

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Kim

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN** Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)

***PSALTER 774** Psalm 40:1-11

***GLORIA PATRI** We Will Glorify

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY O Lord, I Pray to Thee/arr. Liebergen

DOXOLOGY 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

SERMON From Heart to Hand (Galatians 6:9-10)

***HYMN 2235b** We Are Marching

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Andy Whitaker Smith

Matthew H. Corl

Kim DuBreuil

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Andy Whitaker Smith

Lily Roberts

Charley Reeb

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Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

***SONGS OF PRAISE** Never Ending Grace, Goodbye Yesterday, Life is Beautiful

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kim DuBreuil

Kim DuBreuil

Andy Whitaker Smith

OFFERTORY

SERMON Bless God

***SONG OF RESPONSE** From Heart to Hand (Galatians 6:9-10)

BENEDICTION

Charley Reeb

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11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Come, Thou Almighty King/Laubengayer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN 568** Christ For the World We Sing

***PSALTER 774** Psalm 40:1-11

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father

ANTHEM O Lord, I Pray to Thee/arr. Liebergen

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY 94 We Resist/Miller

SERMON

***HYMN 2170** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 666**

POSTLUDE

Andy Whitaker Smith

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Chancel Choir

Charley Reeb

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Matthew H. Corl

***Please stand if you are able**

In our music this morning, we remember struggles for justice and equality. Thomas Troeger's God Made From One Blood recognizes the importance of both family units and our entire human family; it is a prayer to heal and transform relationships. Siyahamba is a freedom South African song, which reminds us of community and the need to respond to oppression, which is also reflected in Mark Miller's We Resist that speaks of praying for our enemies, welcoming the stranger and loving our neighbors.



Fine Arts Sunday, Feb 1

Join us for a unique worship experience where creativity and faith come together in powerful expression. This special service celebrates the many ways God speaks through the arts - music, visual art, & dance. Come ready to see, hear, and feel the beauty of God's presence through the talents He's given His people. We will celebrate Fine Arts Sunday in our 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 worship services and all are welcome!

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim DuBreuil

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Goodbye Yesterday,
Joy Of The Lord, Take You At Your Word

Kim DuBreuil

CENTERING PRAYER

Good Ground

Kim DuBreuil

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

SERMON Awakened by Grace: Hearing God's Voice (Ephesian 2:8-9) Kim DuBreuil

Kim DuBreuil

COMMUNION

Treasure

Kim DuBreuil

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

***BENEDICTION**

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God calls not just the strong, but the willing.

ALL: We listen for Christ's voice and respond with courage.

LEADER: Each day is a chance to live love out loud.

ALL: In this new year, we choose purpose over comfort.

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 11)

In Person: 919

Online: 1,438

Total: 2,357

Giving Through December 31, 2025

'25 Budgeted Income: \$4,080,815

'25 Actual Income: 4,016,642

\$ (64,173)

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.

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

Chuck Lynch, John Surber

Death

Jackie Johnson, 11/14

Joyce Young

Wedding

Stephanie Madden & James Arvin, 1/10

Altar Flowers

In Honor of Polly Duke's 97th birthday by Gwen, Dan and Daniele Fowler and Lara, Dan and Olivia Bryan

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Weekly Text: Galatians 6:9-10

Monday: Consider the challenges that can lead to weariness in doing good. What specific situations in your life test your perseverance? What does "growing weary" look like in your own life? Can you identify a time when you felt like giving up? How did you overcome that feeling?

Tuesday: Reflect on the concept of a "harvest." What does it mean to you spiritually and practically? What kind of "harvest" do you hope to see as a result of your good deeds? How can you maintain hope for the future, especially when immediate results are not visible?

Wednesday: Think about the importance of community in your life. How can you serve others in your faith community? Who in your life needs an act of kindness right now? What are some practical ways you can do good to those in your community?

Thursday: Consider how small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect. How might your actions inspire others? Have you ever witnessed a small act of kindness create a larger impact? Share your experience. How can you be intentional about spreading kindness in your daily life?

Friday: Take time to reflect on your week. How have you applied the principles from Galatians 6:9-10 in your life? What changes have you noticed in yourself as you've focused on doing good? How can you encourage others to join you in acts of kindness?

Prayer: Eternal God, thank you for the reminder to persevere in doing good. Help us to remain steadfast in our efforts to serve others, especially within our faith community. May our actions reflect your love and grace, creating a ripple effect of kindness and compassion. Strengthen us when we feel weary, and open our eyes to the opportunities to do good around us. 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)

First UMC of Lakeland is hiring!

Please see current job postings at firstumc.org/employment.



Goal: \$3,197,400

Pledged: \$3,035,499

Church Wide Golf Tournament Registration NOW Open, Mon, Feb 16, 7:30am

Join us on February 16th at Cleveland Heights Golf Course for our Golf Tournament. You can sign up to play as an individual or a team of four. We have a variety of sponsors and packages available. (All hole sponsors must be purchased by February 1st.) Proceeds from the Golf Tournament will go to the Chance to Go Scholarship fund for Children, Youth, and Neighborhood Ministries. The Chance to Go Scholarship helps children and youth be able to attend Mission Trips, Warren Willis Summer Camp, and other events and trips that help them to grow deeper in their faith. For more information and to register head to firstumc.org/youth.



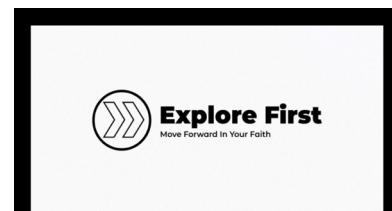
Central Florida Chamber Players, Jan 24, 7:30pm, Sanctuary, \$10/person

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.



The Higher Education Scholarship Application Deadline is February 1!

Our church is privileged to grant scholarships for higher education from the endowment first established by Kay and Milton Wiser many years ago. This scholarship is available for church members who are currently pursuing education beyond high school. Applications are available at firstumc.org/scholarships.



Inviting People to Church
Let's face it, it's tough! How do I bring up the conversation? What if they say no? But "what if" God has been preparing your heart? What if they say yes? What if they could find healing at church? What if they decide



Volunteers NEEDED for Golf Tournament, Mon, Feb 16, 7:30am

Students do not have school that Monday because it's Presidents Day. This is a great opportunity to be present in the community and give back to our church that help funds our ministries! We are in need of Youth to help run the games throughout the course. We are also in need of adults to help greet, serve breakfast, set-up the silent auction tables, and organize the raffle. Lunch will be provided for all our volunteers. For more information and to register head to firstumc.org/youth.

CHILDREN

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

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

No Elementary KIC Start Fine Arts Sunday, Feb 1, 9:30-10:30am
We invite families to participate in the fine arts programs offered during our 9:30 service. As a result, there will be no programming available for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. We will continue to provide programming for children in PK4 and younger.

KIC Club 4/5 @ Urban Air, Feb 6, 6-8pm
Jump, fly, and climb for joy! This will be epic! We will be going to Urban Air with time to play and then a pizza party! The cost is \$20 per fourth or fifth grade. If cost is a factor please reach out to Megan mgallagher@firstumc.org for scholarship information. Please register by Feb 1, by visiting firstumc.org/children.

KIC Family: Family Fun Center, Jan 25, 2:30-4:30pm, Last Day to Register is Jan 20
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 fellowshipping 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, Feb 8, 11am, 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: [\(863\) 686-3163 x227](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org). 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/fpu 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:
[\(863\) 687-9750 x253](mailto:efelgenhauer@firstumc.org).

Sunday, Jan 18:
9:30am Youth Choir
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band & Vibe Team
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
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: [\(863\) 686-3163 x224](mailto:fwhite@firstumc.org).

VISTE and Senior Orphans, Jan 24, 3:30-6pm

The Lakeside Hills Estate community plays host to its fourth annual fundraiser to benefit two of our ministry partners - a soup, salad and sweets buffet at the community clubhouse. Tickets are \$12. Advance purchase preferred for planning. Takeout is available. The event also includes a food drive. Contact Corrine Dahlke (863-337-5833) for additional info and spend part of your day supporting two great ministries.

First Sunday Food Collection

We will receive food at the Missions Depot Feb 1, immediately following the 11am worship services until 1:30pm. Servants at First United sort and box donations. The list of requested items is posted at firstumc.org/firstsundayfood. Thank you for your generosity and a reminder to please donate only requested items.

KidsPACK

Our next packing event will be Wednesday, Feb 4. 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.

Lighthouse Ministries

"Set apart by the Spirit of God to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to meet the physical, emotional and other needs of the poor and at-risk population." To serve email: volunteer@lighthousemin.org Website: www.lighthousemin.org

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 Website: www.talbothouse.net

Gospel Inc. Villages

Christ-centered community providing a home and micro-enterprise work opportunity to the formerly homeless at Gospel Village. Help with food, pantry, community dinners, campus serve days. To serve email info@gospelinc.org Website: www.gospelinc.org

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

For more information, contact Jen Swygard, Director of Young Adult Ministries: [\(863\) 686-3163 x226](mailto:JSwygard@firstumc.org); 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.)

Young Adults Serve:

Jan-March, we are collecting any size men's socks and underwear for Dream Center (only new ones, please). Sun, February 1st, meet at the Mission Depot (beside the preschool/Welcome Center entrance on Vistabula Street side of the church). We'll help sort food after the 11:00 services (about 12:15pm) until 1:30pm.

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!

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