

### 8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Lamb of God/Kim Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*HYMN 2113</b>	Lamb of God
<b>*PSALTER 137</b>	Psalms 23, Resp. 1 Kim DuBreuil
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	We Will Glorify
<b>BAPTISM</b>	Delaney Chanel Ellis & Beckham Scot Ellis Children of Jantzen & Lindsay Ellis
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Deep River/arr. Davidson Elaine Clemens, piano
<b>DOXOLOGY 95</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
<b>SERMON</b>	How Big is Your God? (Acts 17:22-31) Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 454</b>	Open My Eyes
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb
<b>*RESPONSE</b>	As We Go
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing/Kim Matthew H. Corl

### 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Lord I Need You, Never Ending Grace, House Of The Lord
<b>BAPTISM</b>	Sylvia Catherine Walters Daughter of Boomer & Elizabeth Walters
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	God I Look To You
<b>SERMON</b>	How Big is Your God? (Acts 17:22-31) Charley Reeb
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb

### 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Archie Buie
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Psalms Prelude: Ps. 23:4/Howells Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Archie Buie
<b>*HYMN 381</b>	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
<b>*PSALTER 137</b>	Psalms 23, Resp. 1 Archie Buie
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory Be to the Father
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Deep River/arr. Davidson Elaine Clemens, piano
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Archie Buie
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	There is Nothing/Corl Chancel Choir
<b>DOXOLOGY 94</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
<b>HYMN 140</b>	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
<b>SERMON</b>	How Big is Your God? (Acts 17:22-31) Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 128</b>	He Leadeth Me
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb
<b>*RESPONSE 666</b>	Shalom To You
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Finale from Variations on 'He Leadeth Me'/Corl Matthew H. Corl

Today's music focuses on the imagery of the Good Shepherd. Marianne Kim is a contemporary pianist/organist in the Chicago area whose settings of hymns utilize elements of jazz. English composer Herbert Howells wrote six settings of verses from the Psalms. *Ps. 23:4* was composed in 1915 at the beginning of the First World War, and features a dark, brooding, and expressive character that moves towards a calm conclusion, reflecting the psalm's themes of reassurance and comfort.

\*Please stand if you are able

### 11:00AM THE CURRENT

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Lord I Need You, Never Ending Grace, I Thank God
<b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Forever Reign
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	Lamb of God Kim DuBreuil
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Christ Be All Around Me
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Kim DuBreuil

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The journey of Lent leads us through struggle and grace.

**ALL: God meets us along the road with mercy.**

LEADER: Even when we lose our way, Christ welcomes us home.

**ALL: We walk forward together in hope and healing.**

### 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](http://firstumc.org/connect).**

Visit [firstumc.org/connect](http://firstumc.org/connect) or scan the QR code for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving



**Presence in Worship (March 8)**

In Person: 712

Online: 1,170

Total: 1,882

**Acolytes/Crucifers:** Lily Trenkman, 8:15am

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

**Giving Through February 28**

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 641,723	\$ 627,818	\$ 13,905
Actual Income	\$ 518,576	\$ 538,611	(20,035)
	\$ (123,147)	\$ (89,207)	

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.**

#### Deaths

Drew Sammons, 2/10  
Joanne Paige, 3/5  
Marcia Alley, 3/6  
Flay Linderman, 3/7  
Barbara McEntire, 3/10

#### Altar Flowers

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

### DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**Monday:** Read Acts 17:22-23. Paul addresses the Athenians, noting their religiosity and the altar to an unknown god. Reflect on the cultural context of Athens and what it means to seek the divine. What are the "unknown gods" in your life? How can you recognize God in your daily experiences? Ask God to reveal himself in ways you might not expect.

**Tuesday:** Read Acts 17:24-25. Paul describes God as the Creator who does not dwell in temples made by human hands. Consider God's transcendence and immanence. In what ways do you see God's handiwork in creation? How can you honor God beyond physical spaces? Thank God for his greatness and ask for wisdom to see his presence in all things.

**Wednesday:** Read Acts 17:26-27. Paul emphasizes that we are call connected as God's creation and that God desires people to seek Him. Reflect on your dependence on God. How does recognizing our common humanity impact how you view others? What steps can you take to seek God more actively? Pray for a heart that longs to seek and know God deeply.

**Thursday:** Read Acts 17:30-3. Paul presents the call to repentance and the assurance of judgment through Jesus. Contemplate the importance of repentance in your faith journey. What areas of your life need repentance? How does the promise of Jesus' return inspire you to live differently? Confess any areas of struggle and ask for strength to turn back to God.

**Friday:** Read Acts 17:31. The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of Paul's message. Reflect on the hope and assurance found in the resurrection. How does the resurrection shape your understanding of faith? In what ways can you share this hope with others? Commit to sharing the message of hope in Jesus with those around you.

**Prayer:** Eternal God, thank you for the Bible that guides us and reveals your nature. Help us to seek you with all our hearts, repent of our ways, and share the hope we have in Christ. May we be bold in proclaiming your truth to others. In Jesus' name, 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)**

First UMC Lakeland Children & Youth Choirs Present:

**DARE TO DREAM JR.**  
A Disney MUSICAL REVUE

March 27 at 6 PM  
March 28 at 3 PM

Adult Tickets (13 & Up): \$10  
Child Tickets: \$5

\*The show will be about 1 hour long

**Youth & Children's Musical: Disney's Dare to Dream Jr., March 28, 3pm**  
Join us for a special one-hour Disney musical revue performed by our children and youth. This inspiring show follows a group of trainees on their first day at a fictional Walt Disney Imagineering Studio as they discover their dreams and the power of working together. Featuring contemporary hits, timeless classics, and brand-new medleys, it's fun for Disney fans of all ages. Purchase tickets at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events).

**LILY**  
DEDICATIONS  
Honor A Loved One This Easter  
FIRSTUMC.ORG/LILIES  
\$15 PER PLANT  
DEADLINE IS MARCH 26

**Easter Lilies**  
It's time to order your lilies to be used in the church during the coming Easter season. If you'd like to honor or remember a loved one with a lily, please fill out an order form at [firstumc.org/lilies](http://firstumc.org/lilies). Orders must be received by March 26 (cost is \$15 per plant). You may take your lily home with you after the 11am Easter service.

**Volunteers Needed!**  
**JOB FAIR**  
APRIL 23, 2026  
10AM to 1PM  
At First United  
Volunteer Registration  
[bettortogtherus.org/jobfair\\_volunteer/](http://bettortogtherus.org/jobfair_volunteer/)

**Better Together**  
On April 23, from 10am -1pm, we will play host to a Better Together Second Chance Job Fair - welcoming job seekers and hiring managers as we help individuals find fulfilling and rewarding careers. This is more than an event. It's an opportunity to help the unemployed and underemployed find career paths leading to transformation, while extending radical hospitality and reflecting Christ's love to our community. Follow the QR code for information

## SIT WITH A PROFESSIONAL

Bring your questions about:

- Retirement
- Estate planning
- Trusts or wills
- Health care powers of attorney
- Advance directives

**Wednesdays**  
02/25/26 – 03/25/26  
Location: Fellowship Center  
Time: 5:00 PM  
Tip: Grab your dinner and join us!

### Sit with a Professional

Sit with a Professional and get your questions answered about retirement, estate planning, trusts or wills, health care powers of attorney, and advance directives. Join us on Wednesdays from Feb 25 through Mar 25 at 5pm at the Fellowship Center. Bring your questions, grab your dinner, and join us for this informative and helpful time together.

### Summer Camp 2026

We will be attending Week #4, July 6-11 2026. Please register on the Warren Willis Camp website ([wwwumccc.org/summer-camps](http://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](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

NO KIC Choir (Polk County Spring Break)  
NO KIC Friends (Polk County Spring Break)

### Thursdays

NO Pray and Play (Polk County Spring Break)

### KIC Club 4/5 Water Slide Bash, April 12, 5-7pm

Get ready for an awesome night outdoors filled with a water slide and exciting water games! We'll be serving pizza for dinner, so come hungry. Feel free to invite your friends, but just a quick reminder that they need to have a medical release form on file.

### 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.

## 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, March 15:

9:30am Youth Choir  
10:30am Donuts and Discussion  
3:30pm Youth Praise Band  
5pm Youth Group  
5:30pm Parent Study

### Tuesday, March 17:

No youth programming due to spring break

### Wednesday, March 18:

No youth programming due to spring break

### Parent Connection Night, Sun, March 22, 5pm - 7pm

Join us at Lake Bonny Park from 5-7 PM for a fun-filled evening of family connection and community spirit! We will gather for a potluck dinner by the water sharing delicious homemade dishes and great conversation. Afterwards, Youth and their parents will team up for an exciting game of kickball. Bring your favorite dish to share, your game face, and your appetite for fun! Please register on our website: [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

## 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?

It's not too late to join our 2026 Lent study! Deepen your faith this season as we explore Adam Hamilton's "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?". This study examines the profound mystery of the crucifixion and how Christ's sacrifice transforms our relationship with God. With various days and times available, there is a place for everyone to listen, reflect, and engage in meaningful conversation. Register today at [firstumc.org/Groups](http://firstumc.org/Groups) to receive study updates.

### Sunday Groups

- 9:30am: Sendero Class: Meets in Room C-204  
- 9:30am: Genesis Class: Meets in Room C-202  
- 11am: Open Study Group: Meets in the Parlor

### Wednesday Evening Group

6pm - Led by Pastors Andy & Kim: Join us in Room C-207 for this weekly session running through April 1.

### New Women's Bible Study: Female Prophets, Thurs, April 9-May 14, 10am, C-204

Starting Thursday, April 9, join Pastor Kim to explore Rachael Groll's "Knowing God's Voice." Discover the stories of biblical women who heard God's voice and learn to recognize, trust, and obey His call in your own life. Books are available for purchase at Our Giving Tree Bookstore. Register today at [FirstUMC.org/Groups](http://FirstUMC.org/Groups).

### JOY (55+) April Luncheon: Identity Theft, Fraud and Scam Prevention, April 10, 12pm, Fellowship Center

Knowledge is your best defense! Protect your peace of mind! Join us for an essential session on safety and security. Our guest speaker from the Polk County Sheriff's Office will share expert strategies to safeguard your identity and finances. The cost of lunch is \$15. Register at [FirstUMC.org/Events](http://FirstUMC.org/Events).

## MISSIONS

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

### Better Together

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### Philip O'Brien Elementary

Media Specialist April Taylor requests help during the Spring Book Fair: April 1 (setup, likely starting around Noon); April 2, 6-10 (8am-2:30pm, but you don't have to be there the whole time); April 7 (5-7pm during Family Night); April 13 (last day, shopping 8am-Noon, cleanup Noon-2pm). Contact Mrs. Taylor via email ([april.taylor@polk-fl.net](mailto:april.taylor@polk-fl.net)) to help. Also, we are collecting \$25 gift cards (Publix, Aldi, Target, Walmart) to give to all teachers and staff in early May. Contact Joleen Golden ([joleengolden@yahoo.com](mailto:joleengolden@yahoo.com)) or Ann Skellenger ([abraham409@aol.com](mailto:abraham409@aol.com)) with questions.

### Disaster Recovery

We will be helping a homeowner still recovering from 2024 hurricanes in Southern Pinellas County April 10-11. We anticipate working from 8:30am-4:30pm both days. Housing at a church is available on the nights of April 9 and 10 if you don't want to drive back and forth each day. Please send an email to ([Fwhite@firstumc.org](mailto:Fwhite@firstumc.org)) if you're willing to serve either or both days.

### KidsPACK

Our next packing event will be April 1. 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.

## 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, March 30, 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.)

For the month of March we're swapping Tuesdays, so we WON'T meet March 24, but we WILL meet March 30.

### Camping at Hillsborough River State Park, Mar 19-22

Choose within these days any span of days that work for you—we have 16 spots but can only bring 4 cars, so coordinate with us to carpool! The cost is \$25 +\$5/day for supplies. We have the tents, yard games, and meals, if you'll bring a shareable snack and your own sleeping bag. Register at [firstumc.org/college-young-adults](http://firstumc.org/college-young-adults) no later than Mar 11.

### What's your hobby?

We're looking at starting gendered affinity groups, so if you like crafting, walking, board games--whatever, contact Jen Swygard with interest in starting a group! Check back next month to see which groups will meet on what days!

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 2026

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