

## 8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Land of Rest/Marohnic Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*HYMN 269</b>	Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	We Will Glorify
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Amazing Grace/arr. Althouse Sofia Birri
<b>DOXOLOGY 95</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
<b>SERMON</b>	Leaving Home (Genesis 12:1-8) Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 2112</b>	Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb
<b>*RESPONSE</b>	As We Go
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Lonesome Valley/Larkin Matthew H. Corl

## 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

<b>YOUTH CHOIR</b>	Amazing Grace with Praise, Praise the Lord
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	This is Amazing Grace, Lord I Need You, Make Room
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Slow Down
<b>SERMON</b>	Leaving Home (Genesis 12:1-8) Charley Reeb
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Give Me Jesus
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb

## 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Land of Rest/Near Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*HYMN 269</b>	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory Be to the Father
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Resounding Praise/Buckwalter Youth Handbells
<b>BAPTISM</b>	Liliana Grace Swanson
	Daughter of Wesley & Katie Swanson
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Amazing Grace with Praise, Praise the Lord/Mayo Youth Choir; Warren Mayes, drum
<b>DOXOLOGY 94</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
<b>SERMON</b>	Leaving Home (Genesis 12:1-8) Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 378</b>	Amazing Grace
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb
<b>*RESPONSE 666</b>	Shalom To You
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Toccata on Amazing Grace/Pardini Matthew H. Corl

As we begin the Lenten season we will sing two tunes from the early American tradition. The opening hymn recalls Jesus' time in the wilderness and ends with a prayer for us to conquer our sin and learn to abide in Christ. The tune "Land of Rest" is a delightful folk tune. John Newton was writing about his own life and experience in the hymn "Amazing Grace"; he was converted under through the influence of George Whitefield and the Wesleys.

\*Please stand if you are able

## 11:00AM THE CURRENT

<b>YOUTH CHOIR</b>	Amazing Grace with Praise, Praise the Lord
<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	This Is Amazing Grace, Lord I Need You, How Great Thou Art
<b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Show Me How To Love
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	Who Do We Say? (Matthew 16:13-26) Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	How Deep The Father's Love For Us
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord God made Adam and his wife.

**ALL: God did not leave us alone, offering us instead a new way to life.**

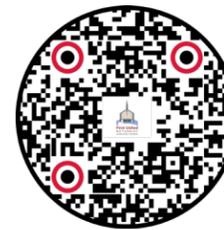
LEADER: Come, let us worship the God who clothes us in grace and guides us.

**ALL: We worship the Lord, our provider and our hope!**

## 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 (Feb 15)

In Person: 773  
Online: 1,172  
Total: 1,945

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

### Giving Through January 31

	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

To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit [firstumc.org/altar-flowers](https://firstumc.org/altar-flowers) or contact Angela Everett: 863-686-3163.

## DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**Monday:** Read Genesis 12:1. Reflect on God's call to Abram to leave his homeland. What does it mean to leave behind familiar comforts for an unknown future? Just as Abram was called, we too are invited to step out of our comfort zones. Consider areas in your life where God might be asking you to move.

**Tuesday:** Read Genesis 12:2-3. God promises to make Abram a great nation and bless him. Reflect on the nature of God's blessings and what it means to be a blessing to others. The blessings we receive from God are not just for our benefit, but to share with others. How can you be a conduit of God's blessings today?

**Wednesday:** Read Genesis 12:4. Abram obeys God without hesitation. Consider the importance of obedience in your own faith journey. Faith often requires action. Reflect on a time you acted in faith, even when the outcome was uncertain. Write down a recent experience where you stepped out in faith and what you learned from it.

**Thursday:** Read Genesis 12:7-8. Abram builds altars to the Lord, marking significant moments of worship. Reflect on the importance of remembering God's faithfulness. Altars represent moments of connection with God. What are your "altars" where you remember God's presence in your life?

**Friday:** Read Genesis 12:8. Abram journeys with faith, moving through the land. Reflect on the journey of faith—it's not just about the destination but the growth along the way. Each step of faith leads to spiritual growth. How has your journey shaped your understanding of God?

**Prayer:** Eternal God, thank you for the example of Abram and his faithfulness in following your call. Help us to hear your voice and respond with courage. May we be blessings to those around us, and may our journeys reflect your grace and guidance. Strengthen our faith as we step into the unknown, trusting in your promises. Amen.

## 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)**



**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 4.3% 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](https://firstumc.org/stewardship). Thank you for blessing the ministries of the church and helping us make a difference!



**Summer Camp 2026**  
We will be attending Week #4, July 6-11 2025. Please register on the Warren Willis Camp website ([www.umccc.org/summer-camps](https://www.umccc.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!



**Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction: Let's Hang Him and Read the Will, March 6 at 6:30pm & March 7 at 4:30pm**  
All is not well in the little burg of Beautyrest Springs. Their most prominent (and hated) citizen is dead! Was it murder? Your help is needed to unravel the mystery in this hilarious soap opera spoof which will keep you guessing until the very end. This event will include dinner and a silent auction. Purchase tickets at [firstumc.org/events](https://firstumc.org/events)



**Calling All Altar Guild Members and Friends!**  
Our Spring Altar Guild Meeting will be Monday, March 2, in the FUMC Parlor at 5pm when we will welcome Forrest White to share his inspirational stories about missions. Hope to see you then and there.

## 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

Visit [firstumc.org/children](http://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

### Easterific Adult and Youth Volunteer Registration OPEN NOW

Children's Ministry is looking for adults and teens eager to join a fantastic community outreach event happening on April 4 from 10 am to noon. Easterific is a great opportunity to team up with us and spread God's love in our community. Check out [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) to find out how you can help and to sign up.

### Easterific Candy Donations Needed!

We are now collecting individually wrapped candy for our Easterific goodie bags and need your help. Special "bunny" bins just for candy donations can be found in the Welcome Center, Narthex, and Fellowship Center.

### KIC Family Fun: Sock Hop Style!, Today, 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](http://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](http://firstumc.org/children) to see how to register.

## 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).

### 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](http://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

### 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](http://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](http://FirstUMC.org/Groups).

### Guys Having Coffee Next Meetup, Sat Mar 7, 8 am, Black & Brew (at the library)

Are you looking for a low-pressure way to connect with other men in the community? Started by Dan Bough as a space where men can slow down, grab a cup of coffee, and just be themselves. No RSVP required. No agenda. No pressure. Show up when you can, stay as long as you'd like, and share as much or as little as you want. Whether you're looking for meaningful conversation, a few laughs, or simply a welcoming place to connect with other men. Learn more at [GuysHavingCoffee.org](http://GuysHavingCoffee.org).

## 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, Feb 22:  
9:30am Youth Choir  
10:30am Donuts and Discussion  
3:30pm Youth Praise Band  
5pm Youth Group  
5:30pm Parent Study Starts

Tuesday, Feb 24:  
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, Feb 25:  
4:45pm Youth Handbells  
6pm Confirmation  
6pm Youth Parent Study  
6pm Open Gym  
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies

### 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. Register by Feb 18 on our website [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

### Youth Serve Saturday, Toby Water Warriors, Mar 7, 9am - 1pm

Join us with Toby's Water Warriors for our March Serve Saturday at Lake Wire! Help us keep Lakeland's lakes beautiful by picking up trash around the shoreline. We'll meet at Church at 9am and will be back at Noon. Please wear closed-toed shoes and outdoor clothing for lakeside pickup. All supplies will be provided. Please register by Mar 5 at [irstumc.org/youth](http://irstumc.org/youth).

### Youth Lock-In, Friday Mar 13, 6pm - Saturday Mar 14 until 9am

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for our GLOW PARTY LOCK-IN here at Church. We will provide a free dinner, snacks, dessert & breakfast for our students. They only need to bring a bag with a change of clothes, sleeping bag and pillow. Students are also asked to wear neon colors for our black light games in the gym. Please register by Mar 11 on our website [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

## MISSIONS

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

### First Sunday Food Collection

We will receive food at the Missions Depot Sun, Mar 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](http://firstumc.org/firstsundayfood). Thank you for your generosity and a reminder to please donate only requested items.

### KidsPACK

Our next packing event will be Wed, Mar 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](mailto:safetyskip@gmail.com)) Note: Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month through May for the 2025-26 school year.

### Our Giving Tree Sale

All pecans are now 50% off – buy one, get one free! Don't miss this sweet deal! Stop by Our Giving Tree on Sundays from 9am-12:30pm, weekdays from 10am-1pm, or Wednesday evenings from 4pm-6:30pm and stock up while supplies last!

## 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, 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.)

### 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!

### Strawberry Picking, Sat, March 14, Berry Sweet Acres

Meet us in Plant City at Berry Sweet Acres and bring cash. Strawberries are \$4/lb. This is a family-friendly event!

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