

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	David McEntire	
PRELUDE	Jesus Is Lord/Corl	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP	David McEntire	
*HYMN 2070	He Is Exalted	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify the Father	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/GREETING	Nicki Taylor	
OFFERTORY	Amazing Grace/Grady	Debbie Klise & Elaine Clemens
*DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Someone Up There Loves You!	Martyn Atkins
*HYMN 2074	Shout to the Lord	
*BENEDICTION	Martyn Atkins	
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Rejoice, the Lord Is King/Patterson	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
OPENING SONG	Come Thou Fount	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	David McEntire	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*SONGS OF PRAISE	O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, This Beating Heart, Made Alive	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/GREETING	Nicki Taylor	
OFFERTORY	Treasure	
SERMON	Someone Up There Loves You!	Martyn Atkins
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Build My Life	
*BENEDICTION	Martyn Atkins	

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	David McEntire	
PRELUDE	Paraphrase on Two Hymntunes/Ashdown	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP	David McEntire	
*HYMN 154	All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889	David McEntire	
*GLORIA PATRI 70	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	O Clap Your Hands/Rutter	Chancel Choir
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/GREETING	Nicki Taylor	
OFFERTORY	Come, Celebrate Our God and King/Wilkinson	Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Someone Up There Loves You!	Martyn Atkins
*HYMN 715	Rejoice, the Lord Is King	
*BENEDICTION	Martyn Atkins	
*RESPONSE	The Lord Bless You and Keep You/Lutkin	
POSTLUDE	Prelude in G/Bach	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*SONGS OF PRAISE	O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, This Beating Heart, Made Alive	
CENTERING PRAYER	Andy Whitaker Smith	
OFFERTORY	Treasure	
DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Don’t Look Up!	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION	Andy Whitaker Smith	
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Build My Life	
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith	

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.

ALL: The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!

LEADER: Come, let’s sing praise to God together,

ALL: for our God is sovereign over all the earth!

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 15)

In Person: 674

Online: 474

Total: 1,148



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 22)

Jean Burt, Debbie Dettmer, Ron Grove, Clifford Perkall

Death

Mary Jane Gallagher, 5/21

Baptism

Cherellyn Anne Collins, 5/21
Daughter of Justin & Rosie Reck

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



Guest Preacher: Rev Dr Martyn Atkins Today at 8:15, 9:30 Contemporary and 11 Traditional

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.

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)



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 firstumc.org/vbs.



Embrace Hope Retreat, June 18 8:30am-12:30pm, Wesley Center, free, firstumc.org/events

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.

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, Tonight, 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, Jun 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, Jun 5, 5-7pm, 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.

Family Paint Night, Jun 12, 5-7pm

A family favorite is back! Time to create a family masterpiece. Each family will be given a canvas and step-by-step directions from a leader of Art Centric, on completing your next work of art together. Cost is \$20 per family and space is limited. For more information or to register, visit firstumc.org/events.

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.

Sunday:

10-10:45am Donuts and Discussion, F1
5pm End of the School Year Bash, Fellowship Center & Gym

Wednesday:

8am - 4:30pm Youth Beach Day to Anna Maria Island (Registration Required)

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

June 22- Escape Room

July 6- Dinner & Movie Night at Lakeside Village

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 Summer Supper schedules starts 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: Jun 8, Jun 22, Jul 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.

Women's Walking Group

To better accommodate schedules, the Morning Women's Walking group is now meeting on Tuesdays. Marcie Loher will continue as leader of the morning group. The afternoon Women's Walking Group has stopped for the summer. For more information and to register, visit firstumc.org/groups.

Sisterhood Women's Book Club

Ladies, do you enjoy reading books and being a part of a community of Christ-minded, 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 book selection is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Join us on Jun 8 for Before We Were Yours Book Club Discussion and Jun 22 for Social/Book Wrap up. For more information and to register, visit firstumc.org/groups.

Journeys of Paul Cruise Informational Meeting, Tuesday May 31, 4pm

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. There is an informational meeting on Tuesday May 31 at 4pm in room C-207. Learn more and register at firstumc.org/cruise.

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**

First Sunday Food Collection

Please mark your calendars and set reminders in your phones for our next three food collection: **June 5, July 3 and August 7**. You may drop your food from **1-3pm** at the Missions Depot on the Vistabula Street side of church. Volunteers at First United will sort and box donations. Requested items are listed in the First Sunday Food Collection events at firstumc.org/events ***Registration required to help in Depot***

Refugee Resettlement First United will partner with Church World Service to serve refugees identified by the CWS office in Tampa. If you feel called to serve these families and individuals in crisis and journey alongside them as they move toward self-sufficiency, please join us on June 8 in Room C-207 at 6pm. A CWS staff person will be with us via Zoom.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 29, 2022

MAKING DISCIPLES OF
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