary. He was Superintendent of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, working closely with Westminster Abbey and Parliament. Over the past 20 years, Fresh Expressions and Mission Shaped Church have been a lasting interest, and he has written several books on this and related subjects. He has preached and spoken at events in 20 countries over the past 20 years. He is married with three grown children and (currently) three grandchildren.





Explore First | May 15, 5-6:45pm

If you're on a journey searching for God, for ways to connect, or looking for a church to join to grow in your faith, you are welcome here! We invite you to take your next step by joining us. For more information or to register, visit firstumc.org/explore-first.

CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact **Cristi Moore, Director of Children's Ministries: cmoore@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x226.**

Sundays (No Programming This Evening)

- **9:30am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)**
- **11am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)**
- **5-7pm: Sunday Evening Programming (K - 5th Grade)**

5th Grade Dinner, June 3, 6-8pm

Calling all 5th Grade Students! It is time to celebrate YOU with a walk down memory lane, complete with dinner, activities, and a few surprise guests from your time in Children's Ministries. As you prepare to move into the Connect Youth Ministries, we wanted to share one last special event created just for you. So put on your "fancy" clothes and come enjoy an evening of memories, fun, and yes maybe even a few tears. This will be your last time to sign in at the children's check in desk! To register visit firstumc.org/children

Summer Music Camp, Jun 27-Jul 1, 9am-3pm, \$110 per child (\$90 for Siblings)

What is a summer music camp? It's a week full of drama, arts and crafts, singing, acting, dancing, set making, lights and sound, devotion, Bible study, percussion class, snacks, and much more that ends with a full musical production of the story of the Good Samaritan. Register at firstumc.org/events.

VBS 2022 Registration Now Available, firstumc.org/vbs

Join us for Food Truck Party VBS! Jul 11-15 8:45am-Noon. Children who have completed K-5th grade are invited to get on a roll with God for this summer's biggest party! Volunteer opportunities are also available. For more information or to register by Jun 3, visit firstumc.org/vbs.

Warren W. Willis Summer Camp (Children & Youth), Jul 18-23, 2022

Registration is now open for students rising into 4th grade through graduated 12th graders. For more information, and to register visit firstumc.org/children.

Volunteers Needed!

If you have a passion to serve in Children's Ministries, we need YOU! Some opportunities are with children and some are not. We have opportunities on Sun mornings, Sun evenings with the cooking team, or programming assistance (4:30-7pm), Wed evenings, or during the day on weekdays helping prepare materials for classes and events. Is God calling you? If so, please answer the call by contacting Cristi Moore at cmoore@firstumc.org.

YOUTH

For information regarding our Youth Ministry events, contact **Emily Felgenhauer, Director of Youth Ministries: efelgenhauer@firstumc.org, (863) 687-9750 x253.**

No Youth Programming Today (5/8)

Connect Youth Summer Events, Find more information at firstumc.org/youth

June 1- Beach Day

June 22- Escape Room

July 25-28- Local Mission Week

August 3- Typhoon Lagoon Disney Water park

ADULTS

For more information or Zoom/Online credentials, contact **Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: wpattison@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x227.**

9:30am Sunday School for Adults

Our Sunday School classes meet in person with the option to join online. Visit firstumc.org/adult-sunday-school for more information on connecting with a particular class.

Wednesday Evening Dinner/Classes

We invite you to join us for a community meal each Wednesday, 5-6pm, in our Fellowship Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults (13 and up), \$4 for a children 12 and under. firstumc.org/midweek.

Wednesday Evening Conversations on Jesus and the Lorax

Join us for a conversation around the themes and ideas from the previous Sunday's sermon in the series "Jesus and the Lorax." 6:30pm in room C-207.

May 11 - Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith

May 18- Rev. Nicki Taylor

May 25 - Rev. David McEntire

Journeys of Paul Cruise Informational Meeting, Sun, May 15, 12:15pm, C-203

Learn more about how you can walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul on this Mediterranean cruise aboard the new ship Odyssey of the Seas. Experience Athens, Corinth, Ephesus and more, with an optional Rome pre-tour. The trip is hosted by our age level discipleship directors: Emily Felgenhauer, Cristi Moore and Warren Pattison. Learn more at firstumc.org/cruise.

Embrace Hope Retreat, June 18 8:30am-12:30pm, Wesley Center

A Christ-focused half-day retreat where we will be led by a licensed counselor and activities director with a holistic approach to navigating grief. The morning will include hands-on activities, worship music, a healing prayer service with Communion, and resources for continuing your journey of healing.

The Sacred Enneagram Young Adults Study, Starting May 11, 7:30pm, C-201C

Discover more about pathways and spiritual practices specific to your Enneagram type that can lead you into a deeper relationship with Christ and more meaningful ways of connecting to the world and others. Not sure what your type is? No worries. We'll help you discover it as we journey together. More info at firstumc.org/groups.

A Disciple's Path, Weds, May 11 - Jun 22, 6:00-7:30pm, firstumc.org/adp

Join us for A Disciple's Path and learn more about following Jesus in the Methodist tradition. This seven-session foundational course will lead you into a deeper love of God and others through daily spiritual practices and weekly class sessions. When you complete the course, you will have concrete next steps to take in growing in your faith. This is a hybrid group, meeting in-person and online. Register at firstumc.org/adp.

MISSIONS

For more information regarding Missions, contact **Forrest White, Director of Missions: fwhite@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x224.**

Toby's Water Warriors, May 21, 8:30-11:30am

We will spend the morning doing cleanup around Lake Parker. Cleanup supplies provided by the City. Open to all ages. Children younger than middle school age must be accompanied by a parent. This is a great chance to serve together as a family! Requires completed liability release form. Register at firstumc.org/events.

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