

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	In Christ Alone/Larson	Nicki Taylor Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN	My Hope is Built	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Deep River/Hogan	Ella Parham
*DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
SERMON	We Believe in Grace (Romans 5:1-5)	Nicki Taylor
*HYMN 378	Amazing Grace	
*BENEDICTION		Nicki Taylor
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Trumpet Tune/Phillips	Matthew H. Corl


9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
OPENING SONG		
	From the Day	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Nicki Taylor Jeremy Hearn
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Come As You Are, Front Porch, Presence	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Made Alive	
SERMON	We Believe in Grace (Romans 5:1-5)	Nicki Taylor
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly	
*BENEDICTION		Nicki Taylor

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Three Variations on The Solid Rock/Haan	Andy Whitaker Smith Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Terry Heck
*HYMN 368	My Hope is Built	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881		Terry Heck
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory be to the Father	
BAPTISM	Aries Jeremy-Lee Whittingham, Son of Phillip and Felicia Whittingham	
ANTHEM	Deep River/Hogan	Ella Parham
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Terry Heck
OFFERTORY	God of Grace/Fettke	Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
SERMON	We Believe in Grace (Romans 5:1-5)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 378	Amazing Grace	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE 670	Go Forth for God	
POSTLUDE	Trumpet Tune/Phillips	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Nicki Taylor
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Come As You Are, Front Porch, Presence	Nicki Taylor
CENTERING PRAYER		Nicki Taylor
OFFERTORY	Made Alive	
DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	We Believe in Grace (Romans 5:1-5)	Nicki Taylor
COMMUNION		Nicki Taylor
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly	
*BENEDICTION		Nicki Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: As United Methodists, we believe in Grace.	
ALL:	Grace before we’re aware, Grace which awakens us, and Grace which keeps us going.
LEADER: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have obtained access to this Grace in which we stand.	
ALL:	God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

ABOUT OUR SERVICES	
Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving	
Presence in Worship (July 31) In Person: 507 Online: 830 Total: 1337	

Text to Give: Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

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 August 8)	
Carole Taylor Chastain, David Donker, Ray Finklea, Ed Jeffries, Caroline Kent, Jan Luce, John Schlachter, Chesson Volosin	


Deaths	
Claudia Kersey, 7/14, Jerry Barringer, 8/3, Roger Triebwasser, 8/4, Phyllis Snavelly, 8/5	
Altar Flowers	
In memory of Paula Miller Higgins by the Miller and Higgins families	
To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit firstumc.org/altar-flowers or contact Angela Everett: 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)



Disciple Bible Study
Encounter the Bible and experience transformative Christian community in Disciple Bible Study. *Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* is the best tool to provide people with a knowledge of the Bible that leads to transformation, not just information. Orientation is Sunday, Aug 28 at 5pm. The 34-week Disciple I course starts Sunday, Sept 11 at 5pm. Register at firstumc.org/disciple-bible-study.



FAMILY FALL KICK OFF
AUGUST 14TH @ 5PM-7PM
COST: FREE
ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO COME LEARN ALL ABOUT OUR BIG EVENTS, CURRICULUM, AND WIN PRIZES! DINNER WILL BE SERVED.
*CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



Advent Devotion Writers Needed
The 2022 Advent sermon series theme is “A Thrill of Hope.” The devotion can be up to 500 words and must include a scripture verse and a short prayer. Send your devotion via email to AdventDevotion@firstumc.org by Friday, Oct 7. If you have any questions, please contact Muriel Kuhn at 386-546-7343.

SECOND SUNDAY GATHERING

Join us today in the Welcome Center starting at 9am for our Second Sunday Gathering. There will be free refreshments and learn about what is happening this fall in adult, youth, children, music, and scouts.

ADULTS

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

NEW Podcast: Everyday Discipleship

Hear from people in our congregation as they share how they are following Jesus in everyday life. Our host Maggie Merryday talks with our first guest, the amazing Sarah Hester, our American Sign Language interpreter and Deaf ministry leader. Listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or Facebook. If you would like to learn ASL, register for Sarah's Monday evenings classes - Basic ASL and Songs in Sign - firstumc.org/groups. Also be sure to check out Sarah's YouTube channel, Sarah Signs.

The Borders of Our Responsibility: Christian Ethics & Migration ,Tues, 6:30-8pm, Sept 13 - Oct 18 (6 weeks, in person), Room C-206

This course is part of Candler Foundry, a partnership between local churches and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Dr. Bryan Ellrod is the instructor and is the Postdoctoral Fellow in Leadership and Character in Pre-Law at Wake Forest University. Meant to be a prelude to responsible action, this in-person course will explore the theological ethics of migration, attending the various goods that make claims on our responsibilities - and the lives that are caught between them. The course fee is waived if you use the promotion code FirstUMC. Learn More & Register at firstumc.org/groups.

The Screwtape Letters Study Group, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Room C-207, Begins Sept 7 (8 sessions)

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." Rick Jefferies leads this 8 week study. This group will meet in a hybrid format - you can join in person in room C-207 or online via Zoom. Copies of the book are available in Our Giving Tree. Register at firstumc.org/groups

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.

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 upcoming meeting on Aug 17 will be a book discussion on The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boon followed by a social/ wrap up on Aug 31. For more information and to register, visit firstumc.org/groups.

Men's Weekly Lunchtime Bible Study

Followers of the Way, our weekly men's Bible study, meets on Tuesdays, 11:45am-1pm in the Parlor. Men of all ages are invited to join us for lunch and a study of the upcoming Sunday's Bible passage. Purchase your hot lunch in the Fellowship Center for \$10 and join us in the Parlor at 11:45 for a time of sharing. At noon we pray and then dive into our study, concluding by 1pm. Contact Warren for more info (wpattison@firstumc.org). Register at firstumc.org/groups.

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)

3rd grade Bible Presentation, September 11, 9:30am service

Receiving a 3rd grade Bible is a special milestone! We are excited to share this milestone with your 3rd grade child and your family. For more information or to register by August 21 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 Morning: 10-10:45am Donuts and Discussion, F1

Warren Willis Fall Retreat, Sept 16-18, \$65

Join Connect Youth Ministries as we head to Warren Willis for the Fall Retreat! We will be leaving at 5pm on Friday, Sept 16 and returning at noon on Sunday, Sept 18. Registration closes on Monday, Sept 5.

Youth Serve Saturday - Toby's Water Warriors, Aug 20

Come join us for our first Serve Saturday of the school year! We will be meeting at the church at 8:30am and heading over to Lake Parker to pick up trash around the lake. We will arrive back at the church around 11:30am. All youth who participate will receive 2 service hours.

MISSIONS

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

All God's Children, Aug 27, 10:30am-1:30pm

We will join friends in our "adopted" neighborhood for a BBQ and time of fellowship as part of the Dream Center's Engage Lakeland initiative, which seeks to build "real relationships" based on "love and trust." Children younger than middle school age must be accompanied by a parent. Register at firstumc.org/events.

Game Time, Sept 3 and Oct 1, 9am-12pm

On the first Saturday each month we will 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. *registration required at firstumc.org/events.

Clean the Water, Aug 20, 8:30-11:30am

Spend the morning doing cleanup around Lake Parker with the City of Lakeland's Toby's Water Warriors program. Meet at 8:30am in the First United bus parking lot adjacent to the facilities building. We will return to church around 11:30am. Cleanup supplies provided by the City. Open to all ages. Children younger than middle school age must be accompanied by a parent. Requires completed liability release form. *registration required at firstumc.org/events.

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