

Sunday April 24th

Youth Sunday

8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 AM

Today is Youth Sunday
The morning worship services (excluding The Current) will be led entirely by our youth. Please support them with your prayers as they take on the responsibilities of music, ushers, greeters, and more.

8:15AM TRADITIONAL, 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY, 11AM TRADITIONAL

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| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Evan Coppolo |
| PRELUDE | Joyful Alleluia/Matthew Corl | Youth Handbells |
| *SONG OF PRAISE | Lay Me Down | |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | | Chloe Warren |
| *SONGS OF PRAISE | Jesus We Love You, Hallelujah Here Below | |
| GREETING | | Megan Gallagher |
| PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER | Andy Whitaker Smith & Aubrey Warren | |
| OFFERING | | Will Corl |
| OFFERTORY | Song of Love | Youth Choir |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Romans 12:4-8 | Warren Mayes |
| SERMON | | Shelby Hallman |
| *BENEDICTION | | Emily Felgenhauer |

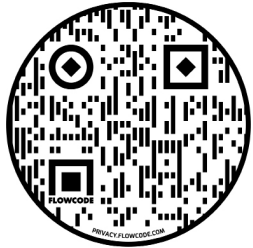
11:00AM THE CURRENT

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| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS | David McEntire |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | David McEntire |
| *SONGS OF PRAISE | How Great Thou Art, Rise, Cornerstone |
| CENTERING PRAYER | David McEntire |
| OFFERTORY | Build Your Kingdom Here |
| DOXOLOGY | |
| SERMON | David McEntire |
| COMMUNION | David McEntire |
| *SONG OF RESPONSE | Come Ye Sinners |
| *BENEDICTION | David McEntire |

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving



Presence in Worship (April 10)

In Person: 808
Online: 714
Total: 1522

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.

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are all different in body, mind and soul.
ALL: We are all connected through God, The Son and The Holy Spirit.
LEADER: There are many parts of the body and we all have a purpose.
ALL: All have spiritual gifts we can use to share God’s love.
Lord help us to use our gifts to heal our brothers and sisters!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Hospitalized (as of Apr 20)
Jerry Barringer, Walter Hill, Suzanne Moody, Kim Scott, Anne Watkins

Deaths
Geraldine Kraft (1/22), John Foss (4/9)

Birth
Claire Evans Johnston, (3/26)
Daughter of Tim & Sarah Johnston

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

In memory of my husband Rev. Howard Malcolm Wansley by Barbara Wansley.

Easter Lily Dedication Correction
Easter lily dedicated in honor of Ann Morse by Doug & Debbie Morse

YOUTH MERCHANDISE
FOR SALE IN COURTYARD

PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT YOUTH

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND LOOK GOOD WHILE DOING IT!
HATS, SHIRTS, SWEATPANTS, STICKERS, AND MORE WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM 8AM-12:15PM IN THE COURTYARD

April 30 12:30-3pm

JESUS and the LARAX

launch party

Join us for lunch, a movie,
and some fun activities together.

This event is free and will be great for all ages.
All students need to be accompanied by an adult.

Visit firstumc.org/events to register.

ADVENTURE
AWAITS!

AT WARREN WILLIS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CHILDREN & YOUTH | JULY 18-23 | [FIRSTUMC.ORG/EVENTS](https://firstumc.org/events)

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)**

Wednesdays

- **4-5:30pm Kids PRAISE**
- **6:30-7:30pm Small Group (K - 5th Grade)**

4th & 5th Grade Event, May 6, 6:15-8:30pm

Jump for joy! This will be epic! We will be going to Defy Lakeland with one hour of jump time and then a pizza party! For more information or to register by Apr 29, visit firstumc.org/children.

Summer Music Camp, Jun 27-Jul, 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.

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

Sundays: (No Programming This Morning)

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| 9:15-10am | Youth Choir Practice, E2 |
| 10-10:45am | Donuts and Discussion, F1 |
| 3:45pm | Youth Praise Band Practice, F1 |
| 5pm | Youth Group (\$5 Dinner), F1 |

Wednesdays:

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| 5pm | Youth Handbell Practice, E21 |
| 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 |

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.

Saint John's Bible Presentation, Apr 27, 6:30pm, C-207

The Saint John's Bible is the first illuminated manuscript of the Bible in the 21st Century. First UMC has acquired a set of reproductions of this amazing masterwork in memory of Rev. José Bové, who served First UMC as Minister of Christian Education for many years. This presentation will give an overview of the Saint John's Bible and provide the opportunity to experience the reproductions of this beautiful hand-written illuminated Bible.

Sisterhood Women's Book Club Launch

Sisterhood Women's Book Club will launch on Wednesday, Apr 27 at 6:30pm in room C-205 to discuss the book Find Your People by Jennie Allen. At our first book club, we will discuss our first book, decide how often to meet, and pick our next book together. Visit firstumc.org/groups for more information and to register.

Genesis Class Annual Pancake Breakfast, May 7, 7am-Noon

All proceeds go to benefit families in need in the Lakeland area. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship on your way to Mayfaire by the Lake. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.

A Disciple's Path, Weds, 6:00-7:30pm, May 11 - Jun 22

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

Refugee Resettlement Information Sessions, Sun, May 1

We will have two information sessions on refugee resettlement - from 9:45-10:15am and 12:15-12:45pm in the Sanctuary.

Engage Lakeland, Sat, Apr 30, 8:30am-Noon

We will reach out to a neighborhood identified by the Dream Center of Lakeland through its Engage Lakeland ministry, which seeks to build "real relationships" based on "love and trust." Open to all ages. Children younger than middle school age must be accompanied by a parent. Register at firstumc.org/events.

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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JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION
OF THE WORLD

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