

## 8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                         |                                | Marcus Zillman  |
| <b>PRELUDE</b>                                       | Be Thou My Vision              | Matthew H. Corl |
| <b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>                              |                                | Kim DuBreuil    |
| <b>*HYMN</b>                                         | Be Thou My Vision              |                 |
| <b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 884</b>                     |                                | Kim DuBreuil    |
| <b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>                                 | We Will Glorify                |                 |
| <b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b> |                                | Ivan Corbin     |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                                     | How Great Thou Art             | Mike Dammer     |
| <b>SERMON</b>                                        | Abide in Christ (John 15:1-11) | Marcus Zillman  |
| <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>                                |                                | Ivan Corbin     |
| <b>*HYMN 172</b>                                     | My Jesus I Love Thee           |                 |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>                                  |                                | Marcus Zillman  |
| <b>*RESPONSE</b>                                     | As We Go                       |                 |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                      | Do Lord/Krug                   | Matthew H. Corl |

## 9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP

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| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> |                                                                             | Marcus Zillman |
| <b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>      |                                                                             |                |
| <b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>      | The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours),<br>Ever Imagine, It Really is Amazing Grace |                |
| <b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>       |                                                                             | Kim DuBreuil   |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>             | God I Look To You                                                           |                |
| <b>SERMON</b>                | Abide in Christ (John 15:1-11)                                              | Marcus Zillman |
| <b>COMMUNION</b>             |                                                                             | Ivan Corbin    |
| <b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>     | Abide                                                                       |                |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>          |                                                                             | Marcus Zillman |

## 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                         |                                                           | Marcus Zillman    |
| <b>PRELUDE</b>                                       | Trust and Obey/Helman                                     | Matthew H. Corbin |
| <b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>                               |                                                           | Ivan Corbin       |
| <b>*HYMN 467</b>                                     | Trust and Obey                                            |                   |
| <b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 884</b>                     |                                                           | Ivan Corbin       |
| <b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>                                 | Glory Be to the Father                                    |                   |
| <b>PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE</b> |                                                           | Ivan Corbin       |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                                     | Santo, Santo, Santo/arr. Parrish                          |                   |
|                                                      | Chancel Choir; Elaine Clemens, piano; Debbie Klise, flute |                   |
| <b>SERMON</b>                                        | Abide in Christ (John 15:1-11)                            | Marcus Zillman    |
| <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>                                |                                                           | Ivan Corbin       |
| <b>*HYMN 172</b>                                     | My Jesus, I Love Thee                                     |                   |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>                                  |                                                           | Marcus Zillman    |
| <b>*RESPONSE 666</b>                                 | Shalom to You                                             |                   |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                      | Tarentelle/Bedard                                         | Matthew H. Corbin |

## 11:00AM THE CURRENT

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| <b>WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> |                                                                             |              |
| <b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>       |                                                                             |              |
| <b>*SONGS OF PRAISE</b>      | The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours),<br>Ever Imagine, It Really is Amazing Grace |              |
| <b>CENTERING PRAYER</b>      |                                                                             |              |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>             | God I Look To You                                                           |              |
| <b>*DOXOLOGY</b>             |                                                                             |              |
| <b>SERMON</b>                | Abide in Christ (John 15:1-11)                                              | Kim DuBreuil |
| <b>COMMUNION</b>             |                                                                             |              |
| <b>*SONG OF RESPONSE</b>     | Abide                                                                       |              |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>          |                                                                             |              |

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Shout praise to God!  
**ALL: Let us praise God with music and great joy!**  
 LEADER: God looks upon us with favor.  
**ALL: God rejoices in our loving compassion for others.**  
 LEADER: Thanks be to God who offers to us new life.  
**ALL: Praise be to Jesus Christ who taught us how to live. AMEN**

## 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 [firsttumor.org/connect](https://firsttumor.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 (August 30)

In Person: 671  
Online: 1,192  
Total: 1,863

**Acolytes/Crucifers:** Dylan Smith, 11am

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

## Giving Through August 31, 2026

|                 | 2026             | 2025             | Inc (Dec) | % Inc (Dec) |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Budgeted Income | \$ 2,807,538     | \$ 2,746,702     | \$ 60,836 | 2.21%       |
| Actual Income   | <u>2,583,278</u> | <u>2,520,767</u> | 62,511    | 2.48%       |
|                 | \$ (224,260)     | \$ (225,935)     |           |             |

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**  
Jamie Kush  
John Schlachter

**Deaths**  
 Kyle Slagley, 8/29  
 Geraldine Kressin, 9/1  
 Wayne Shooks, 9/2

## Altar Flowers

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

## Communion Offering

Offering received during Communion supports the Fellowship Fund, a benevolence assistance fund administered by the pastors. Thank you.

## 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)**



## Nepal Flash Flooding Disaster

Join us in prayer for those impacted by devastating flash flooding along the border of Nepal and Tibet. UMCOR has awarded a solidarity grant to partner United Mission Nepal to aid in their work of reaching impacted communities in Dhading and Nuwakot districts with food and other emergency relief items.



**Midweek Dinner**  
Wednesday Midweek Dinner returns with classes starting Sep 9. There's something for everyone at our Wednesday evening meal and programs! No reservations are required for dinner. Dinner service begins at 5pm in the Fellowship Center, followed by activities and classes. Most classes and activities take place from 6-7pm (unless otherwise noted). Adult meal tickets are \$10 and children (12 and under) are \$5. Visit [firstumc.org/midweek](http://firstumc.org/midweek) to learn more!

## 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).**

**Connect & Grow This Fall!**  
Learn more and register at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups).

- **American Sign Language (ASL):** Mondays at 6:30pm (Starts Sep 14). Available in person or on Zoom. Learn beginner's ASL for personal connection or ministry.
- **Companions in Christ:** Tuesdays at 6pm (Starts Sep 15). A 28-week spiritual growth journey split into 5 shorter modules. Sign up for the whole series or just a part!
- **Disciple Fast Track 1 (New App-Based Study!):** Perfect for busy schedules (Starts Sep 21). Features flexible app-based learning and weekly Zoom meetings. Find out more at BeADiscipleApp.com.
- **Disciple 3:** Sundays from 5-7:00pm (Sept 13 through April). A deep look at our identity as the community of God.
- **Fall Chair Yoga (New!):** Wednesdays at 10am (Starts Sep 9). Gentle, seated movement and prayer led by Sarah Lloyd.
- **Fall Mat Yoga:** Mondays at 6pm (Starts Sep 14). Beginner-friendly class offering a welcoming space to connect with Christ.
- **Financial Peace University Fall Session:** Wednesdays at 6pm (starts Sep 16). Learn God's way of handling money.
- **Tender Hearts Bereavement Group:** Wednesdays 3:30-8-5pm (Starts Sep 9). If you are grieving the death of a loved one, join us for a study of Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book *Understanding Your Grief*. Learn essential steps for finding hope and healing of your heart.
- **Gospel Gathering Hymn Sing:** Wednesdays at 6pm in the Chapel (Starts Sep 9). All singing levels are welcome for this joyful sing-along!
- **Parables Study:** Wednesdays at 6pm (Starts Sep 9). Discover the stories of Jesus in a fresh light this fall.
- **Radicle Methodism:** Wednesdays at 6pm (Starts Sep 9). Join Pastor Ivan for this 4-week study on the beginnings of Methodism.
- **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10am (Starts Sep 10). Beginning with Bishop Berlin's new study, *Jesus is Lord*.
- **Thursday Evening Women's Group:** Thursdays at 6:30pm (Starts Sep 10). Exploring Adam Hamilton's book *Forgiveness*.

**Memory Ministry Workshop, Friday, September 11, 10-11:30am**

Join Vicky Pitner for an informative and interactive workshop: **Creating Calm When Life is Confusing**. Being impatient with someone living with a dementia, can cause the person to feel scared, confused, frustrated or angry. Maintaining a calm demeanor, while you are feeling those same emotions your family member feels, may seem impossible. However, learning and practicing effective techniques helps diffuse a conflict. Register for this free in-person workshop at [firstumc.org/events](http://firstumc.org/events).

**UWF Unit Meeting, Monday, September 14, 10:30am**

Ladies, join us for our third 2026 unit meeting on Monday, September 14, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Center. Our guest speaker, Dian Dreaming Dove Barreras from the Committee on Native American Ministries, will present a special program on Native American Women. A time of lunch and fellowship will follow. RSVP to Alice Ray Overstreet (aliceray529@aol.com) to reserve your spot.

**\*Please stand if you are able**



## 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 - Kindergarten)**

### 3rd Grade Bibles, October 11, 9:30 service only

Celebrating the achievement of receiving a 3rd grade Bible is an important milestone for our children. On October 11, during the 9:30 Children's Sunday service, we will honor our 3rd graders. After the service, we invite these students and their families to join us for cake. Even if you can't make it to the October 11 service, please register so we can ensure a Bible is prepared for your child. Head to [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children) to register.

### Pray and Play, Thursdays, 9-10:30am, Children's Area

Beginning September 10 join us for this special time for non-school-age children and their caregivers to connect and grow together as we navigate the joys, challenges and ever-changing phases of life with littles.

### KIC Club 4/5- Pancakes & Planning, September 13, 5-7pm

Attention 4th and 5th graders! You're invited to join us for a planning event where we'll chat about our upcoming monthly gatherings. If you have ideas on potential destinations, we'd love to hear them, so make sure to come! Sign up by Sep 11 at [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children).

### KIC Friends, Wednesday Nights starting September 16\*, 6:00-7:30pm\*\*

Kids Preschool and under will explore the Bible A to Z with a story, craft and fellowship. Elementary kids will explore two biblical moments and choose which they would do! Please sign up once for the entire year at [firstumc.org/children](http://firstumc.org/children). (\*Childcare will be available September 9 exclusively for children whose parents are participating in a class or event. \*\*Please note children do not need to stay the entire length of night.)

### KIC Family- Boots & Bales Bash, September 27, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us for some KIC Family Fall Fun! Come enjoy caramel apple nachos, fall crafts, learn some line dances, and more! This is a FREE event that will be filled with all things fall! Wear your favorite western wear or fall gear! Invite your friends to join in the fun! Please RSVP by Sep 22 at [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, September 6:**  
**No Sunday Morning Bible Study**  
**3:30pm Youth Praise Band F101**  
**5pm Youth Group F Building**

**Wednesday, September 9:**  
**5:15pm Youth Praise Band Practice E22**  
**6pm Open Gym F Building**  
**6:30pm MS & HS Bible Study**

### High School Late Night Hang, Sunday, September 6, 7pm-9pm

Calling all High schoolers to join us for an extended fellowship time after youth group. We will be walking to Mootown Scoops for ice cream and then returning to the church to hang out. You don't want to miss out! Be sure to sign up at [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

### Pumpkin Patch Training

The Pumpkin Patch will be opening soon! Volunteers are invited to attend one of two training sessions: September 16 at 5:30pm or September 20 at 7pm in Room F101. Each training will cover everything you need to know to serve in the Pumpkin Patch. For more information or to sign up, visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

### Serve Saturday, Saturday, September 19, 9am - 12pm

Join us for Serve Saturday on September 19 we will be going to VISTE to serve. We will meet at the church at 9 am and return at noon. Students must have an updated medical form on file to attend. For more information and to sign up visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

### Beyond High School, Sunday, September 20, 5pm-7pm

High school students and parents are invited to join us for our Beyond High School event that will take place September 20 from 5pm to 7pm in the F building. We will have representatives from Polk State College, Travis and Ridge Technical Schools, Florida Southern, and many others. For more information and to sign up visit: [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth).

### Fall Retreat, November 6-8

The youth group will be returning to Warren Willis Camp for Fall Retreat this year. It will be a great weekend of fellowship with each other and to grow deeper in our faith. Be sure to visit [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth) for more information and to sign up.

## 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.)

### 1 Year of Ministry!

Our YA group started last September, and we have officially made it one full year of experiencing God's goodness! We have finished the Bible in a year, launched 3 more ministry areas (6 now), grown from an average of 9-12 to an average of 35-40 YAs each month, completed 16 service projects, and grown a community committed toward discipleship! Please praise the Lord with us for this goodness, and invite a YA to find belonging with us!

### YAs Serve: Take Heart 5k, Sat, Sep 12, 6am-10am

Meet at the Lakeland Promenade to hold posters at the finish line, hand out waters, or supervise the bounce house as we join Take Heart in raising funds for orphans and widows for their thriving education program in Kenya.

### YA Girls Clothing Swap, Thurs, Sep 24, 6-7:30pm, room C-112

Time to clean out your closet! Bring your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories, and swap them for new-to-you styles while saving the environment and your wallet!

### Guys Game night, Thurs, Sep 10, 6-8pm

Come play some board games at Ian's house! Sign up at [firstumc.org/groups](http://firstumc.org/groups) to see the South Lakeland address.

### YA Sunday School, Sun, Sep 27, C-206, 11am-12pm

We're continuing our series on Revelation! Newbies welcome!

## 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 today, 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.

### Better Together Job Fair

In April, First UMC played host to the biggest job fair in Better Together's 10-year history, and we hope to break the record on Oct 22 because that will mean more people landing career opportunities. If you can smile and say "Hello," you can help! Job fair is from 10am-1pm in the C building. We're having an information session to answer any questions this Wednesday, Sep 9, at 4:30pm in the Chapel (before the Wednesday night dinner). Join us in the transformative work of the church!

### Disaster Recovery Local

We will continue our partnership with SALT (Serving and Loving Together) Disaster Recovery in Pinellas County this Friday and Saturday, Sep 11 and 12, from 8:30am-4:30pm each day. You don't have to be skilled in construction. You just need to be a willing helper with a good attitude to make a real difference. No charge to serve. Open to anyone age 14 and older, though youth should be accompanied by a parent if possible. Most choose to drive to and from Lakeland. But overnight accommodations are available. Email me ([fwhite@firstumc.org](mailto:fwhite@firstumc.org)) to sign up.

### Disaster Recovery Road Trip

We'll be taking a team back to the Asheville, N.C., area to help with ongoing Hurricane Helene flying out of St. Pete on Sunday, Oct 4 and return on Thursday, Oct 8. We will be working three full days two years after the hurricane devastated many mountain communities. Cost is \$100 plus your airfare. That covers lodging for four nights, three meals M-W and supplies. Lodging is a nice facility with bunk beds. Please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to join the team. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, Sep 13.

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS

For information regarding Music Ministry events, contact Karen Buie: [kbue@firstumc.org](mailto:kbuie@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x238 or Matthew Corl: [mcorn@firstumc.org](mailto:mcorn@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x274

### Fall Fine Arts

Fall Fine Arts rehearsals start back up this week! Have you ever thought of serving through music? We offer choir opportunities for all ages (KIC Choir, Youth Choir & Chancel Choir) and everyone is welcome to come be part of the choir community - no experience necessary. Contact Karen or Matthew for more information about choirs and handbell groups for all ages.

# First United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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## Sermon Series

inspired by the book by *Kyle Idleman*

