

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Praise to the Lord/Patterson	Kim DuBreuil Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		
<b>*HYMN 2036/139</b>	Give Thanks/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881</b>		
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	We Will Glorify	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father/arr. Adams	Kim DuBreuil
	Debbie Klise, flute	
<b>DOXOLOGY 95</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
<b>SERMON</b>	Grace That Runs (Luke 15:11-32)	Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 143</b>	On Eagles’ Wings	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*RESPONSE</b>	As We Go	Charley Reeb
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Jubilate/Douglas	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Kim DuBreuil
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Oh, How I Need You, Joy of The Lord, Life is Beautiful	Kim DuBreuil
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>		
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Deep Love of Jesus	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>SERMON</b>	Grace That Runs (Luke 15:11-32)	Charley Reeb
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Christ Be Magnified	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
		Charley Reeb

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Choral Paraphrase on St Anne/Whitford	Kim DuBreuil Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		
<b>*HYMN 117</b>	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881</b>		
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory Be to the Father	Kim DuBreuil
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father/arr. Adams	
	Debbie Klise, flute	
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	God is Our Refuge and Strength/Page	Kim DuBreuil
	Chancel Choir; Debbie Klise, flute; Gilbert Besse, trumpet	
<b>DOXOLOGY 94</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
<b>SERMON</b>	Grace That Runs (Luke 15:11-32)	Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 130</b>	God Will Take Care Of You	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*RESPONSE 666</b>	Shalom To You	Charley Reeb
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Jubilate/Douglas	Matthew H. Corl

Psalms of God’s providence and praise inspired this morning’s music. Watts’ paraphrase of Ps. 90, UMH117 and UMH143, quoting Ps. 91 remind us of God’s love for us. The Chancel Choir offers Ps. 46, accompanied by flute and trumpet, reflecting Ps. 150: “let everything that breathes praise the Lord”.

\*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Creator, My Testimony, The Way	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Not In A Hurry	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>SERMON</b>	Against With the Grain (Matthew 6:25-34)	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>COMMUNION</b>		
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	I Surrender All	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
		Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: Worship fills our souls, but it doesn’t stop here.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>We are called to carry love beyond these walls.</b>
LEADER: God sends us with courage, compassion, and joy.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>And we go—servants of grace, disciples of peace.</b>

ABOUT OUR SERVICES	
<b>We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at <a href="https://firstumc.org/connect">firstumc.org/connect</a>.</b>	

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

Presence in Worship (Sep 21)

In Person: 784  
Online: 1,188  
Total: 1,972

**Giving Through September 14, 2025**  
YTD Budgeted Income: \$2,903,657  
YTD Actual Income: 2,633,400  
\$ (270,257)

Questions? Call Patrick Hamrick in the church office, 863-686-3163 x213

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

**Acolytes/Crucifers:** Cameron Vessels, 8:15am; Ashlyn Lisenby, 11am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE	
<b>Please notify the church when you are in the hospital!</b>	
<b>For care and love from pastors &amp; the church, call or email the church office and leave word about your hospitalization. If you are unable to do this, ask a friend or relative to do it for you.</b>	

<b>Hospital</b>
Devone Hassler
Allen Williamson

<b>Altar Flowers</b>
To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit <a href="https://firstumc.org/altar-flowers">firstumc.org/altar-flowers</a> or contact Angela Everett: 863-686-3163.



DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
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**Weekly Text:** Luke 15:11-32

**Monday:** What does the father’s response to the prodigal son teach us about God’s nature?

**Tuesday:** How do you relate to the younger son in your own life? Have you experienced a time of “wandering”?

**Wednesday:** In what ways can you identify with the older son? How can you cultivate a heart that rejoices in others’ redemption?

**Thursday:** What steps can you take to extend grace to those who have hurt or disappointed you?

**Friday:** How can this parable influence your understanding of your relationship with God and with others?

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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**To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact The Church Office ([info@firstumc.org](mailto:info@firstumc.org) - 863-686-3163)**



**Jesus in the Gospels Bible Study starting Monday, Sep 29 at 6pm**  
Whether you are seeking to know Jesus for the first time or hoping to grow deeper in a faith you have carried for years, this study is for you. Jesus in the Gospels will take you on a journey through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John introducing you to Jesus through the eyes of those who first told His story. Facilitated by Jamie Roberts starting Monday, September 29 at 6pm in Room C-205. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](https://firstumc.org/groups) or scan the bulletin QR code.



**Trunk or Treat**  
Trunk or Treat is coming up on October 25 from 3-5pm on our campus, invite your friends for an afternoon of fall fun! We’re in desperate need of candy, so please look for the clearly marked bins around campus to drop off individually wrapped bags of candy, or visit [firstumc.org/tot](https://firstumc.org/tot) to order online. We also need lots of volunteers to help make this event possible! For more information, contact Andrea Bailey at [abailey@firstumc.org](mailto:abailey@firstumc.org)



**Advent Devotional Writers**  
Be part of this year’s daily devotional book by sharing your voice and creativity! Whether it’s a short written reflection (under 500 words), a meaningful story or memory, a family tradition, a favorite recipe, an original poem, an acrostic, a skit, or even a piece of visual art—all formats are welcome. The devotion should include a title, short prayer and a verse or two of scripture. Deadline to submit your work to [adventdevotion@firstumc.org](mailto:adventdevotion@firstumc.org) is Oct 10.



**Neighborhood Ministries BBQ Fundraiser**  
Every purchase directly supports local students and helps us continue making an impact in our community. Pre-orders are required and can be placed at tables outside our worship spaces on Sundays from Sep 21 to Oct12, or online at [firstumc.org/events](https://firstumc.org/events).

## CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact Megan Gallagher, Director of Children's Ministries: [mgallagher@firstumc.org](mailto:mgallagher@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x280

**Sundays**  
9:30am KIC Start (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)  
11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)

**Wednesdays**  
4-5:15pm KIC Choir (kindergarten - 5th grade)  
6-7:30pm KIC Friends (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade) - See [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) for more information

**Thursdays**  
9:00-10:30 Pray and Play- See [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) for more info

**Children's Parent Study: Faithful Families - Sept 24-Nov 12, 6-7:30pm**  
Join us for this 8-Week study that guides parents through the basics of establishing a faith practice at home as we gather with others to share stories, reflect on Scripture, journal, and engage in thoughtful conversation. Along with the study, parents are encouraged to engage in hands-on faith practices with your family, based on the book Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home.

**KIC Club 4/5 Escape Room & Halloween Party, Oct 26 5-7pm**  
Fourth and fifth graders join us on a spooky adventure. Teams will work together to complete 13 puzzles and challenges to escape the mysterious mansion. Can they discover the secrets of the mansion and escape in time? We will enjoy a meal of chicken nuggets prior to beginning our adventure. Children may wear costumes but please no mask and ensure the child is able to move freely to enjoy the escape room. Registration closes on October 24th. This is a great event to invite your friends too as well! To register visit: [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

**3rd grade Bible Presentation, Oct 19, 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 October 13 visit: [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

**We Are the Children of God (Children's Sunday), Oct 19, 9:30 service only**  
Join us for a very special service led by our children. This will be a full worship service for the entire family. Therefore, there will be no other children's programming or childcare during this service. Childcare during the 11 am service will be available.

**Children's Ministry Seeking Sunday and Wednesday Volunteers**  
Do you enjoy working with young children, from babies to elementary school age? The Children's Ministry is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us. We need assistance on Sundays from 9am to 10:30am and Wednesdays from 5:40pm to 7:45pm. If you're interested in finding out more, please reach out to Megan at [MGallagher@firstumc.org](mailto:MGallagher@firstumc.org).

## ADULTS

For more information, contact Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: [wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x227. Registration for groups, classes, and courses is available at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Financial Peace University Fall Session, Wednesdays at 6pm**  
Weekly classes to kickstart your journey towards financial peace will be held on Wednesday nights starting at 6 PM. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. Normally \$95, we have invested in licenses to enable you to take this class for FREE! Secure your spot today and register at [firstumc.org/fpu](http://firstumc.org/fpu).

**Christ-Centered Yoga Fall Series, Mon, Sep 15-Nov 24, 6pm, Rm C-201D**  
Join a beginner level, slow-flow Christ-centered yoga class with Be Still Movement. Experience a time to enjoy stillness through physical movement, meditation, & breath prayers as worship to Christ. A time to slow down and come as you are. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**JOY 55+ Ministry Circle B Bar Reserve Tram Tour, Friday, October 10**  
Join us for our JOY(Just Older Youth) October outing on Friday, October 10, for a guided tram tour of the beautiful Circle B Bar Reserve. Led by Jeff and Lynette Spence, this tour will showcase the reserve's stunning scenery, birdlife, and rich history. The tram tour is limited to 25 people, so please register by October 6 at [FirstUMC.org/events](http://FirstUMC.org/events) to secure your spot.

## YOUNG ADULTS

For more information, contact Jen Swygard, Director of Young Adult Ministries: [JSwygard@firstumc.org](mailto:JSwygard@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x226; Follow us on IG: @1stLKLDYoungAdults or FB: 1st LKLD Young Adults to stay connected



**Community Bible Reading (CBR)**  
Community Bible Reading (CBR) meets on Tuesdays (except the last Tuesday of each month) from 6-8pm, beginning Sep 2, at the home of Jen Swygard. We'll enjoy dinner together while discussing Scripture. To join, sign up through the Church Center app (scan the QR code) for the address.

**College Back-to-School Brunch, Today**  
College students—stick around after the 11:00 services today for a back-to-school brunch in the courtyard by the swan fountain. Be sure to visit [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups) and join our "College & Career Group" to see all of our monthly college activities.

**Young Adults Serve, Thurs, Oct 2, 5:30-8pm**  
Come bake cookies & brownies for the teachers & staff at Philip O'Brien Elementary. We'll have pizza and all the supplies, if you could come with \$25 gift cards to Walmart, Target, Publix, or Aldi to contribute to their Thanksgiving gifts. Don't have \$25? You're probably not alone - bring some cash, and a few of us together can contribute \$25! Or just come and bake! Email [JSwygard@firstumc.org](mailto:JSwygard@firstumc.org) for address.

## YOUTH

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

**Sunday, Sep 28:**  
9:30am Youth Choir Practice  
10:30am Donuts and Discussion  
1pm Youth Musical Auditions  
3:30pm Youth Praise Band  
5pm Youth Group

**Wednesday, Oct 1:**  
4:45pm Youth Handbells  
5:15pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal  
6pm Open Gym  
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies

**Thursday, Oct 2:**  
4pm Pumpkins Arrive

**Friday, Oct 3:**  
Pumpkin Patch Open  
Weekdays, 4-7pm  
Weekend, 10am-7pm

**Pumpkin Delivery Day, Thu, Oct 2, 4pm**  
It's that time of year again! Our pumpkins are scheduled to arrive. Please meet out on the front lawn around 3:45pm. We need all hands-on deck!

**Youth Family Camping, Nov 7-9**  
Join us for a weekend of fun, faith, and family around the campfire at Lucky U Ranch. For more info or to register by Oct 10 visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**High School Mission Trip Info Meeting, Sun Oct 12, 12:15pm, F101**  
Join us for our High School 2026 Summer Mission Trip Info Meeting to Anchorage, Alaska. We'll discuss travel dates, payment schedule, types of missions we will be doing, and more! (This trip also includes any parents of HS students interested in attending and our current 8th graders who will be in high school in the fall of 2026.)

## MISSIONS

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

**Philip O'Brien Elementary School**  
The 2025-26 school year is here! Please consider helping our partner school in one of more of these ways: the school requests these items: pencils, glue sticks, crayons and markers; Serve as a kindergarten reading pal for an hour each week. Training required. Or serve as a classroom volunteer; Saturday library days to help students with reading skills while parents meet with staff; provide a \$25 gift card (Publix, Aldi, Walmart, Target) for Thanksgiving. We need about 80 total to cover all teachers and staff members. Contact either of our O'Brien passion team leaders for additional information - Joleen Golden ([joleengolden@yahoo.com](mailto:joleengolden@yahoo.com)) or Ann Skellenger ([abraham409@aol.com](mailto:abraham409@aol.com)).

**KidsPACK**  
Our first packing event will be this Wednesday, Oct 1. We will need a huge turnout since we will be packing for five weeks. Setup begins in the Welcome Center at 9am while packing begins at 4pm. If you have questions, please contact our KP leader Skip Stevenson ([safetyskip@gmail.com](mailto:safetyskip@gmail.com)) Note: Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month through May for the 2025-26 school year.

**Food Collection**  
We will receive food at the Missions Depot next Sunday immediately following the 11am worship services until 1:30pm. Servants at First United sort and box donations. Our donations have dropped off considerably. Please contribute if you can. Even one jar of peanut butter helps! The list of requested items is posted at [firstumc.org/firstsundayfood](http://firstumc.org/firstsundayfood). Thank you for your generosity and a reminder to please donate only requested items.

**Dream Center**  
Our ministry partner has added a new Kid's Club Director, Angie Feder. She comes with lots of passion and ministry experience. With Angie onboard Dream Center is looking for more volunteers, specifically to help with Saturday morning program and afterschool programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Angie via email for more information or to serve! ([afeder@victorylakeland.org](mailto:afeder@victorylakeland.org)).

## INVITE

For more information, contact Invite Ministry Pastor, Kim DuBreuil, at [kdubreuil@firstumc.org](mailto:kdubreuil@firstumc.org) or Invite Ministries Coordinator, Andrea Bailey, at [abailey@firstumc.org](mailto:abailey@firstumc.org)

**New Member Sunday**  
Our next opportunity to join the church will be on Sunday, September 28th during the worship service you typically attend. If you are interested in joining, or learning more about First UMC, please reach out to Pastor Kim DuBreuil ([kdubreuil@firstumc.org](mailto:kdubreuil@firstumc.org)).

**New to the Church?**  
Join us for Explore First (or Dinner with the Pastors) on Wednesday, **October 15** from 5-6:30 p.m. (Parlor). Please R.S.V.P. Pastor Kim at [kdubreuil@firstumc.org](mailto:kdubreuil@firstumc.org).

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