

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Morning Has Broken/Marohnic	Kim DuBreuil Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 252	When Jesus Came to Jordan	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Pie Jesu/Webber	Handbell Ringers & Singers
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	A Church on Mission (Matthew 28:16-20)	Charley Reeb
*HYMN 500	Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Every Time I Feel the Spirit/Drennan	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours), Holy Spirit, Let The Light In	Andy Whitaker Smith
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Build Your Kingdom Here	
SERMON	A Church on Mission (Matthew 28:16-20)	Charley Reeb
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly	
BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Prelude on Complainer/Burkhardt	Kim DuBreuil Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 252	When Jesus Came to Jordan	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887		Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	Pie Jesu/Webber	Handbell Ringers & Singers
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Concerto for Two Violas in G/Telemann	
	Warren and Luke Pattison, Viola	
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	A Church on Mission (Matthew 28:16-20)	Charley Reeb
*HYMN 500	Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart	
*BENEDICTION		Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom To You	
POSTLUDE	Postlude/Willan	Matthew H. Corl

This morning we sing about the Baptism of Jesus, which follows Epiphany (Jan 6). “When Jesus Came to Jordan” tells the story of Jesus’ coming to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. The third stanza is a prayer that the Holy Spirit will be ours and guide and direct us, which is echoed in the hymn “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”.

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours), Holy Spirit, Make Room	
CENTERING PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Build Your Kingdom Here	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Awakened To Grace: Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Show Me How To Love	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER:	A new year dawns, and God is already here.
ALL:	We step forward in faith, trusting in new beginnings.
LEADER:	God’s Spirit goes before us, shaping the path ahead.
ALL:	With open hands and hopeful hearts, we begin again.

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 (Jan 4)
In Person: 786
Online: 1,096
Total: 1,882

Giving Through December 31, 2025
'25 Budgeted Income: \$4,080,815
'25 Actual Income: 4,007,881
\$ (72,934)
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: Bailee Bachelor and Emmie Harrison, 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 William Lynch John Surber
Death Charles Polstra, 12/24 Margie Brown, 1/2 Judy Brice, 1/5
Baptism Malachi Jude Kurrack, 12/28 Son of Noah Kurrack & Fabiola Casillas

Altar Flowers
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

Monday: Read Matthew 28:16-17. Worship is the starting point of our mission. It aligns our hearts with God’s purpose and empowers us for the tasks ahead. How does worship prepare us to fulfill the Great Commission? What role does worship play in your personal faith journey?

Tuesday: Read Matthew 28:18. Jesus’ authority enables us to be effective witnesses. Our actions and words should reflect his love and truth. What does it mean to witness in your everyday life? Share a time when witnessing made a significant impact on someone.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 28:19. Discipleship is a communal journey. We grow not only individually but also as a church family. How can we foster a culture of growth within our church? What steps can you take to grow in your faith this week?

Thursday: Read Matthew 28:20. Giving encompasses our time, talents, and resources. It is a tangible expression of our commitment to the mission. In what ways can you give to support the church’s mission? How does giving reflect your worship and witness?

Friday: Read Matthew 28:19-20. The Great Commission calls us to actively live out our faith through worship, witnessing, growing, and giving. How can you integrate all four pillars of the mission into your daily life? What specific action will you take this week to fulfill the Great Commission?

Prayer: Eternal God, thank you for the call to be a part of your mission. Help us to worship you wholeheartedly, witness to your love boldly, grow together in faith, and give generously. May our lives reflect your purpose as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission. Empower us to live out your vision to make disciples in our communities. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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)



Stewardship
Our 2026 Stewardship Season is nearing its conclusion, and we are so grateful for the generosity shown by our church family. Currently, we are \$319,901 away from reaching our goal. If you haven’t already, we encourage you to complete your estimate of giving in support of the church’s ministries for 2026. Giving cards are available in the Fellowship Center, Sanctuary, or online firstumc.org/stewardship. Thank you for blessing the ministries of the church and helping us make a difference!

BIBLICAL GREEK LANGUAGE CLASS
Taught by Alex & Jen Swygard

TIME: WEDNESDAYS, 6PM-7:30PM

DATES: JAN. 14th - APRIL 29th

TEXTBOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OUR GIVING TREE BOOK STORE

Biblical Greek, Weds, 6-7:30pm, Jan 14-April 29
Come learn Biblical Greek with Alex & Jen Swygard as we explore the Greek alphabet, basic Greek grammar, and devotional application of the biblical Greek language. This biblical language provides a new perspective in which to encounter the New Testament stories, so come join us as we grow together! Register at [FirstUMC.org/Groups](https://firstumc.org/groups).



Central Florida Chamber Players, Jan 24, 7:30pm, Sanctuary, \$10/person
This talented group of musicians is comprised of professional string players from the Central Florida area, including Orlando, Gainesville, Tampa and Polk County. Under the direction of Mark Thielen, we will be treated to an array of traditional favorite compositions for string orchestra as well as hymn arrangements and selected American Works. This concert is sponsored by Boone Distributors. Purchase tickets at firstumc.org/concert-series.

Explore First
If you’re on a journey searching for God, new to the city, or looking for a church to join to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First United! We invite you to take your next step by joining us for Explore First to learn more. You’ll hear from our pastors who will guide you through the mission and strategy of our church, our core beliefs as a community of faith, and specific ways you can get involved. At the end of the class, we offer an opportunity for you to join the church during one of our worship services. Contact Rev. Kim DuBreuil if you are interested in attending Explore First at kdubreuil@firstumc.org.

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
4:00-5:15pm KIC Choir (kindergarten - 5th grade)
6:00 -7:30pm KIC Friends (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)

Thursdays
9:00-10:30 Pray and Play

We Need Christmas Trees!

If you have decided this is your last year with your Christmas tree, we are collecting Christmas trees to help us build a snowy forest for Vacation Bible School next summer! Please feel free to drop it off anytime in the Children's check-in area.

KIC Family: Family Fun Center, Jan 25, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us at Family Fun Center for our January KIC Family event! Open to children of all ages and their parents. Come meet and visit with other parents and have some fun fellowshiping together. Registration is required for this event and there is a cost to attend. Please visit www.firstumc.org/children for more information and to register.

VBS Volunteer Informational Meeting, February 8, 11 AM in C-112

If you're interested in exploring volunteer opportunities for Vacation Bible School (VBS), we invite you to attend an informational meeting. During this session, we'll cover what VBS is all about and highlight the various ways you can participate. Mark your calendars for June 22-26, when VBS will take place!

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.

Beginner Slow-Flow Christ-Centered Yoga Spring Session, Mondays, 6-7pm, C-201D

Join us for a beginner-level, slow-flow yoga class with Be Still Movement, focusing on rest and worship through physical movement, meditation, and breath prayers. Come as you are and experience a time of stillness and community. Classes are led by Sarah Lloyd, a certified Holy Yoga instructor and Registered Yoga Alliance Teacher (RYT-200). Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

C.S. Lewis's The Great Divorce 5-Week Study, Wed, Jan 14-Feb 11, 6-7pm, C-207

Join Rick Jeffries for a profound exploration of C.S. Lewis's classic allegory. This study examines the thin line between Heaven and Hell, diving deep into themes of grace, judgment, and Lewis's famous observation that "the gates of Hell are locked from the inside." Available for purchase at the Our Giving Tree Bookstore. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Financial Peace University starts Wednesday evenings on Jan 14, 6-8pm, C-204

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 for free. Indicate your interest at FirstUMC.org/tpu and we'll be in touch about how you can get your year-long membership for FREE!

Tender Hearts Book Study Group, Wed, Jan 14-April 15, 3:30-5pm, Parlor

Have you lost a loved one recently? If so, please consider joining us for an 8-week study of Dr. Alan Wolfelt's "Understanding Your Grief". In this study, you will learn essential steps for finding Hope and Healing of your Heart. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Women's Bible Study: Exploring the Apocrypha begins Thurs, Jan 22, C-204

Ladies, deepen your understanding of scripture by joining our new study of the Apocrypha, led by Rev. Terry Heck beginning Thursday, January 8 at 10 am in Room C-204. Often described as the literary "bridge" connecting the Old and New Testaments, the Apocrypha is a fascinating collection of Jewish and Christian writings from 250 B.C. to A.D. 100. We will use the resource Immersion Bible Studies: Apocrypha by David A. Silva (Available at Our Giving Tree Bookstore). Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

JOY Planning Meeting, Tues, Jan 20, 1:45pm, Parlor or via Zoom.

Help shape upcoming JOY (55+) ministry luncheons and outings by attending our next planning meeting. Please register at FirstUMC.org/Groups to receive the Zoom link.

College Comfort Crew: A New Fellowship Group for Moms

Join us for a monthly dinner group dedicated to moms of college-aged kids and young adults. Whether your child is away at school or starting their first job, come share your stories, find support, and navigate this new season of motherhood with friends who truly get it. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups to receive the latest meeting times and dinner locations.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, Jan 11:
9:30am Youth Choir
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band
5pm Youth Parent Connect
5pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Jan 13:
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, Jan 14:
4:45pm Youth Handbells
5:15pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
6pm Confirmation
6pm Youth Parent Study
6pm Open Gym
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies.

Youth Parent Connect Night, Sun, Jan 11, 5-7pm

Youth Parents, come join other youth parents as we have an open conversation with Pastor Andy and Pastor Kim about theology and seek their spiritual wisdom while your teens are at youth group. For more info or to register visit firstumc.org/youth.

Youth Parent Study, Wed, Jan 14, 6-7:30pm

Youth parents are invited to join us for a powerful new study, Behind Closed Doors by Jessica Peck. This book opens honest, faith-filled conversations about parenting teens with wisdom, grace, and confidence. 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.

With a new year upon us, please consider resolving to serve with our ministry partners such as:

Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)

Serving persons 70 and older. Transportation, monthly commodity boxes, hot meals and wheelchair ramps are just a few of the programs carried out by volunteers who help clients remain in their home and preserve their dignity. To serve contact: Terri Selz, volunteer coordinator (Terri@viste.org) Website: viste.org.

Blessings and Hope Food Pantry

Provides food to hundreds of families via Tuesday morning distributions. Volunteers can help with car line, food distribution and sorting and paperwork. To serve contact: Pastor Alan Fretto, blessingsandhopefoodpantry@gmail.com Website: blessingsandhope.org

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

Children's Clothes Closet

First UMC's Clothes Closet serves between 1,500 and 2,000 local students annually via a referral network of school caseworkers. With several Clothes Closet leadership retirements on the horizon, we seek interested volunteers willing to serve in the following capacities: weekly sorting and/or shopping, orders and logistics, team management. Please write to us at info@firstumc.org and we would be happy to share more about this vital ministry and give you a tour.

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, 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, serve the community together, and have a good time. Scan the QR code to join so that you can see the address & hear updates. (No meets on the last Tuesday of each month.)

January Serving opportunities

When we served at Dream Center in November, the men really needed new underwear and socks, so we'll be collecting all sizes Jan-March and dropping them off periodically.

Bonfire, Sat, Jan 24, 6-8pm, Swygard family farm

Did you know Alex Swygard grew up on a farm? Come pet some goats, play with bunnies, feed a cow, run with some chickens, and eat some s'mores around an evening bonfire at Alex's family home (dinner provided). Message Jen Swygard for this north Lakeland address!

YA Escape Room, Sun, Feb 8, 12-2pm, Room C-206

Can you escape? Look for clues, solve puzzles, piece together information, and see if you can escape before it's too late! We'll meet upstairs in room C-206 and let the adventures begin! (Activities will not begin until the 11:00 service is over, so no need to leave service early.)

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