8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Marcus Zillman
PRELUDE	Jesus Loves Me/Bock	Elaine Clemens, piano
***CALL TO WORSHIP**		Kim DuBreuil
***HYMN 89**	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887**		
***GLORIA PATRI**	We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Ivan Corbin
OFFERTORY	The Prayer/Sager & Foster Jenny Heidtman & Mark Thomsen	
***DOXOLOGY 95**	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Rejoice Always (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)	Marcus Zillman
***HYMN 715**	Rejoice, The Lord Is King	
***BENEDICTION**		Marcus Zillman
***RESPONSE**	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Allegro/Heron	Elaine Clemens, organ

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Marcus Zillman
***CALL TO WORSHIP**		Kim DuBreuil
***SONGS OF PRAISE**	Just That Good, It Really Is Amazing Grace, Life is Beautiful	
PRAYER /LORD'S PRAYER		Ivan Corbin
OFFERTORY	Build My Life	
SERMON	Rejoice Always (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)	Marcus Zillman
***SONG OF RESPONSE**	Goodness of God	
***BENEDICTION**		Marcus Zillman

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Marcus Zillman
PRELUDE	Jesus Loves Me/Bock	Elaine Clemens, piano
***CALL TO WORSHIP**		Ivan Corbin
***HYMN 89**	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887**		
***GLORIA PATRI 70**	Glory Be To The Father	
ANTHEM	The Prayer/Sager & Foster Jenny Heidtman & Mark Thomsen	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Ivan Corbin
OFFERTORY	Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!/Page Chancel Choir	
***DOXOLOGY 94**	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Rejoice Always (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)	Marcus Zillman
***HYMN 715**	Rejoice, The Lord Is King	
***BENEDICTION**		Marcus Zillman
***RESPONSE 666**	Shalom To You	
POSTLUDE	Allegro/Heron	Elaine Clemens, organ

***Please stand if you are able**

Thank you to Elaine Clemens for providing organ and piano music this morning in our traditional worship services.

This Sunday we would like to acknowledge and thank all of our Veterans.

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kim DuBreuil
***CALL TO WORSHIP**		
***SONGS OF PRAISE**	Just That Good, It Really Is Amazing Grace, Life is Beautiful	
PRAYER /LORD'S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	Build My Life	
SERMON	Rejoice Always (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)	Kim DuBreuil
COMMUNION		
***SONG OF RESPONSE**	Goodness of God	
***BENEDICTION**		Kim DuBreuil

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to celebrate the goodness of God, who fills our lives with every blessing.
ALL: Rejoice always!
LEADER: We offer our attention, our focus, and our prayers, staying connected to the True Vine.
ALL: Pray continually!
LEADER: Out of the abundance of our gratitude, we gladly return a portion of our time, talent, and resources to God's work.
ALL: Give thanks in all circumstances.
LEADER: Let us worship the One who gives us everything, answering His love with faithful stewardship.
ALL: Come, let us worship God together! 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

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

Presence in Worship (November 1)
In Person: 712
Online: 1,380
Total: 2,092

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

Giving Through October 31st, 2026

	2026	2025	Inc (Decr)	% Inc (Decr)
Budgeted Income	$ 3,449,262	$ 3,374,520	$ 74,742	2.21%
Actual Income	3,155,752	3,139,079	16,673	0.53%
	$ (293,510)	$ (235,441)		

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
Lin Dawson

Death
Bill Brownlee, 11/1

A Celebration of Life for **Mikey King** will take place in the Fellowship Center on Saturday, November 14th. Visitation will begin at 10:30am, followed by the service at 11:00. Friends & family are invited to stay for a reception immediately following the service.

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.

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)



Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Sign ups are Open!
Signups are open to ring the bell for The Salvation Army this year! We have 2-hour shifts Monday-Saturday from November 30th to December 24th. We'll be at the Grove Park Publix, off of US Highway 98 S. Join us, and ring us into the holiday season for a great cause!Sign up for a shift at firstumc.org/salvation-army.



Holiday Jazz Room, Nov. 22, 5-7pm
Jingle into the holidays with a special Holiday Jazz Room experience! This beloved concert tradition returns with the Jeff Phillips Trio bringing a fresh, jazzy twist to all your favorite holiday classics. Gather the family and settle in for an evening of great music, holiday cheer, a hot cocoa bar, and an assortment of festive treats. Purchase tickets at the door or visit firstumc.org/concert-series.



Advent Movie Night, Nov. 29, 5-7pm, Fellowship Center
Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate this year's church-wide Advent study with a family-friendly *Christmas Carol* movie screening. Pizza, snacks, and holiday cider provided. Completely free and open to everyone, but registration is required. Register at firstumc.org/events.

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.

NEW STUDY STARTS THIS WEEK!
Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ, Tues, Nov 10–Dec 15, 6-8 PM, Rm C-201C
Go beyond simply reading the Bible and experience it as truly "living water" in this transformative 5-week spiritual formation study. We'll explore classic Christian traditions of deeply meditating and praying through scripture to cultivate the mind of Christ. All are welcome! Books are available in the Bookstore. No class on Tues, Nov 24 (Thanksgiving week). Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Galatians Bible Study, Concludes Nov 11, 6 PM, Rm C-204
Join Pastor Ivan Corbin to explore the Apostle Paul's powerful message of grace, freedom in Christ, and what it truly means to live by the Spirit. **No books or previous attendance required!** Just bring your Bible and a heart ready to grow. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

The Secure Soul (Thursday Women's Bible Study), Thur, Oct 29-Dec 17, 10 AM, Rm C-204
Pastor Kim DuBreuil leads The Secure Soul, Thursdays, 10-11:30am through Dec 17. Tired of overthinking, perfectionism, and people-pleasing? This study by Dr. Alison Cook blends psychology and Christian faith to help you break free from burnout, heal inner wounds, set healthy boundaries, and find rest in God's unconditional love. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

Adult Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge, Wed, Nov 18 - Dec 16, 6 PM, Rm C-204
Escape the holiday "humbug" and discover the true warmth of God's redeeming love this season! Pastor Ivan Corbin leads this study based on Matt Rawle's book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*. We'll explore Charles Dickens's timeless holiday classic to see how the gifts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future can break our chains, transform our daily lives, and fill us with hope for tomorrow. Books are available for purchase at Our Giving Tree Bookstore. Register at FirstUMC.org/Groups.

JOY 55+ December Holiday Concert Outing, Thur, Dec 10, 7 PM
Join the Just Older Youth (55+) ministry for connection and fun this season. Celebrate the sound of the holidays with the Harrison Singers and Harrison Symphony Orchestra at their annual "Music of the Season" concert! Cost is ($19). Tickets are limited! Meet at the church to ride together on the church bus. Sign up online at FirstUMC.org/Events.

Women's Soul Care Retreat, Sat, Jan 9, 2027, 9:30AM-1:30 PM, Room C-201D
Step away from the busyness of life for a morning of rest, reflection, and community. Join UWF for a wonderful day of fun, food, fellowship, creative crafts, and door prizes! Special guest presenter and professional beekeeper Doyen Carlin will guide us through a fascinating look at bees and beehives, paired with spiritual reflection. The cost is $10 and includes a light lunch. Register 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
11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks – Kindergarten)

Wednesdays
4:00-5:15pm KIC Choir (Kindergarten – 5th grade)
6:00 -7:30pm KIC Friends (Infants 6 weeks – 5th Grade)

Thursdays
9:00-10:30am Pray and Play (Infants - Non-school Age children)

Breakfast with Santa Volunteers Needed, December 5
Are you ready to have fun and be a part of a wonderful community outreach event? We are excited that you want to partner with us to share God's love with our community at this very special time of year! No doubt, you will be on the nice list! Head to firstumc.org/children to sign up.

Advent Study for Children starting November 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
KIC Friends will take a pause on their current studies and elementary students will participate in an advent study that focuses on the same themes as the parent study. Children 4 and under will participate in fun Christmas activities weekly. The study portion of the evening will run from 6:00 – 7:00 PM with programming running until 7:30 for parents that need the additional time to finish their own program or study. Please register for this event, even if you are already enrolled in KIC Friends, so we can prepare the necessary supplies.

Parent Advent Study starting November 18, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Parents, join us for a special 3-week Advent study on Matt Rawle's The Redemption of Scrooge! This Advent, we will focus on the book's themes in all worship services, and we are excited to create time and space for parents to connect during the season to discuss the book our sermon series is based on.

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, 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.)

November Food Drive
Our YAs Serve focus for this month is helping Neighborhood Ministries feed their families for Thanksgiving! Drop off food each week at Bible Study or bring them to the church and place in the blue bins!

Girls Hobby Group: Fall Hot Glue Frames, Thurs, Nov 12, 6-8pm
Bring a mini photo or use one of our fall-theme picture selections to use a wax sealer and hot glue to create a cute frame for a fridge magnet! $10 will cover your supplies and snacks; sign up at firstumc.org/events!

Harvest Holler Corn Maze, Sat, Nov 14, 4-7pm
Meet at Harvest Holler ($17 entrance fee) and come join us for a hayride to feed cows and horses, get lost in the corn maze, stuff your face with the best peach cobbler, play some corn hole, and enjoy the cooler weather around sunset! Vendors sell festival-type dinner such as corn dogs and burgers.

Guys Game Night, Thurs, Nov 19, 6-8pm
Come play board games with the guys! Meet at Ian's house—register at firstumc.org/groups to see the South Lakeland address!

YA Sunday School, Nov 29, 11am, Room C206
We're finishing up our study on Revelation!

YOUTH

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

Sunday, November 8:
No Sunday Morning Bible Study
No Youth Choir
No Youth Group due to Fall Retreat

Wednesday, November 11:
6pm Open Gym F Building
6:30pm MS & HS Bible Study

Serve Saturday, November 14, 9am-12pm
Join us as we serve at Lighthouse Ministries on November 14. We'll meet at the church at 9am and return around noon. Please ensure you have a medical release form on file. Sign up at firstumc.org/youth.

COPE, November 15, 2:30-6:30pm
The Cost of Poverty Experience, COPE, is a 3-hour simulation designed to build insight, empathy, and commitment around impacting poverty in our local communities. Participants get the opportunity to glimpse the realities and challenges of a family in poverty in today's world. This experience will include discussions of both individual and systemic challenges and will focus on how our communities might utilize compassion, connection, and influence to create solutions to poverty, learning first from those with lived experience. Dinner is included. For more information, please visit Firstumc.org/youth.

High School Late Night Hang, November 22, 7pm-9pm
Calling all high schoolers to stay after youth group on November 22nd till 9pm to hangout. We will be walking to the Joinery for ice cream then returning to the Gym to hangout. RSVP at firstumc.org/youth.

Confirmation, January 6- April 14
Confirmation is a 15-week faith journey designed for students in 7th grade and older. Through Scripture, Methodist teachings, and meaningful discussion, students will explore what it means to live out their faith and ask important questions about their relationship with God.

Rock the Universe, January 22 – 24
Join us for an unforgettable weekend of faith, music, and fun at Florida's biggest Christian music festival! Enjoy two nights of concerts featuring Elevation Worship, Josiah Queen, CAIN, Katy Nichole, and more! The trip includes two nights at Cabana Bay Beach Resort, transportation, a day at Islands of Adventure, and Sunday morning worship at a local United Methodist church. Cost includes lodging, transportation, concerts, and park admission. Food and souvenirs are not included. Registration Deadline: November 30. Register at firstumc.org/youth.

Youth UMC Conference, July 11 - 17
Students in grades 8–12 and their parents are invited to join us in Dallas, Texas, for the Youth UMC Conference and mission trip. Participants will attend conference workshops and general sessions and complete two days of mission work in the area. Contact Emily for more information. The first deposit is due November 13.

MISSIONS

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

Better Together Job Fair
Thanks to all who helped with our job fair in partnership with Better Together on Oct 22 from 10am-1pm here on campus. We had 499 job seekers, 1,097 interviews conducted or scheduled, 122 initial job offers made, 17 employers and 13 resource partners and … 97 of the job seekers asked for more information about First UMC. What a huge blessing. Special thanks to Barbara Herr who led the way on both 2026 job fairs. We wish her all the best as she moves to Ohio.

VISTE's 30th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
Help our ministry partner Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE) spread holiday cheers and deliver good food! They're looking for volunteers to help deliver meals on Nov 25. Great for families. Preregistration required at www.viste.org/thanksgiving

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