8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** David McEntire

PRELUDE Brethren, We Have Met to Worship/Sherman Ringers & Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP Nicki Taylor

*HYMN 150 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 884 Nicki Taylor

*GLORIA PATRI We Will Glorify the Father

Handbell Ringers & Singers **ANTHEM** Amazing Grace/Wilson **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** David McEntire

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/GREETING Nicki Taylor

OFFERTORY Lord of the Dance/McChesney Ringers & Singers

*DOXOLOGY 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SERMON Let it Grow!/Luke 19:37-40; Matthew 13:31-32 David McEntire

*HYMN 405 Seek Ye First

*BENEDICTION David McEntire *RESPONSE May the Grace of God Go With You/Corl

Ringers & Singers POSTLUDE All Things Bright and Beautiful/arr. Beckstrand Elise Knoll

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Build Your Kingdom Here **OPENING SONG**

David McEntire **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** David McEntire *CALL TO WORSHIP

Beautiful Things, Life Is Beautiful, From The Day ***SONGS OF PRAISE**

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/GREETING Nicki Taylor

All The Poor & Powerless **OFFERTORY**

Let it Grow!/Luke 19:37-40; Matthew 13:31-32 David McEntire SERMON

*SONG OF RESPONSE God The Maker of The Heavens

David McEntire *BENEDICTION

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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*GLORIA PATRI 70 Glory Be to the Father

BAPTISM Cherellyn Anne Collins, Daughter of Justin & Rosie Reck

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11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Andy Whitaker Smith

Andy Whitaker Smith *CALL TO WORSHIP Beautiful Things, Life Is Beautiful, From The Day

CENTERING PRAYER Andy Whitaker Smith

OFFERTORY All The Poor & Powerless

DOXOLOGY

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

SERMON Let it Grow!/Luke 19:37-40; Matthew 13:31-32 Andy Whitaker Smith

COMMUNION Andy Whitaker Smith

***SONG OF RESPONSE** God The Maker of The Heavens

*BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed-small at first, but grows into

a refuge for many.

ALL: We come for that refuge ourselves. What do we do with the seed

God gives us?

LEADER: Maybe it's just one tiny seed, but it's all we really need.

ALL: It's time to change the life we lead-time to let it grow!

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code

for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving

Presence in Worship (May 8)

In Person: 596 Online: 463 Total: 1,060



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 15)

Ray Finklea, Cliff Perkal, Caroline Kent

Death

Niobe (Ny) Rivers, 5/6

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)



Ringers & Singers Concert, Today, 4pm, Sanctuary

Ringing two six-octave sets of Whitechapel handbells plus five octaves of Malmark ChoirChime instruments, the Ringers & Singers combine the arts of ringing and singing in a marvelous free presentation.



VBS 2022 Registration Now Available

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! Register by Jun 3 at visit firstumc.org/vbs.



Guest Preacher Next Sunday, 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.

CHILDREN

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

Sundays:

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

Family Summer Kick Off, May 29, 5-7pm

We are kicking off the summer with some inflatable fun for all ages. From a bounce house and obstacle course to a 24 ft rock climbing wall and more! Come jump into summer with us and enjoy some dinner and fun! For more information, and to register visit firstumc.org/events.

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

Family Skate Night, June 5, 5-7pm at Skate World

It's an old fashioned skating party for everyone! Join us at Skate World as we take over the rink. Admission, skate and skate buddies (to help you make it around the rink) are all included and free for the evening. Visit firstumc.org/events for more info and to register.

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.

YOUTH

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

Sundays:

10-10:45am Donuts and Discussion, F1
5pm Youth Group (\$5 Dinner), F1

Wednesdays:

5:15pm Phoenix Dinner (\$8/dinner), Fellowship Center

6pm Open Gym, Gym

6:30 - 7:30pm Middle School Bible Study, F25

High School Bible Study, Youth Game Room

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

Our last PHOENIX fellowship dinner of the school year will be this Wed, May 25. Our Summer Supper schedule will start on Jun 8, when we will welcome a presentation from Church World Service on refugee resettlement ministry. Mark your calendar for these summer supper dates: June 8, June 15, July 20, Aug 3, and Aug 17. Our preview of Fall offerings will be Aug 31. Dinners are 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 25 - Rev. David McEntire

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.

Women's Walking Group

The Morning Women's Walking group will begin meeting on Tuesday Mornings at 9am starting next Tuesday, May 24th. We are moving the meeting day for the morning walking group from Mondays to Tuesdays to better accommodate schedules. Marcie Loher will continue as leader of the morning group. The afternoon Women's Walking Group will stop for the summer from May-Aug. For more information and to register, visit firstumc.org/groups.

Sisterhood Women's Book Club

Ladies, do enjoy reading books and being a part of a community of Christminded, open-hearted people? You are invited to join the Sisterhood Women's Book Club! We meet twice a month on Wednesdays (following summer supper schedule) at 6:30pm in Room C-204. Our next meeting is MAY 25 which is a social time and Find Your People Wrap up. Our next book selection is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Join us on JUNE 8 for Before We Were Yours Book Club Discussion and JUNE 22 for Social/Book Wrap up. For more information and to register, visit firstumc.org/groups.

MISSIONS

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

Noah's Ark: On the first Sat of each month we visit Noah's Ark for games and fellowship with residents! Founded in 1997, Noah's Ark exists "to provide meaningful housing and lifestyle options for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities." Meet at 9am in the First United bus parking lot. We will return to church at Noon. Open to all ages. Children younger than middle school age must be accompanied by a parent. **Upcoming Dates: June 4, July 2, August 6 *registration required at firstumc.org/events**

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