

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Charley Reeb
PRELUDE	Be Thou My Vision/Mahronic	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN	Be Thou My Vision	
*PSALTER 819	Psalms 99	Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	Romance/arr. Voxman	Jim Jackson, Clarinet
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Awakened to Grace (Matthew 17:1-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 2272	Holy Ground	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	This Little Light of Mine/Hassell	Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kim DuBreuil
CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	This I Know, Oh Our Lord, Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	Jesus Is Our Rock (Rock Of Ages)	
SERMON	Awakened to Grace (Matthew 17:1-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly	
BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Charley Reeb
PRELUDE	Transfiguration/Anderson	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Charley Reeb
*HYMN 451	Be Thou My Vision	
*PSALTER 819	Psalms 99	Charley Reeb
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	Romance/arr. Voxman	Jim Jackson, Clarinet
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	Love (Okwagala Kwe)/arr. Fettke & Grassi Chancel Choir; Warren Pattison, Djembe	
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
*HYMN 349	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	
SERMON	Awakened to Grace (Matthew 17:1-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 103	Immortal, Invisible	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom To You	
POSTLUDE	St Denio/Corl	Matthew H. Corl

This is Transfiguration Sunday, remembering when Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and the fulfillment of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). The Psalm for Transfiguration is Ps. 99, which proclaims the power and glory of God and urges the hearer to worship at God's holy mountain. Chris Tomlin's modern worship song "Love" contains the Lugandan phrase "Okwagala Kwe" which means "Love one another".

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	This I Know, Be Thou My Vision, Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly	
CENTERING PRAYER		Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Show Me How To Love	
*DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	Awakened by Grace: Transfigure and Serve (Matthew 17:1-9)	
COMMUNION		Kim DuBreuil
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Called Me Higher	
*BENEDICTION		Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

ALL: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

LEADER: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

ALL: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

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 (Feb 8)

In Person: 889

Online: 1,416

Total: 2,305

Text to Give: Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

Giving Through January 31, 2026

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 320,862	\$ 313,909	\$ 6,953
Actual Income	281,206	263,195	18,011
	\$ (39,656)	\$ (50,714)	

Questions? Call Patrick Hamrick in the church office, 863-686-3163 x213

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.

Altar Flowers

In memory of Claire Short by Riley P. Short

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

DAY 1

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-2
(Jesus leads them up the mountain; his appearance is transformed)

The Transfiguration begins with Jesus leading his disciples up the mountain, away from noise, urgency, and expectation, inviting them into a moment they did not plan and could not control. There, Jesus is revealed in radiant glory—not as a small or manageable teacher, but as the beloved Son of God, full of mystery and light. This moment reminds us that faith is not primarily about mastering ideas or fixing problems, but about standing before a holy mystery that exceeds our understanding and awakens us to grace already at work.

Reflection: When was the last time you allowed yourself to simply be present with Jesus, without trying to explain or manage the moment?

DAY 2

Scripture: Matthew 17:3-4
(Moses and Elijah appear; Peter wants to build shelters)

When Peter sees the glory of Jesus, his first instinct is to act—to build, to preserve, to capture the moment before it slips away. His response feels familiar, because we often rush to do something rather than remain still long enough to listen. Transfiguration gently challenges our impulse to turn holy encounters into projects, reminding us that some moments are meant not to be used or contained, but received with reverence and attention.

Reflection: Where might you be tempted to act quickly instead of pausing to listen for God's voice?

DAY 3

Scripture: Matthew 17:5
(The cloud descends; God says, "Listen to him")

From the cloud, God speaks not with instruction or explanation, but with relationship: "This is my Son... listen to him." The command is simple, but not easy. Listening requires time, humility, and a willingness to be changed. In a world that rewards constant motion and certainty, Transfiguration invites us to slow down and consider whether we've spent meaningful time attending to Jesus—his words, his way, and his presence—rather than holding onto a version of him that feels safe or familiar.

Reflection: What might it look like for you to listen more deeply to Jesus this week?

DAY 4

Scripture: Matthew 17:6-7
(The disciples fall in fear; Jesus touches them and says, "Do not be afraid")

When the disciples are overwhelmed and afraid, Jesus does not scold or abandon them; he comes close, touches them, and speaks words of reassurance. Grace meets them exactly where they are. This is the heart of the Christian life: not our ability to ascend the mountain perfectly, but God's willingness to meet us there with compassion. Transfiguration reminds us that awakening does not happen through fear, but through grace that steadies and restores us.

Reflection: Where do you need to trust that grace meets you before you have everything figured out?

DAY 5

Scripture: Matthew 17:8
(They see "no one except Jesus alone")

When the moment passes, the disciples look up and see only Jesus—and then they must walk back down the mountain. Transfiguration does not exist to keep us suspended in glory, but to prepare us for faithful living beyond it. Standing at the threshold of Lent, we are invited to carry this vision with us: to follow Jesus wherever he leads, trusting that the same grace revealed in light will sustain us through repentance, growth, and renewal.

Reflection: As you approach Lent, where might Jesus be inviting you to follow more faithfully?

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

We are grateful for the generosity shown by our church family during Stewardship Season. Currently we have reached 97.1% of our goal. Thank you for blessing the church and our ministries with your giving. Together we "press on toward the goal" (Phil. 3:14) in the spirit of St. Paul's encouragement to the Philippians!



Ash Wednesday Services, 12pm & 6:30pm

Join us as we begin the holy season of Lent together. We invite you to pause, reflect, and worship on Ash Wednesday with one of our services in the Sanctuary. Ashes will be imposed at both services.

Information Session
Renewed Hope Missions
Wednesday, February 18
5:45PM-6:25 PM
at the Church Parlor

Warren Willis Summer Camp
For students who have completed 3rd Grade-5th Grade
Week #4, July 6-11 2025
Sign-Up at <http://wwwumccc.org>

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Transportation is available to and from camp.
For more information, check out: www.firstumc.org/events

Renewed Hope Missions Information Session, Feb 18, 5:45-6:25pm, Parlor
Join us for a special opportunity to learn more about Renewed Hope Missions and the incredible work being done in the Dominican Republic. We are honored to welcome Sarah Rosenberg, Founder and Executive Director, along with Pastora Sairy Marte, who will be visiting with us for this evening. Come find out how you can support this important ministry and learn more about First UMC Lakeland's Mission Team.

Summer Camp 2026
We will be attending Week #4, July 6-11 2025. Please register on the Warren Willis Camp website (wwwumccc.org/summer-camps). If your child/youth will need a ride to and from camp, please sign up on our church website for a space on one of our three mini busses we will bring to camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out to either Megan or Emily for help or more info. We look forward to experiencing camp with our students this summer!

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

Special KIC Friends Ash Wednesday Edition, Feb 18, 6-7:30pm
Elementary students are welcome to participate in a worship service designed just for them, where they can discover the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the significance of Lent. regular programming will be provided for children in VPK and younger. Programming will still run from 6-7:30pm with free time for the first 30 minutes. Registration is not required but encouraged to help us with planning. Head to firstumc.org/children.

KIC Family Fun: Sock Hop Style!, Feb 22, 2:30-4:40pm, Fellowship Center
Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to twist the afternoon away! Join us for our KIC Family Fun Event for all ages. We'll be turning back the clock with a 1950s-inspired sock hop. It's the perfect chance for families to connect, laugh, and make memories together—poodle skirts and slicked-back hair optional (but encouraged). We can't wait to dance, laugh, and celebrate with you! Please register by February 18th at firstumc.org/children.

Parent and Elementary Lenten Study, Feb 25 - Apr 1, 6-7pm
Join us for this 6-week study during Lent where we will look at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith and discover "How does Jesus redefine hero?". While parents are going through this Lenten study together, children in K-5th grade will also take a pause from regular Wednesday night programming to do this Lent study together with age-appropriate lessons and activities in their classes. Head to firstumc.org/children to see how to register.

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.

Lent Study Groups - Why Did Jesus Have to Die?
Deepen your faith this season as we explore Adam Hamilton's latest book, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? We will examine the "how" and "why" behind the crucifixion and its power to reconcile us with God. To join one of the groups below, register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.
- Sunday Mornings, Feb 22-March 29, 11am, Parlor
- Wednesday Nights led by Pastor Andy and Pastor Kim, Feb 25-April 1, 6pm, Rm C-207

Ash Wednesday (February 18)
Regular adult programming and study groups will not meet. The midweek meal will still take place as usual. You are invited to an informal information session with Sara Rosenberg and Pastora Sairy Marte (visiting from the Dominican Republic) in the Parlor from 5:45-6:25pm. The Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:30pm.

JOY (55+) February Luncheon and Lenten Practices Presentation, Thu, Feb 19, 12pm
Prepare for the Lenten season with lunch and a special session with Warren Pattison, our Adult Ministries Director. Warren will share insights on Lenten Practices and Disciplines to guide your spiritual journey. Cost is \$15 for lunch. Deadline to register is today.

JOY (55+) March Outing: The Florida Holocaust Museum, Fri, Mar 6, 9am - 4pm
Join the JOY (55+) group for a moving and educational day at The Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg. We will explore powerful, immersive exhibits such as "History, Heritage & Hope," featuring authentic artifacts like a Danish rescue boat and a Nazi boxcar. Cost is \$25 which includes museum admission and church bus transportation. Learn more and register at FirstUMC.org/Events.

Divorce Recovery Class, Wed, Mar 4 - May 25, 6-7:30pm, Rm C-201C
Find Healing and Hope After Divorce. If you are navigating the difficult journey of separation or divorce, you don't have to walk alone. Join our Divorce Recovery Class led by Tiffany Beardsley to find support, healing, and a community that understands. This group offers a safe space to process your experience and gain tools for a healthier future. For more information or to register, visit FirstUMC.org/Groups.

First UMC Lakeland
GOLF TOURNAMENT
February 16th, 2026
7:30AM-2:00PM

Church Wide Golf Tournament - Players & Volunteers Needed, Mon, Feb 16, 7:30am
Registration is now open for our Golf Tournament at Cleveland Heights Golf Course! Sign up as an individual or a team of four. Sponsorships are also available (hole sponsors must be purchased by Feb 1). Proceeds benefit the Chance to Go Scholarship Fund, helping children and youth attend mission trips, summer camp, and other faith-building experiences. We also need youth and adult volunteers to help with games on the course, greeting, breakfast, silent auction, and raffle. Students are out of school for Presidents Day, and lunch is provided for all volunteers. Register at firstumc.org/youth.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, Feb 15:
9:30am Youth Choir
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
12:15pm Alaska Mission Trip Meeting
3:30pm Youth Praise Band & Vibe Team
5pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Feb 17:
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, Feb 18:
No Youth Programming because of Ash Wednesday Service.

Youth & Parent Combined Prayer Station Night, Tonight, 5pm-7pm
Join us for a meaningful Youth & Parent combined Prayer Station evening in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be starting off with a \$5 dinner in the Cafe. Please register on our website www.firstumc.org/youth.

Youth Parent Lenten Study, Sunday Evenings Starting Feb 22, 5:30-7pm
Join our Youth Coordinators, Trish Warren and Tim Birri as they lead our Youth Parents in a five week study of Bishop Berlin's book "The Third Day." Bishop Berlin is also planning to join the group on some evenings as well too. Please register by Feb 18th on our website www.firstumc.org/youth.

Middle and High School Branches Mission Trip, Miami, FL July 19-25, 2026
We're partnering with FUMC Orlando Youth Ministry and heading to Miami to serve with Branches, a ministry helping hardworking families and kids break the cycle of poverty. You'll get hands-on experience making a real difference, grow as a team, and have tons of fun along the way! Cost: \$200* per person. 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.

Renewed Hope Missions
We will welcome Founder and Executive Director Sarah Rosenberg and Pastora Sairy Marte from the Dominican Republic on Feb 18, this Wednesday, for an information session after Fellowship dinner. We will meet from 5:45-6:25pm in the church parlor, ending before the Ash Wednesday worship. Find out more about how to support this important ministry and First UMC's mission team that will serve there in August 2026.

First Sunday Food Collection
We will receive food at the Missions Depot Sunday, March 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, March 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.

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.)

Picnic at the Park, Sat, Feb 21, 11am-1pm, Bonnet Springs
Bring a blanket, a water bottle, and a shareable snack or fruit and meet us under the board walk—we'll have some yard games & a sandwich tray, and we'll spend the morning enjoying this beautiful weather! Let us know you're coming by registering at firstumc.org/events. Families welcome!

Disc golf, Sat, Feb 28, 10am-12pm, Holloway Park
Meet at the first hole. No skill required—we'll break into groups who want the challenge and ones who just want to go easy and have fun trying. Please bring a water bottle—we'll provide discs if you don't have any!

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