

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Charley Reeb
PRELUDE	This Joyful Eastertide/Wold Matthew H. Corl
CALL TO WORSHIP	Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 162	Alleluia, Alleluia
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify
BAPTISM	Whitney Vaughn Foster
	Daughter of Robert & Brenna Foster
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	How Beautiful are the Feet/Handel Kara Nielsen
SERMON	For the Road (Luke 24:13-35) Andy Whitaker Smith
INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	Kim DuBreuil
COMMUNION	
*HYMN 186	Alleluia
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE	As We Go
POSTLUDE	Sent Forth By God's Blessing/Kolander Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON	
*SONGS OF PRAISE	This Is Amazing Grace, Made Alive, From The Day
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER	Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	Christ is Risen
SERMON	For the Road (Luke 24:13-35) Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION	
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Graves Into Gardens
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Charley Reeb
PRELUDE	Theme and Two Variations on This Joyful Eastertide/Bouman
CALL TO WORSHIP	Charley Reeb
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304	Easter People, Raise Your Voices
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	Charley Reeb
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Charley Reeb
OFFERTORY	The First Song of Isaiah/White Chancel Choir
HYMN 613	O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread
SERMON	For the Road (Luke 24:13-35) Andy Whitaker Smith
INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	Charley Reeb
COMMUNION	
*HYMN 308	Thine Be the Glory
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE 666	Shalom to You
POSTLUDE	An Endless Alleluia/Corl Matthew H. Corl

On this second Sunday of Easter our Alleluias continue! *How Beautiful Are the Feet*, from the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah*, and the *First Song of Isaiah* offer words of hope, strength and joy. *An Endless Alleluia* won first place in English publisher Tim Knight Music's 2025 Organ Music Competition.

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE	This Is Amazing Grace, Made Alive, From The Day
CENTERING PRAYER	Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY	Christ is Risen
*DOXOLOGY	
SERMON	Now What? (Matthew 28) Kim DuBreuil
COMMUNION	Kim DuBreuil
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Graves Into Gardens
*BENEDICTION	Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

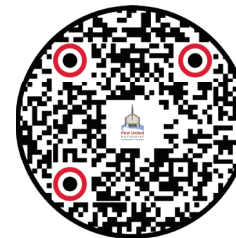
LEADER: Give praise for God's mighty deed!

ALL: Give praise for God's resurrection power!

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 (April 5)

In Person: 1,863

Online: 1,658

Total: 3,521

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

Giving Through March 31

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)	% Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 1,042,800	\$ 1,020,204	\$ 22,596	2.21%
Actual Income	839,261	854,527	(15,266)	-1.79%
	\$ (203,539)	\$ (165,677)		

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please be sure that the church office is notified if you wish to have a visit or prayer when you are in the hospital.

Hospital
Carol Chastain
Gwen Comer

Altar Flowers

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

Monday: Luke 24:13-16

The story begins with a walk—not a triumphant march, but a slow, heavy journey away from Jerusalem, away from everything they thought they understood. These travelers are processing grief, confusion, and shattered expectations, talking through what has happened because walking has a way of drawing things out of us. And somewhere along that road, Jesus comes near—but they don't recognize him. Sometimes resurrection is not immediately visible; sometimes Jesus is present in the conversation, in the movement, in the ordinary steps forward, even when we cannot yet see him clearly.

Reflection: Where in your life might Jesus already be walking with you, even if you don't yet recognize him?

Tuesday: Luke 24:17-24

When Jesus asks what they are talking about, their response is almost disbelief: How do you not know? To them, this isn't just information—it's everything. Their world has stopped, and they cannot imagine anyone untouched by it. Yet as they speak, they begin to tell the story—of hope, of loss, of rumors of resurrection. In telling the story, something begins to shift. The wilderness of grief becomes a place of articulation, where naming what has happened becomes part of healing.

Reflection: What story are you carrying right now that needs to be spoken honestly?

Wednesday: Luke 24:25-27

As they continue walking, the stranger begins to tell the story back to them—reframing everything they thought they knew. And slowly, the stranger becomes less of a stranger. This is how Christ often works: not by overwhelming us all at once, but by walking with us, speaking into our confusion, helping us see our lives as part of a larger story of God's faithfulness. Understanding doesn't arrive instantly; it unfolds in relationship, in presence, in time.

Reflection: Where might God be inviting you to see your story differently—through a wider lens of grace?

Thursday: Luke 24:28-32

It is at the table that everything changes. In the breaking of bread, their eyes are opened, and they recognize Jesus—not in spectacle, but in a simple, familiar act. This is the mystery of Communion: Christ is revealed not because we have everything figured out, but because he meets us in the act of receiving. And even when the moment passes, even when Jesus is no longer visible in the same way, the recognition remains—"Were not our hearts burning within us?"

Reflection: How have you experienced Christ's presence in simple, ordinary moments of grace?

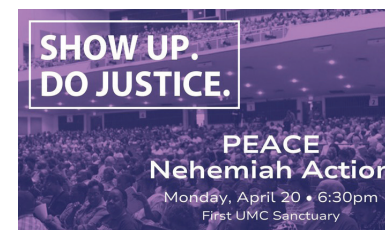
Friday: Luke 24:33-35

After encountering Christ, they do not stay at the table—they return to the road, carrying the story with them. The meal does not end the journey; it empowers it. Even when it feels like we have little to offer, even when our hands feel empty, the act of sharing what we have experienced becomes enough. The risen Christ is still present—in the telling, in the gathering, in the reaching out to others who are longing for hope.

Reflection: What is one way you can share the story of hope—however simply—with someone this week?

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)



PEACE Nehemiah Action, April 20, 6:30-8:30pm
Your presence matters! Help us build people power by bringing at least three people with you. Show up and be part of addressing community problems like access to mental health care and elder care. This is the largest and most important meeting of the year. We expect over 1,000 people to come out for justice this year. This is when we ask our public officials to make specific commitments for action on mental health and elder care, based on the solutions researched and developed by the organization. When PEACE shows up, justice reigns!



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



Only 2 Weeks Away: Come & Rest Women's Half Day Retreat, April 18, 8:30am-12pm, Rm C-201D
You're invited to step away and rediscover God's presence at our Women's Half-Day Retreat. Join Sarah Lloyd and Rev. Kim DuBreuil for a morning of Guided Stretching, biblical meditation, and intentional stillness. This is your dedicated space to refresh in community. Registration is required so we can prepare materials and space for you. Secure your spot today at firstumc.org/events.

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

Warren Willis Info Meeting, Sunday, April 19, 11am - 12pm, F101 (Youth Building)

If your child has completed 3rd grade or higher by this summer, we would love to have them join us at Warren Willis Summer Camp! We will have camp staff coming on April 19 to share all about the Warren Willis experience and answer any questions you or your children may have! Please register on our website firstumc.org/children.

Vacation Bible School (KIC Camp), June 22 - 26, Adult Volunteer Registration
Adult volunteers are a vital part of VBS and we can't do it without you! Don't worry if you have children who are younger and don't quite qualify for VBS yet, we have a full preschool program exclusively for our onsite volunteers and even offer a nursery if you have little ones, 6 months and older, too! We love our volunteers and have many ways you can serve. Check out all of the options and register now by visiting www.firstumc.org/vbs.

Vacation Bible School (KIC Camp) 2026, June 22-26
Registration for children who have completed VPK 4 - 5th grade and youth volunteers is now open! To register visit www.firstumc.org/vbs.

Warren Willis Summer Camp (Children & Youth) July 6-11 (Week #4):
Registration is now available for students moving up to 4th grade all the way through those who have just graduated 12th grade. To sign up for camp, head over to <https://www.wmccc.org/summer-camps/>. If you're interested in the Chance to Go Scholarship or need to arrange transportation to and from camp, check out firstumc.org/children for all the details.

KIC Family Service Retreat, Wednesday, July 22 - Saturday, July 25
Registration is officially open for our Fourth Annual Family trip to St. Simon Island, GA! Join us for a retreat filled with service opportunities, time to connect as a family, devotions, and more! For more details or to register, please visit firstumc.org/children.

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.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, April 12:
9:30am Youth Choir
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band
3:30pm Vibe Team
5pm Youth Group

Tuesday, April 14:
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

Wednesday, April 15:
4:45pm Youth Handbells
6pm Confirmation
6pm Open Gym
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies

Confirmation Service, Sunday, April 19, 5pm
Please join us for our Confirmation Service in the Sanctuary to celebrate this special milestone in the faith journeys of our students. We are excited to welcome 13 students into full membership in the church. A reception will follow in the Welcome Center, and all are invited to attend and share in this joyful occasion.

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College Ready Night, Wednesday April 22, 6pm - 7:30pm
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 6:00-7:30pm. 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 at firstumc.org/seniors.

Parent Connect Night, Sunday April 26, 5pm - 7pm
Join us for our Parent Connect Night! We will first eat with our youth for a \$5 dinner and then move to room E22 from 5:30-7pm, and will be joined by Dr. Elizabeth Dumville to learn about building boundaries with Adolescents. This is a great opportunity to invite other parents/friends who might benefit from learning from a psychiatrist about how to better connect with our teenagers.

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.

Easter Was Just the Beginning
If you're here today and you're feeling something - maybe it's curiosity, maybe it's hope, maybe you're not even sure what it is - we want you to know; you're welcome to keep going. On Wed, Apr 15, we're beginning a six-week study called The Walk that's all about what it actually looks like to follow Jesus in everyday life. You don't need to know the Bible. You don't need to have it all figured out. You just need to show up. Whether you're brand new to faith or have been in the pews for decades, this is for you. Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, Starting April 15. Sign up at firstumc.org/groups.

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study: Female Prophets, Thurs, April 16-May 21, 6:30pm, Parlor
Join Janet Earls and Andrea Bailey for an inspiring study of Rachael Groll's Knowing God's Voice. Explore the stories of biblical women who heard from God 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.

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.

United Women in Faith: Wonder Walk, Saturday, April 25, 9am
Join UWF for the Lakeland site of the Cornerstone Family Ministries 46th Annual Wonder Hybrid Walk/Run! Whether you walk, run, or bike, your participation provides scholarships for inner-city children to learn and grow in a safe environment. Visit Firstumc.org/events for more information and to sign up.

MISSIONS

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

OneBlood
The Big Red Bus will be on campus today from 8:30am-12:30pm for your blood donations. Give the gift of life!

Better Together
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Disaster Recovery Date Change
Due to unforeseen circumstances, we pushed back our time of serving a homeowner still recovering from 2024 hurricanes in Southern Pinellas County to April 24-25. We anticipate working from 8:30am-4:30pm both days. Housing at a church is available on the nights of April 23 and 24 if you don't want to drive back and forth each day. No cost to serve. You do not need to be a handywoman or handyman, just a willing helper. Please send an email to (Fwhite@firstumc.org) if you're willing to serve either or both days.

Philip O'Brien Elementary School
With the end of another school year in sight, we're making plans to celebrate with our partner school. We'll be providing breakfast on May 6, a Wednesday, for 83 teachers/staff. If you're willing to bake some breakfast goodies contact one of our O'Brien passion team leaders - Ann Skellenger (abraham409@aol.com) or Joleen Golden (joleengolden@yahoo.com) - with questions and for directions. We still need \$25 gift cards (Walmart, Target, Aldi, Publix) to give to staff/teachers. Cards may be dropped off at the church office on weekdays during business hours. Finally, congratulations to Ann for being this year's O'Brien Volunteer of the 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

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 **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.)

Blueberry Picking, Sat, April 18, 10am-12pm
Meet at S & S Micro Farm in Bartow. The cost is \$4/lb.

Swan Derby, Fri, April 24, 5:30-7:45pm
Come support Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine by participating in their annual festival! The swan derby takes place at Lake Mirror, and there will be food trucks and other goodies, so bring money to support the cause! This is a family-friendly, come-and-go event.

YA Sunday School, 11am, begins April 26
Join us for Young Adult Sunday School the last Sunday of every month, 11am-12pm in room C-206 (Go to the welcome Center, and head upstairs). Register at firstumc.org/groups.

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