

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Whitaker Smith
PRELUDE	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna/Travis Matthew H. Corl
CALL TO WORSHIP	Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 278	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889	Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	My Lord Walked Down the Via Dolorosa/DeCesare Karen Buie & Diana Russell
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
SERMON	"Thy Will Be Done" (Mark 14:32-42) Charley Reeb
*HYMN 285	To Mock Your Reign
*BENEDICTION	Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE	As We Go
POSTLUDE	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty/Corl Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
CALL TO WORSHIP	Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
KIC CHOIR & CHIMES	A Festive Hosanna
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER	Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	All The Poor And Powerless
SERMON	"Thy Will Be Done" (Mark 14:32-42) Charley Reeb
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Behold Him
*BENEDICTION	Charley Reeb

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRELUDE	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna/Travis Matthew H. Corl
CALL TO WORSHIP	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 278	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889	Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father
ANTHEM	A Festive Hosanna/Barnard KIC Choir & Chimes
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	My Lord Walked Down the Via Dolorosa/DeCesare Karen Buie & Diana Russell
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
SERMON	"Thy Will Be Done" (Mark 14:32-42) Charley Reeb
*HYMN 285	To Mock Your Reign
*BENEDICTION	Charley Reeb
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom to You
POSTLUDE	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty/Corl Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

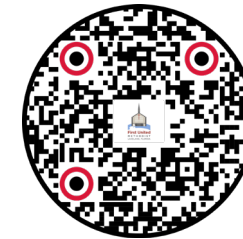
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
CALL TO WORSHIP	Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, Oh Our Lord, Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
CENTERING PRAYER	
OFFERTORY	Behold Him
DOXOLOGY	
SERMON	What Wondrous Love Is This (1 John 4:7-11) Kim DuBreuil
COMMUNION	Kim DuBreuil
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Great Are You Lord
*BENEDICTION	Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: With palms raised high, we greet the coming King.
ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
 LEADER: Yet the road of praise leads toward the cross.
ALL: We follow Christ with faithful hearts and hopeful praise.

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

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



Presence in Worship (March 22)

In Person: 713
 Online: 1,132
 Total: 1,845

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

Hospital

David Ottenhausen

Deaths

Rev. Doug Hallman, 3/23
 Lisa Moore, 3/24

New Members

Ian and Leslie Brooks
 Marianne Gatchell
 Pat Hatcher
 Carrie Greenberg
 Terry Wexler

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Monday: Read Mark 14:32. Jesus chooses a quiet place to pray. Consider the importance of finding a space in your life where you can connect with God. Ask God to help you identify and create your own "garden" for prayer and reflection.

Tuesday: Read Mark 14:33. Jesus expresses profound sorrow. Reflect on the times you've felt overwhelmed and how you turned to God in those moments. Bring your own sorrows to God, asking for comfort and strength in times of distress.

Wednesday: Read Mark 14:34-35. Jesus asks His disciples to stay awake and pray. Consider the significance of prayer in times of trial. Commit to praying for specific challenges you or others are facing. Ask for vigilance in prayer.

Thursday: Read Mark 14:36. Jesus models submission, saying, "Not what I will, but what you will." Reflect on areas in your life where you struggle to surrender. Pray for the courage to submit to God's will, even when it challenges your desires.

Friday: Mark 14:37-42. Jesus finds His disciples sleeping. Consider how easy it is to become spiritually complacent. Ask God to awaken your spirit and help you remain vigilant in your faith journey.

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)



Holy Week

Please join us for Holy Week!
 • Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7pm, Sanctuary
 • Stations of the Cross, April 3, 12pm, Sanctuary
 • Tenebrae, April 3, 7pm, Sanctuary



Easter Sunday

Join us for Easter Services on April 5 as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! We encourage you to bring bells to services to ring together. Also, bring a stemmed flower to decorate the Flower Cross on Easter morning, on the upper level of the Fountain Courtyard. We look forward to worshipping together!
 • Sunrise Service, 6:30am, Front Patio
 • Traditional Service, 8:15am, Sanctuary
 • Contemporary Service, 9:30am, Fellowship Center
 • Traditional Service, 11am, Sanctuary
 • The Current, 11am, Fellowship Center



Easterific, April 4, 10am - 12pm, C Building

Come and celebrate Easter with us at our free, drop-by event. Get ready for a basket full of fun with games, crafts, and creative egg hunts for all ages. Bring your whole family and capture the moment at our photo op station.



Holy Week Communion

Pastor Andy will offer Communion on our Front Lawn by Lake Morton from 9:00am-10:00am during Holy Week, Monday-Friday. All are welcome to stop by our Open Table to receive, as we end our Season of Lent.

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

KIC Family Event, Make-N-Take, April 26, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us for an afternoon of crafting with your family! We will have multiple crafts for you to complete including painting tote bags, a family canvas painting, prayer jars, and more! This event is fun for all ages, and the best part is it's free! This event will take place in the different classrooms in the Children's wings so that families can see the different rooms. Adults are welcome to help children with their craft or make their own items as well! Please sign up by Monday, April 20.

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.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, March 29:
9:30 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Donuts and Discussion
3:30 pm Youth Praise Band
5 pm Youth Group
5:30 pm Parent Study

Tuesday, March 31:
5 pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, April 1:
4:45 pm Youth Handbells
6 pm Confirmation
6 pm Open Gym
6:30 pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies

College Ready Night, Wednesday April 22, 6pm - 7pm

Graduating High School Seniors and Parents- Join us for our College Ready Night on April 22 where we will be joined by guest speakers from Florida Southern College to talk about college preparedness and expectations for their freshmen year. We will meet in F101 from 6-7:30pm. This will be a great night to help your senior feel ready for their next chapter, and we hope that you can join us! Please register on our website firstumc.org/seniors.

Summer Camp 2026

We will be attending Week #4, July 6-11 2026. Please register on the Warren Willis Camp website (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!

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, 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.

Board Game Night, Tues, March 30, 6-8pm

Meet at Jen's house for pizza and board games (email JSwygard@firstumc.org for this south Lakeland address).

Blueberry Picking, Sat, April 18, 10am-12pm

Meet at S & S Micro Farm in Bartow. The cost is \$4/lb.

Guys Game Group Thurs, April 2, 6-8pm

Do you like to play board games? The boys are starting a monthly affinity group! The first meet will be at Ian's home. Email JSwygard@firstumc.org for this south Lakeland address.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FEMALE PROPHETS
THURSDAYS APRIL 9 - MAY 14
10AM | ROOM C-204
REGISTER TODAY AT
FIRSTUMC.ORG/GROUPS

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

Starting 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.

Volunteers Needed!
JOB FAIR
APRIL 23, 2026
10AM to 1PM
At First United
Volunteer Registration
bettertogetherus.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 on the many key volunteer roles needed and to register or go to bettertogetherus.org/forms/job-fair-volunteer-registration.

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.

Women's Book Club, Wed, April 1, 6PM, Rm C-205

Indulge in a sweet treat and even better conversation! The Women's Book Club is meeting Wednesday evening to discuss *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* by Susan Gregg Gilmore. We will explore themes of forgiveness, family secrets, and the true meaning of home while enjoying an ice cream party. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Divorce Recovery Class, Wednesdays through May 27, 6-7:30pm, C-201C

You don't have to navigate separation or divorce alone. Join Tiffany Beardsley and a supportive community to find healing and tools for a healthier future. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

JOY (55+) April Luncheon: Fraud Prevention, Fri, April 10, 12pm, Fellowship Center

Protect your peace of mind. A guest speaker from the Polk County Sheriff's Office will share expert strategies to safeguard your identity and finances. Cost of lunch is \$15. Deadline to register is today! Register at FirstUMC.org/Events.

Come & Rest: Women's Half-Day Retreat, Sat, April 18, 8:30am-12pm, Rm C-201D

Step away from the noise and into God's presence. Join us for a peaceful morning designed to help you embrace stillness through prayerful movement and community. Guided by Sarah Lloyd, a Christ-centered yoga instructor, and Rev. Kim DuBreuil, you'll experience Christ-centered yoga, biblical meditation, and intentional stillness designed to refresh your soul in community. More information at FirstUMC.org/Events.

Memory Ministry Volunteer Training, April 10, 10am- 12pm, Room C-201B

Our Monday Morning Memory Café is growing! We're looking for friendly, compassionate volunteers with a playful spirit to support families living with dementia. No experience is necessary—just a passion for helping others! Learn more and register at FirstUMC.org/Events. For questions, contact Vicky Pitner at vpitner@firstumc.org.

Memory Ministry Workshop: GEMS: Creating "Genuine Encountered Moments" with People Living with Dementia, Fri, April 10, 1PM-2:30pm, Rm C-201B

Are you providing care for a family member living with memory loss and need support and help learning strategies on communicating with conflict, or discovering meaningful activities that can help decrease your loved one's boredom or anxiety? Join Vicky Pitner for this fun and informative session and learn how to engage and share joyful moments! Register at FirstUMC.org/Events. For questions, contact Vicky at vpitner@firstumc.org.

MISSIONS

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

KidsPACK

Our next packing event will be this Wednesday, 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) Note: Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month through May for the 2025-26 school year.

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) 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) or Ann Skellenger (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) if you're willing to serve either or both days.

First Sunday Food Collection

We will receive food at the Missions Depot next Sunday, April 5, 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.

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

March 29, 2026

Palm +
Sunday

Rev. Dr. Charley Reeb, Senior Pastor
Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor
Rev. Kim DuBreuil, Associate Pastor
Rev. Emily Hotho, District Superintendent
Bishop Tom Berlin, Florida Area Bishop

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