

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kim DuBreuil
PRELUDE	In Christ Alone/Kim	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN	In Christ Alone	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	When We Are Living/Duncan	Handbell Ringers & Singers
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Dying to Live (John 12:24-25)	Charley Reeb
*HYMN 110	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Toccata/Boellmann	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Presence, This Beating Heart, Goodbye Yesterday	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Psalm 139 (You Search Me)	
SERMON	Dying to Live (John 12:24-25)	Charley Reeb
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Less Like Me	
BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kim DuBreuil
PRELUDE	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God/Bach	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 110	A Mighty Fortress is Our God	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	When We Are Living/Duncan	Handbell Ringers & Singers
NEW MEMBERS		
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	God is My Shepherd/Dvorak	Michael Sheldon
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Dying to Live (John 12:24-25)	Charley Reeb
*HYMN 126	Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom To You	
POSTLUDE	Toccata/Boellmann	Matthew H. Corl

In this morning’s worship music we sing Luther’s famous hymn “A Mighty Fortress”, remembering the Protestant Reformation. We also celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with “Somos del Senor” (When We Are Living) played by the Ringers and Singers.

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Brokenness Aside, New Wine, Life is Beautiful	
CENTERING PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Psalm 139 (You Search Me)	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Fear of Transformation (Romans 12:1-2)	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Beautiful Things	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God, whose love pours over us, welcomes us here today.
ALL: Praise be to God!
LEADER: God, whose transformative presence offers us hope and peace, welcomes us here today.
ALL: Praise be to God who loves, heals, and restores us. 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.

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



Presence in Worship (Oct 19)

In Person: 809
Online: 957
Total: 1,914

Giving Through October 12, 2025

YTD Budgeted Income: \$3,217,566
YTD Actual Income: 2,962,412
\$ (255,154)

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 & Alex Michel, 11am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please notify the church when you are in the hospital!
For care and love from pastors & 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.

Hospital
David Barrow
Doug Hallman

Altar Flowers
In memory of Jim Miller by his daughters,
Kathy, Laura, and Jamie and their families

In memory of Marie Marucci by her son and daughter-in-law,
Tom and Linda Marucci

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.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Weekly Text: John 12:24-25

Monday: What does the metaphor of the grain of wheat mean to you in your personal life? Are there areas in your life where you feel called to let go or make sacrifices for spiritual growth?

Tuesday: How do you interpret the statement “Anyone who loves their life will lose it”? What might Jesus be suggesting about our priorities? In what ways can loving God and others lead to a transformation in how we view our own lives?

Wednesday: How does viewing your life from an eternal perspective change your current priorities or decisions? What are some practical steps you can take to cultivate a life that reflects the values of the Kingdom of God?

Thursday: How can you support each other in making sacrifices that may not seem immediately rewarding but lead to greater spiritual fruitfulness? Share experiences where you’ve seen God bring new life or growth from a situation of loss or sacrifice.

Friday: Spend time in prayer, asking God for the courage to surrender areas of your life that may be holding you back from experiencing the fullness of life in him. Pray for each other as you navigate these challenges and seek to live out the truth of this scripture in your daily lives.

Prayer: Lord, help us to embrace the call to die to ourselves so that we may bear much fruit. Teach us to release our grip on earthly desires and find our true life in you. May our sacrifices lead to transformation and growth for your Kingdom. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Organ Spooktacular, Oct 29, 7:30pm, Sanctuary
Join us for a hauntingly fun Halloween concert like no other featuring the mighty pipe organ in all its ghostly glory! Whether you’re a music lover, Halloween enthusiast, or just in it for the frightful fun, Organ Spooktacular is sure to send shivers down your spine – in the best way possible. This event is free, however, an offering will be taken and all proceeds will support our organ re-leathering project.



Pecans are Coming to Our Giving Tree
Fresh “first crop” Mascot pecans will be in stock in Our Giving Tree Bookstore, scheduled for the first week of November. Halves, pieces, chocolate and cinnamon will once again be available. Our Giving Tree hours are Monday-Friday 10am-1pm; Wednesdays 4-6:30pm; Sundays 9am-12:30pm.



All Saints Sunday, Nov 2
On Sunday, November 2, during all morning worship services, we will be celebrating All Saints Day with the lighting of candles. Please join us as we remember by name, those in our church family who have passed on to eternal rest since All Saints Day last year. Communion will take place the following Sunday.

CHILDREN

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

Visit firstumc.org/children to learn more!

Sundays
9:30am KIC Start (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)
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

Breakfast with Santa Volunteers NEEDED, Saturday, Dec 6, 9-11am

Are you ready to have fun and be a part of a wonderful community outreach event? Great, we need you! You can sign up for one shift, or multiple shifts, to fit your availability. For more information or to sign up please visit: firstumc.org/children.

KIC Club 4/5 Bowling at Bowlero, Fri, Nov 14, 6-8pm
Attention 4th and 5th graders! Are you excited for an evening filled with friendship, delicious food, and tons of fun? This is a fantastic chance to invite your friends for a memorable night! Just a quick reminder: all participants will need a notarized medical release form. The cost is \$20 per child. For more details and to register by November 9, please visit firstumc.org/children.

KIC Family Christmas Craft, Sunday November 16, 2:30-4:30pm
Mark your calendars for a fun-filled afternoon where the entire family can join in on a creative craft advent wreath project! This event is completely FREE, offering a wonderful opportunity for everyone to enjoy a hands-on experience. Please register so we can ensure we have enough supplies for each family at firstumc.org/children.

ADULTS

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

TheoEd, Wednesdays through Nov12, 6pm, Rm 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.

Baseball as a Metaphor for the Christian Life, Weds through Nov 19, 6pm, Rm C-206

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. 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! Register at firstumc.org/groups.

Women’s Book Club, Wed, Nov 5, 6pm, Rm C-205

Let’s discuss The Faith Club together. What happens when a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew come together to talk about their faiths? In The Faith Club, authors Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner show us. You’re invited to join a compelling book discussion where we’ll explore their search for understanding and expand our own perspectives on spiritual journeys. Secure your spot by registering at firstumc.org/groups.

The Nyadire Connection Hearing Innovation Update, Thu, Nov 6, 10am, Rm C-204

Join the Thursday Morning Women’s Bible study for a special presentation from Deborah Swineford. She will share about her mission work supporting deaf and hard-of-hearing students at the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern Zimbabwe. Learn more about how the all-volunteer organization, The Nyadire Connection (TNC), is making a difference. All are welcome to hear her story and learn more about this vital effort.

JOY 55+ Ministry: Museum Tour & Lunch, Friday, Nov 21

Explore the newly expanded Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art on Friday, November 21, starting at 10:30 a.m. with a docent-led tour. Afterward, we’ll head to The Joinery for a group lunch. Sign up at Firstumc.org/events to join the fun!

JOY 55+ Ministry: Holiday Trip to Gaylord Palms! Fri, Dec 19, 10am-3pm

Join us for a special trip to the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando. Enjoy the magnificent holiday decorations throughout the resort and be amazed by the POMP SNOW & CIRQUEumstance—a thrilling cirque show featuring gravity-defying acrobatics, magic, and costumes. The cost is \$45 (includes brown bag lunch) or \$35 (without lunch). Availability is limited! Sign up at FirstUMC.org/events.

Experience a Day with the Polk County Sheriff’s Department, Thu, Jan 15, 2026

Go behind the scenes with an exclusive, all-day tour of the Polk County Sheriff Office’s operations. Get an inside look at how the agency works and gain a deeper understanding of its functions. The tour includes complimentary transportation and lunch. Secure your spot by registering at firstumc.org/events.

Gospel Gathering in the Chapel, Wednesdays at 6pm

Discover the power the power of Gospel music as the Chapel comes alive with the uplifting sounds of Gospel hymns. This is a place to find connection, inspiration, and peace through the power of music. All singers and listeners are warmly welcomed.

YOUTH

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

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

Sunday, Oct 26:
9:30am Youth Choir Practice
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
12:15pm Summer Mission Trip Info Meeting
5pm Youth Halloween Parties (visit firstumc.org/youth for info.)

Tuesday, Oct 28:
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, Oct 29:
4:45pm Youth Handbells
5:15pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
6pm Open Gym
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies

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

Come hear all about our HS Alaska Mission Trip as well as our MS & HS Mission Trip to Branches in Miami. 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. We hope to see you there!

Youth Halloween Parties, Sun Oct 26, 5-7pm

It’s time to party, and this year we’re making a splash! The Kincade Family will be hosting our Middle School Students in their home and the Parrish Family will be hosting our High School Students in their home. For more info or to register visit firstumc.org/youth.

MISSIONS

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

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. Thank you for your generosity and please donate only requested items.

KidsPACK

Our next packing event will be Wednesday, Nov 5. 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) Note: Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month through May for the 2025-26 school year.

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).

Salvation Army

Offering more than a dozen programs for children and adults of all ages with a various needs (mental, spiritual, physical), as well as disaster recovery, holiday assistance and much more. To serve contact: Kayla Keen, Kayla.Keen@uss.salvationarmy.org Website: www.lakeland.salvationarmyflorida.org

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

For more information, contact Jen Swygard, Director of Young Adult Ministries: 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 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!

2nd Sunday, Friendsgiving Nov 9, 12-2pm, Room C-205

Bring your favorite food—college style! Poptarts? Fried chicken? Whatever! We’ll be making Thankful Parchments (a large parchment sign to hang & write each day what you are thankful for).

YAs Serve: Dream Center, Thurs, Nov 13th, 5-7pm

Join us to serve at the Community Shoppe & Market where (in addition to regular grocery distribution) people in the community can “shop” for personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and extra groceries. Meet at the Mercantile building at 706 W 5th Street at 5pm.

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