

### 8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Raney Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*HYMN 2022</b>	Great Is the Lord
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	We Will Glorify
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Wade in the Water/arr. Althouse Kaylyn Santonastaso; Elaine Clemens, piano
<b>DOXOLOGY 95</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
<b>SERMON</b>	When Faith Meets Fear (Matthew 14:22-33) Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 295</b>	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb
<b>*RESPONSE</b>	As We Go
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Marching to Zion/Raney Matthew H. Corl

### 9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Presence, Never Ending Grace, Follow You Anywhere
<b>BAPTISM</b>	Arwen Ahoska-Renee Stanton Daughter of Andrew & Katherine Stanton
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	You Search Me (Psalm 139)
<b>SERMON</b>	When Faith Meets Fear (Matthew 14:22-33) Charley Reeb
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Build My Life
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb

### 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>LAY LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Andante tranquillo/Mendelssohn Matthew H. Corl
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 96</b>	Praise the Lord who Reigns Above
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory Be to the Father
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Wade in the Water/arr. Althouse Kaylyn Santonastaso; Elaine Clemens, piano
<b>PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	Kim DuBreuil
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Hymn of Promise/Sleeth Chancel Choir; Elaine Clemens, piano
<b>DOXOLOGY 94</b>	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
<b>*HYMN 186</b>	Alleluia, Alleluia
<b>SERMON</b>	When Faith Meets Fear (Matthew 14:22-33) Charley Reeb
<b>*HYMN 295</b>	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Charley Reeb
<b>*RESPONSE 666</b>	Shalom To You
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Toccata on In the Cross of Christ I Glory/Cherwein Matthew H. Corl

The Spiritual "Wade in the Water" calls to mind several images: baptism, the healing by Jesus in John 5, and the experiences on the Underground Railroad. In Hymn of Promise author and composer Natalie Sleeth compares the mystery of new life in nature to the mystery of our death and resurrection. This composition was first heard at Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg.

\*Please stand if you are able

### 11:00AM THE CURRENT

<b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>	Presence, Never Ending Grace, Follow You Anywhere
<b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	You Search Me (Psalm 139)
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	Can We Change? (Acts 9:1-21) Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith
<b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Build My Life
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Andy Whitaker Smith

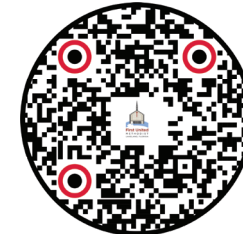
### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God is present to guide our journey  
**ALL: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.**  
 LEADER: God is eager to forgive us when we go astray.  
**ALL: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!**

### 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 (April 19)

In Person: 734  
 Online: 2,060  
 Total: 2,794

**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**  
 Hildie Coon  
 Anita McElhose  
 Gene Parnell

**Death**  
 Darryl O'Gorman, 4/19

**Altar Flowers**  
 In memory of our dear, sweet son, Benjamin Scott Davis, 11/25/86-4/29/21  
 by Donna & Dwight Davis

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 Matthew 14:22-24. Jesus sends His disciples ahead while he goes to pray. Consider how sometimes God calls us into the unknown. Are you trusting him in your current situation?

**Tuesday:** Read Matthew 14:25-27. The disciples see Jesus walking on water and are afraid. Reflect on your own fears during life's storms. How can you practice recognizing Jesus amidst your fears?

**Wednesday:** Read Matthew 14:28-29. Peter steps out of the boat, demonstrating bold faith. What is God inviting you to step out in faith towards? Consider taking a small step today.

**Thursday:** Read Matthew 14:30. Peter begins to sink when he looks at the waves and forgets the power of Christ. Reflect on the times when you allow fear to overcome faith. What can you do to stay mindful of the power of Christ?

**Friday:** Read Matthew 14:31-33. Jesus saves Peter and calms the storm. Reflect on times God has rescued you. How can you share your testimony of his faithfulness?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

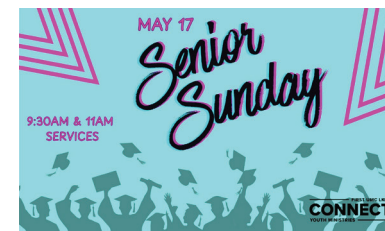
**To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact The Church Office ([info@firstumc.org](mailto:info@firstumc.org) - 863-686-3163)**



**Youth Sunday, May 3**  
 Next Sunday, Connect Youth Ministry is taking over the 8:15am, 9:30am, and 11am services. We look forward to this beautiful time of worship together!



**Genesis Class Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
 The Genesis Sunday School Class will hold its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sat, May 9 from 7am-12pm. All proceeds go to benefit families in need in the Lakeland area. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship on your way to Mayfaire by the Lake. The cost is \$5/Adults, \$3/Child or \$15/Family. Tickets are available at the door.



**Senior Sunday, May 17**  
 Mark your calendar on Sunday May 17 for our Graduation Sunday. We will be celebrating the graduating seniors at the 9:30am and 11am Traditional Services. This will be a very special morning for our congregation. We will be having a special video played during the service. You won't want to miss it!



**Handbell Ringers & Singers: Celebrate the Seasons, May 31, 4pm**  
 Join us for a joyful and uplifting musical experience as we "Celebrate the Seasons" through the unique artistry of handbells, ChoirChimes, and song! This special concert features a talented group of musicians who not only ring but also sing in harmony - sometimes at the very same time. The shimmering tones of the handbells and the warm resonance of ChoirChimes blend with vocals to create a rich and inspiring soundscape that captures the essence of every time of year. This is a free concert, however a love offering will be taken to help support their mission tour in June 2026.

## 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

**KIC Club 4/5 End of the Year Pool Party, May 8, 6-8pm**  
Fourth and fifth graders are invited to celebrate the end of the year at the Dammer's house. We'll be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, and enjoying a relaxing evening by the pool. Please sign up at [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) by May 6.

**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](http://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](http://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.wumccc.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](http://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](http://firstumc.org/children).

## 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, April 26:**  
9:30am Youth Choir  
10:30am Donuts and Discussion  
3:30pm Youth Praise Band  
5pm Youth Group

**Tuesday, April 28:**  
5pm Youth Dance Ministry

**Wednesday, April 29:**  
4:45pm Youth Handbells  
6pm Open Gym  
6:30pm Middle School and High School Bible Studies

**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.

**Youth Sunday, May 3, All services**  
Hey Youth and Adult Volunteers - We need help on Youth Sunday! On Sunday, May 3, we are taking over all of our services in the morning! 8:15am, 9:30am, and 11am, we will be in the Sanctuary for all three of these services! It is completely run by our youth for the whole morning! We have a run through on May 2 from 9am - 12pm! We will provide breakfast both mornings and then have a pool/lunch party for all the youth and adults who participated on Sunday afternoon, after the services are over. Email Emily if you would like to sign up to help!

**Serve Saturday, May 16, 9am-12pm**  
Join us on May 16, in room C-112 for our upcoming Serve Saturday! This is a great opportunity to come together as a team and help prepare for this year's Vacation Bible School. We'll be organizing supplies and getting everything ready to create a fun, welcoming environment for the kids who will be attending VBS in June.

## 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).

**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](http://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](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, Weds, 6-7:30pm, Rm C-207**  
How do we actually follow Jesus in the rhythm of everyday life? Join us for this six-week Adam Hamilton study starting April 15, as we explore five essential practices: worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith. Whether you're brand new to faith or a longtime believer, these sessions offer practical ways to deepen your walk with Christ. No prior Bible knowledge required—just a heart ready to grow! Sign up at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Financial Peace Summer Session, June 10-August 5, Wednesday Nights 6-8pm, C-204**  
Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future! Attend in person or via Zoom. Sign up at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

## MISSIONS

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

**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](mailto:abraham409@aol.com)) or Joleen Golden ([joleengolden@yahoo.com](mailto: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!


**First Sunday Food Collection**  
We will receive food at the Missions Depot next Sunday, May 3, 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.

**Renewed Hope Missions**  
First UMC will send a mission team Aug 4-11 to serve in the Dominican Republic with this important mission. We're targeting young adults for this team, but all are welcome. Estimated trip cost for the trip based on 10 people is \$927 (single occupancy), \$843 (double occupancy) plus airfare (currently about \$610). Please do NOT let the cost deter you from serving. We have ways for you to raise funds to be on the team. For additional information contact Forrest White ([fwhite@firstumc.org](mailto:fwhite@firstumc.org)).

**KidsPACK**  
Our final packing event of the 2025-26 school year will be Wednesday, May 6. 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)) Thanks to Skip for another great job of leading this 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: @1stLKLDDYoungAdults 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.)

**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](http://firstumc.org/groups).

**Guys & Girls Groups, Thursday, April 30, 6-8pm**  
The guys will be playing board games at Ian's house; the girls will be having a Berry Day at Jen's, making blueberry and strawberry jams and smoothies from our recent pickings! Sign up for your perspective groups at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups) for these South Lakeland addresses!

**YAs Serve: Sat, May 2, 5-8pm**  
Come help us bake breakfast muffins for the teachers at Philip O'Brien Elementary School for teacher appreciation week! We'll have pizza at Jen's and then get to baking! Register at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events) for the address.

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