

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                         |                                                   | Kim DuBreuil        |
| <b>PRELUDE</b>                                       | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Raney               | Matthew H. Corl     |
| <b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>                              |                                                   | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>*HYMN</b>                                         | Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee                       |                     |
| <b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889</b>                     |                                                   | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>                                 | We Will Glorify                                   |                     |
| <b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b> |                                                   | Kim DuBreuil        |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                                     | At the River/Copland                              | Kara Nielsen        |
| <b>DOXOLOGY 95</b>                                   | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow           |                     |
| <b>SERMON</b>                                        | Faithfully Forward with Joy (Philippians 3:12-14) | Charley Reeb        |
| <b>*HYMN 2085</b>                                    | He Came Down                                      |                     |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>                                  |                                                   | Charley Reeb        |
| <b>*RESPONSE</b>                                     | As We Go                                          |                     |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                      | Rejoice the Lord Is King/Patterson                | Matthew H. Corl     |

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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| <b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> |                                                                                                                                                            | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>           |                                                                                                                                                            | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>          | From The Day, Life Is Beautiful                                                                                                                            |                     |
| <b>BAPTISM</b>                   | Jack David Riley & Hudson Louis Riley,<br>Sons of Jeremy & Kristina Riley<br>Eden Elizabeth Clevenger-Glunk,<br>Daughter of Craig Clevenger & Lauren Glunk |                     |
| <b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>  |                                                                                                                                                            | Kim DuBreuil        |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                 | Ever Be                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| <b>SERMON</b>                    | Faithfully Forward with Joy (Philippians 3:12-14)                                                                                                          | Charley Reeb        |
| <b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>         | The Lord Will Provide                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| <b>BENEDICTION</b>               |                                                                                                                                                            | Charley Reeb        |

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                         |                                                   | Kim DuBreuil    |
| <b>PRELUDE</b>                                       | Toccata on Rejoice, the Lord is King/Travis       | Matthew H. Corl |
| <b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>                              |                                                   | Kim DuBreuil    |
| <b>*HYMN 715</b>                                     | Rejoice, the Lord is King                         |                 |
| <b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889</b>                     |                                                   | Kim DuBreuil    |
| <b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>                                 | Glory Be to the Father                            |                 |
| <b>ANTHEM</b>                                        | At the River/Copland                              | Kara Nielsen    |
| <b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b> |                                                   | Kim DuBreuil    |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                                     | Come, Celebrate Our God and King/Wilkinson        | Chancel Choir   |
| <b>DOXOLOGY 94</b>                                   | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow           |                 |
| <b>SERMON</b>                                        | Faithfully Forward with Joy (Philippians 3:12-14) | Charley Reeb    |
| <b>*HYMN 89</b>                                      | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee                     |                 |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>                                  |                                                   | Charley Reeb    |
| <b>*RESPONSE 666</b>                                 | Shalom To You                                     |                 |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                      | Theme of Beethoven/Whitlock                       | Matthew H. Corl |

On this Christ the King Sunday our theme is Joy. Henry Van Dyke’s famous hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” has always been sung to Beethoven’s equally famous “Ode to Joy”, which was arranged as a hymn by Edward Hodges while he was choirmaster of Trinity Church, Wall Street. Composer Aaron Copland arranged several American folk songs including the hymn “Shall We Gather at the River”.

\*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

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| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> |                                                  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>      |                                                  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>      | From The Day, Joy Of The Lord, Life Is Beautiful |                     |
| <b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>      |                                                  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>             | Ever Be                                          |                     |
| <b>*DOXOLOGY</b>             |                                                  |                     |
| <b>SERMON</b>                | Faithfully Forward: JOY (Philippians 2-3)        | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>COMMUNION</b>             |                                                  | Andy Whitaker Smith |
| <b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>     | The Lord Will Provide                            |                     |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>          |                                                  | Andy Whitaker Smith |

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Joy rises when we live with open hands and hearts.

**ALL: We press on, delighting in God’s abundance.**

LEADER: Each gift we give returns with blessing and purpose.

**ALL: With joy, we worship the Giver of every good thing.**

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 (Nov 16)**

In Person: 852

Online: 1,290

Total: 2,142

**Giving Through October 31, 2025**

YTD Budgeted Income: \$3,374,520

YTD Actual Income: 3,139,074

\$ (235,446)

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:** Lily Trenkman, 8:15am; Ashley Lisenby, 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

Ken DeVore, Sandra Elmore, Donna Jones, Sarah Lawhon, Jim Martin, Carol Meriwether, Joanne Paige, John Surber, Betty Tedder

Deaths

Winnie Flessner, 11/2

Mary Jo Jarrett, 11/13

Carol Meyer, 11/15

Wedding

Shelby Hallman & Riley Folsom, 11/14

Altar Flowers

In memory of our dear sweet son, Benjamin Scott Davis. 11/25/86- 4/29/2021.  
Dwight and Donna Davis

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**Weekly Text:** Philippians 3:12-14

**Monday:** Consider how Paul expresses the idea of pressing on. Joy often comes from the journey rather than just the destination. What does pressing on mean to you in your spiritual journey?

**Tuesday:** Paul emphasizes forgetting what is behind. This can be challenging but essential for joy. What past experiences do you need to let go of to embrace joy in the present?

**Wednesday:** The goal is not just a prize but a relationship with Christ. Joy is found in this relationship. How does your relationship with Christ contribute to your sense of joy?

**Thursday:** Paul writes to the Philippians as a community. Joy is often amplified in fellowship. How can you share joy with others in your community this week?

**Friday:** Recognize the progress you’ve made, however small. Joy can be found in acknowledging growth. What progress have you made in your spiritual journey that you can celebrate?

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank you for the joy that comes from pursuing you and pressing on toward the goal you have set before us. Help us to let go of our past and embrace the future with hope and determination. May we find strength in our journey and delight in the relationship we have with you. Fill our hearts with joy as we strive to fulfill your purpose in our lives.

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)**



**Faithfully Forward - Pressing On Toward the Goal**  
Our goal is always to set a balanced budget for the year. To do that we need your pledge toward the 2026 budget as every gift and every pledge matters! When you submit your pledge form it gives us a picture of what you intend to give. All returned pledge cards and forms, combined with other sources of giving, provide us with a good estimate of the income. We adjust the budget to match the estimated income, creating a balanced budget. This allows us to make commitments to our mission and ministry partners for 2026.



**Thanksgiving Eve Service, Nov 26, 6:30pm, Sanctuary**  
As we gather together, we'll lift our voices in praise, reflect on God's blessings, and give thanks for the many ways grace fills our lives and community. Come with grateful hearts and join us in this beautiful time of worship and thanksgiving. All are welcome!



**Church Movie Night, Nov 30, 5-7pm**  
All ages are invited to join us in the Fellowship Center for a movie night with your church family! We will be watching the Jim Carrey version of How the Grinch Stole Christmas in connection with our church-wide Advent study of The Heart that Grew Three Sizes. We will serve pizza for dinner and Christmas PJs are welcome! There is no cost to attend, but help us prepare by registering before Mon, Nov 24.



**The Sights and Sounds of Christmas, Dec 14, 4pm & 7pm**  
Step into the magic & wonder of the holidays at our annual Sights and Sounds Christmas Concert, and rediscover the awe and hope of Christ's birth through inspiring music, stunning visuals, and heartfelt storytelling. Whether you're filled with childlike anticipation or seeking peace in a busy season, *Season of Wonder* promises to uplift your heart and remind you of the light that shines in the darkness.





**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
Join us in ringing the Salvation Army bell at Grove Park Publix, starting Dec 1, 10am-8pm daily (except Sundays) until Dec 24. Choose your two hour shift at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events) or contact Angela at 863-686-3163 or [aeverett@firstumc.org](mailto:aeverett@firstumc.org) to schedule.



**Holiday Decorating & Upcoming Altar Guild Dates**  
We welcome the help of many, as the hands and feet of Jesus.  
- Hanging of the Greens, Tue, Dec 2, 8:30am, & 9 am service. We will begin with refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex, followed by a service in the Sanctuary at 9am. Then begin decorating throughout the church.  
- Placing of the Flowers, Thu, Dec 4  
- Decoration Take-Down Day, Fri., Jan 9, 8:30am  
If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## 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 - 5th Grade)**  
**11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)**

**Wednesdays**  
**Have a Happy Thanksgiving. We'll see you back Dec 3**

**Thursdays**  
**We'll see you back Dec 4**

**Parent Advent Study, The Heart that Grew Three Sizes, Wed, Nov 19 - Dec 17, 6-7pm**  
Join us for an Advent study this Christmas season as we explore faith themes in the Christmas classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"! This class is specifically for parents of children. We are excited to provide this Advent study as a way for parents to connect with one another this season and continue the conversation together at home as a family! To register for the class please visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children). (We will not meet Wed, Nov 26).

**Children's Advent Study, The Heart That Grew Three Sizes, Wed, Nov 19 - Dec 17, 6-7:30pm**  
Join us on Wednesday nights for an engaging exploration of The Heart That Grew Three Sizes, designed for children of all ages. Adults will participate in the same Advent study, fostering meaningful discussions that families can continue at home. The study will run from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, followed by a time for free play and fellowship from 7:00 to 7:30 PM for those who wish to stay. To register for this study, please visit [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children). Please note that this Advent study will replace the usual KIC Friends Science and Bible through Play groups through the Christmas season.. (We will not meet Wed, Nov 26).

**Breakfast with Santa Volunteers NEEDED, Sat, 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](http://firstumc.org/children).

**KIC Club 4/5 Christmas Movie Night, Sun, Dec 7, 5-7pm**  
Join us in your favorite Christmas pajamas for a festive celebration for 4th and 5th graders as we watch the 2018 animated classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. We'll be serving up delicious pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate, making it a perfect chance to invite your friends to join the fun. Head to [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) and register by Dec 5.

## 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).**

**There will be no Midweek Meal or classes on Nov 26**  
Please join us for the Thanksgiving Service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Midweek will resume Dec 3 with dinner at 5pm and classes at 6pm.

**Financial Peace University starts Wednesday evenings on Jan14, 6-8pm**  
If you've felt like you can never get ahead with money, listen: You can change your future- and the best way is with other people walking alongside you. Financial Peace University has helped nearly 10 million people win with money! And you can join one of these classes completely free. Indicate your interest at [firstumc.org/fpu](http://firstumc.org/fpu) and we'll be in touch about how you can get your year-long membership for FREE!

**Advent Study led by Pastor Andy, Wednesdays starting Nov 19, 6pm, C-204**  
Join Pastor Andy for a 4-week Advent Study using the resource, The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of The Grinch by Matt Rawle. What Can We Learn from the Grinch? Explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Let's look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture. Books are available at Our Giving Tree Bookstore. Register at [FirstUMC.org/Groups](http://FirstUMC.org/Groups).

**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](http://firstumc.org/events).

## 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, Nov 23:**  
**9:30am Youth Choir Practice**  
**10:30am Donuts and Discussion**  
**3:30pm Youth Praise Band**  
**5pm Youth Group**

**Middle School Christmas Party, Sun, Dec 7, 5-7pm**  
Join us for our Winter Wonderland Christmas Party! Come dressed in white and light blue, and don't forget to bring a \$5 white elephant gift for your small group exchange. For more info. or to register by Nov 24, visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**High School Christmas Progressive Dinner, Sun, Dec7, 5-8:30pm**  
Dress in your Christmas BEST! We will be leaving at 5pm for appetizers, then to dinner, and ending up at our last stop for dessert and \$5 White Elephant Gift Exchange. For more info. or to register by Nov 24, visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**Rock the Universe, Jan23-25, 2026**  
Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of faith, music, and fun at Rock the Universe. Florida's biggest Christian music festival! For more info or to register by Nov 30, visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

**2026 Confirmation Kick Off Meeting, Wed, Jan 7, 6-7:30pm**  
Our Confirmation curriculum is a 15-week journey that includes a weekend retreat\* (February 6-8) to Warren Willis Camp. This class is for 7th grade students and older. For more information or to register by Dec 11 visit [firstumc.org/confirmation](http://firstumc.org/confirmation).

## 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**  
First UMC will take homemade baked goods to teachers and staff at our partner on Dec 18. If you're willing to bake some holiday goodies please reach out to either of our O'Brien passion team leaders - Ann Skellenger ([abraham409@aol.com](mailto:abraham409@aol.com)) or Joleen Golden ([joleengolden@yahoo.com](mailto:joleengolden@yahoo.com)). We're asking for the items to be individually wrapped or in small clusters IF possible for placement in goodie bags. All items need to be dropped at the church office on Dec 17 by 4pm.

**KidsPACK**  
Our next packing event will be Wednesday, Dec 3. 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 Dec 7 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 please donate only requested items.

## 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, Tuesdays, 6-8pm**  
We meet at Jen's house to share a meal together, play some games, and discuss Scripture. We laugh a lot, share our burdens, sponsor families for the holidays, and have a good time. Scan the QR code join so that you can see the address & hear updates. (No meets on the last Tuesday of each month.)

**YA Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt, Sat, Dec 6, 5:30pm-9pm**  
Meet at the Welcome Center café area to hear the rules and divide into teams. We'll then drive around town with our teams, snapping pics of Christmas lights. Then we'll head back to the church to count up our points with cookies and hot chocolate. Head to [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events) for more info & to register.

**YAs Serve: Parker Street Christmas Store, Thurs, Dec 11, 6-8pm**  
Meet at Parker Street Ministries (719 N Massachusetts Ave, Lakeland) to help us set up the store for families to come shop for their children's wish lists.

**YA Ornament-Making: Sun, Dec 14, 12-2pm, Room C-205**  
Come eat some snacks with us as we make ornaments, try our hand at Christmas movie trivia, and say goodbye to some of our college students until next semester! This is a free event with all materials provided.

