

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
PRELUDE	Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Miller	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN	Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 884		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Andy Whitaker Smith	
OFFERTORY	The Gift of Love/Hopson	Charles Fernandez
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Church that God Blesses (2nd Chronicles 7:1-3)	Charley Reeb
*HYMN 451	Be Thou My Vision	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Postlude/Stanford	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

OPENING SONG		Hope to Carry On
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP	Holy Ground	
*SONGS OF PRAISE	The Only Name (Yours Will Be), Share the Well	
	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, Flying with Jesus	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Riley Short
OFFERTORY	Grace Like Rain	
SERMON	The Church that God Blesses (2nd Chronicles 7:1-3)	Charley Reeb
CLOSING	Sanctuary	
BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
EXIT SONG	I’ll Fly Away	

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
PRELUDE	Hope in God/Mallory	Youth Handbell
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 451	Be Thou My Vision	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 884		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	The Gift of Love/Hopson	Charles Fernandez
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Andy Whitaker Smith	
OFFERTORY	Our God/arr. Mauldin	Youth Choir
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Church that God Blesses (2nd Chronicles 7:1-3)	Charley Reeb
*HYMN 140	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom To You	
POSTLUDE	Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Hustad	Matthew H. Corl

This morning the Youth Choir and Handbells will share their gifts. The prelude reflects Psalm 42:11 “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.” The hymns remind us of God’s faithfulness.

\*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

YOUTH CHOIR		Our God
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kim DuBreuil
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail), Raise A Hallelujah, Firm Foundation (He Won’t)	
CENTERING PRAYER		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Called Me Higher	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Being Exposed (John 4: 1-30)	Kim DuBreuil
COMMUNION		Kim DuBreuil
*SONG OF RESPONSE	It Is Well	
*BENEDICTION		Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise be to God who has called us together.  
**ALL: We gather here seeking healing and hope.**  
LEADER: Open your hearts to God’s redeeming love.  
**ALL: Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways. AMEN.**

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

**We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at [firstumc.org/connect](https://firstumc.org/connect).**

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 (Oct 5)**  
In Person: 800  
Online: 1,194  
Total: 1,994

**Giving Through September 28, 2025**  
YTD Budgeted Income: \$3,060,611  
YTD Actual Income: 2,815,228  
\$ (245,383)  
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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**With your permission, our pastors and lay visitors want to visit and pray with you if you are in the hospital. Please have someone notify us by CALLING the church office at 863-686-3163.**

**Birth**  
Sylvia Catherine Walters  
Born September 27, 2025  
Daughter of Elizabeth & Boomer Walters

**Deaths**  
Bob Smith, 9/29  
Harlan Proctor, 9/30  
Allen Williamson, 9/30

**Altar Flowers**  
In memory of Sandra Gann Allen by her family

In memory of Bob Gunter’s heavenly birthday by his wife Barbara Gunter

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**Weekly Text:** 2nd Chronicles 6:12-7:3

**Monday:** What stands out to you in Solomon’s prayer? How does it reflect your own prayer life?

**Tuesday:** In what ways do you see God’s faithfulness in your life? Can you share a specific instance?

**Wednesday:** What does it mean to you to have a place where you can meet with God? How can you create that space in your life?

**Thursday:** How do you interpret God’s conditions for blessing in this passage? What steps can you take to align your life more closely with what God desires?

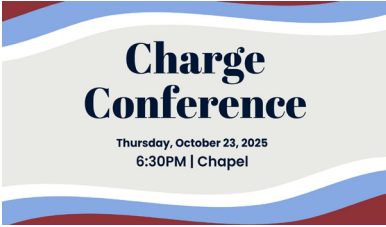
**Friday:** How can you encourage others in your community to seek God’s presence as portrayed in this scripture?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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)**



**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)



**Charge Conference**  
The annual Charge Conference is scheduled for October 23 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. This is a time of administrative reporting to the Gulf Central District that includes renewal of candidates for ordained ministry, recommendation of lay servant ministries, and membership and nominations reports.  
. Thank you for your support!



**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).



**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).



**Baseball as a Metaphor for the Christian Life**  
**Wednesdays, 6pm in room C-206, Oct 22-Nov 19**  
Step up to the plate this October—right in the heart of World Series action! What does America’s favorite pastime reveal about walking with Christ? Join Karl Olexa for an unexpected journey where the crack of the bat meets the power of Scripture. From “ninth-inning” miracles to stories of redemption, we’ll discover how baseball’s greatest moments connect with our spiritual walk. Explore clutch deliveries when all hope seems lost, the stories of saints and sinners, the rituals in baseball and our faith, and the beautiful truth that every game—and every life—offers a chance to begin again. Whether you’re a die-hard fan or barely know a strike from a ball, you’ll never see baseball—or your faith—the same way again!



## 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

Visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) to learn more!

**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)

**Thursdays**  
9:00-10:30 Pray and Play

**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.

**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. To register by Oct 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.

**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).

**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).

**JOY Planning Team Meeting, Tuesday, October 14, 1:45pm in the Parlor or by Zoom**

Do you have creative ideas for future luncheons and outings for our JOY (55+) ministry? We'd love for you to join our Planning Team meeting on Tuesday, October 15, at 1:45 pm in the Parlor or via Zoom. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**TheoEd begins Wednesday, October 15 at 6pm in Room C-207**

TheoEd offers an accessible way to explore your faith, whether you're a lifelong churchgoer or just starting to get curious. We use short, TED-talk-style videos and group discussions to dive into a variety of topics on faith and life. Just show up-no reading or preparation is needed. Everyone is welcome. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Join us for Gospel Gathering every Wednesday at 6pm in the Chapel starting Oct 15**

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Gospel hymns and connect with fellow music lovers. Whether you're a seasoned singer or simply enjoy listening, everyone is welcome for a joyful and enriching experience. Come as you are to lift your spirits and share in the power of Gospel music.

**Baseball as a Metaphor for the Christian Life, Wednesdays, 6pm, C-206, Oct 22-Nov 19**

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**Experience a Day with the Sheriff's Department, Thursday, January 15, 2026**

Join the JOY Group for an exclusive, all-day tour of the Polk County Sheriff Office's operations. This is a unique opportunity to see how the agency works from the inside. As a participant, you will gain a deeper understanding of the Sheriff's department and its day-to-day functions. The tour includes transportation and lunch, and there is no cost to attend. Register at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events).

**Giggles, God & Glue New Adult Crafting and Fellowship Group, Wed, Oct 15, C-202**

Calling all crafters! Come join our new adult fellowship group, GIGGLES, GOD & GLUE! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others while working on your favorite creative projects. Come and go as you please anytime between 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM. Register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

## 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.

**Pumpkin Patch Open**  
Weekdays, 4-7pm  
Weekends, 10am-7pm

**Sunday, Oct 12:**  
9:30am Youth Choir Practice  
10:30am Donuts and Discussion  
3:30pm VIBE Team  
3:30pm Youth Praise Band  
5pm Youth Group

**Tuesday, Oct 14:**  
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

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

**Branches Mission Trip Info Meeting, Sun, Oct 26 12:15pm, F101**

Come hear all about our Summer Mission Trip to Branches in Miami FL. At the meeting we will talk about the cost, where we'll be staying, what projects we'll be working on, and answer any questions for people interested in joining us. For more info visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

## MISSIONS

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

**OneBlood**

The Big Red Bus will be on campus today from 8:30am to 12:30pm for your blood donations. Please make note of future the final date for 2025: Dec 14. Give the gift of life!

**Philip O'Brien Elementary School**

1) First UMC provides a \$25 gift card (Aldi, Publix, Target or Walmart) to all teachers and staff for Thanksgiving. We need about 80 total; 2) The fall bookfair begins Oct 23. Media specialist April Taylor needs lots of help! Please reach out to her ([april.taylor@polk-fl.net](mailto:april.taylor@polk-fl.net)). From Mrs. Taylor: "We really appreciate your help! We could not run this book fair without the support of your church members!" Bookfair dates and times: Oct 24, 27-30, Nov 3 - 8am-3:15pm; Oct 31 - 8am-1pm; Nov 4 - 8am-Noon, take down Noon-2pm. 3) The school's Trunk or Treat is from 5-7 pm Oct 24 on campus and they're seeking volunteers to be there with decorated car trunks and/or to donate candy. Contact either of our O'Brien passion team leaders to serve or for additional information - Ann Skellenger ([abraham409@aol.com](mailto:abraham409@aol.com)) or Joleen Golden ([joleengolden@yahoo.com](mailto:joleengolden@yahoo.com)).

**Talbot House**

Restoring hope and empowering homeless men and women in Polk County to achieve self-sufficiency through food, shelter, free medical and dental care, residential recovery programs, employment training and placement, and affordable housing opportunities. Volunteers can help with admin tasks as well as programs. Also doing outreach to homeless encampments. To serve contact: Marcus Wright, [mwright@talbothouse.net](mailto:mwright@talbothouse.net) Website: [talbothouse.net](http://talbothouse.net).

**Senior Orphans of Polk County**

For more than 40 years, providing for the immediate, daily needs of seniors on a fixed income of less than \$600 a month. Recipients are screened through qualified local agencies. To serve call Bev at 863-859-6547 Website: [seniororphansofpolkcounty.org](http://seniororphansofpolkcounty.org).

## YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

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 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.

**YA Pumpkin Painting, today, 12-2pm, Room C-202**

Meet us at the pumpkin patch after the 11am services to support the youth ministry in buying pumpkins—then we'll head upstairs around 12:30pm to paint! Come with a pic or design in mind to maximize your painting time! Mini pumpkins are as low as \$1, but we'll have a handful of pumpkins bought if you forgot your wallet or have a college budget!

Thank you to everyone who baked treats for our teachers and staff at Philip O'Brien Elementary School—we made over 200 cookies and 100 brownies with encouraging notes and collected just over \$100 to go toward their Thanksgiving gift cards!

**YA Costume Party, Thurs, Oct 30, 6-8pm**

Come dressed up and bring a spooky snack (optional) while we play games and collect cans for our food drive next month to remind our community that the Holy Ghost cares about their well-being. Scan the QR code above for address!

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