

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 112:1-9

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†HYMN 453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

†THE GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 5:13-20

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The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each petition, the congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

The congregation is invited to register attendance by signing the registries found on each pew.

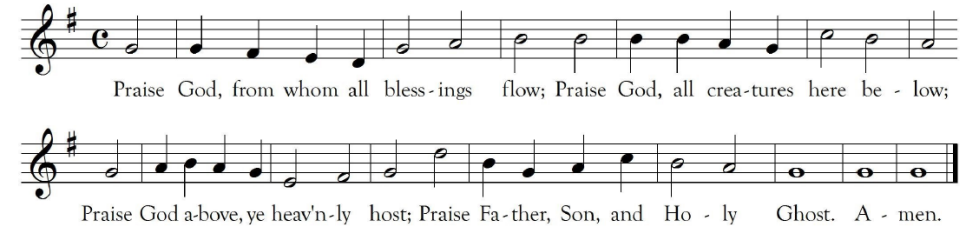
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan (1921 - 2006)

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 462

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

TRUST IN JESUS

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare for a New Day

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

†The Congregation stands.

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH BUCHANAN WILSON ON HER 55TH BIRTHDAY. GIVEN BY HER PARENTS.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX ARE GIVEN TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF BUXTON FOWLER AND IN HONOR OF HIS LIFE. GIVEN BY HIS PARENTS SUSAN & JOE FOWLER.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti Senior Pastor
The Reverend Stacey Lundy Associate Pastor
Mr. Jason Walser Lector
Mr. Steven Aycock Interim Organist and Music Director
Mr. Erik-Thomas Hinson Interim Organist and Music Director

Chancel Choir

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE Corbin & Evan Barber, Nate Shaffer
ALTAR GUILD Jay Hughes
OUTSIDE GREETERS Martha Miller
DOORSTEP VISITORS Laura Collins & Kathi Welborn
USHERS Ken Hollar - Captain, Jordan Alexander, Chuck Bowman, John Conrad, Jeff Daye, Pam Dixon, Van Kelly, Doug Leonard, Bill Linn, Larry Oldham, Andy Scott, Mel Smith
SECURITY Frances & Doug Miller
NURSERY Laura Collins & Alisha Mastro

THOSE SERVING FEBRUARY 16, 2020

ACOLYTE Ethan & Lacey Mastro, Regan Roakes
ALTAR GUILD Laura Peltz
OUTSIDE GREETERS Martha Miller
DOORSTEP VISITORS Emily & Steve Mueller
USHERS Ken Hollar - Captain, Jordan Alexander, Chuck Bowman, John Conrad, Jeff Daye, Pam Dixon, Van Kelly, Doug Leonard, Bill Linn, Larry Oldham, Andy Scott, Mel Smith
SECURITY Gary Cox & Mel Smith
NURSERY Kay McCartney & Pat Paschall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome both Mr. Steven Aycock and Mr. Erik-Thomas Hinson, who will partner together in leading our church's music ministry on an interim basis. Our church is blessed! Please take a moment to welcome them both.

The Lunch Bunch, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at DJ's, 1502 W. Innes St. All are welcome!

Midweek at First Meal is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required by Monday at 5:00 pm. Children eat free. This week's menu: baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, roll, lemon icebox pie

A training for Lectors will be held today, February 9 at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Come if you are a current or interested lector!

The summer missions team will be hosting a Parents Night Out on Valentine's Day (February 14). We will be taking care of children (potty trained - 5th grade) from 6:00-9:00pm that evening. Children will have a pizza dinner, play some games, and watch a movie while their parents enjoy a night out. Parents Night Out will raise money for summer missions, and the cost will be \$15 for one child, \$25 for two! We ask that parents (or grandparents!) to RSVP by February 13 by going to the church website.

SAVE THE DATE

A 6-week Women's Bible study led by Brenda Loflin and Barbara Senter is based on The Quest by Beth Moore. The Bible study will begin on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00. Books will be \$15. Please register at fumcsalisbury.org or contact Becca Blackmon in the church office so that we know how many books to order.

The Way of Forgiveness (a Companions in Christ study) will be offered on Wednesday nights beginning February 19 at 6:30pm in the Christian Forum room. This 6-week study for Lent (skipping Ash Wednesday for the service) will be led by Lay Servant Sue Park. Books are \$10. Sign up at fumcsalisbury.org.

Come to the Visioning Days on both Sundays, February 23 and March 22, 1:30-5:00pm.

Ash Wednesday is February 26. We will have a service in the sanctuary at 6:15 after the Midweek@First meal, and continue with prayer services each Wednesday in Lent in the Chapel at 6:15.

Our rescheduled Women's Beach Retreat is March 13-15! Lodging is \$135 for this weekend of fellowship and centering. Find more details and register at fumcsalisbury.org or see Pastor Stacey.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The Church Office needs volunteers to help at the volunteer desk. If you can help on Monday and/or Friday afternoons from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, please call Becca at 704-363-3121, ext. 102. The substitute list for the front office also needs to be replenished so if you can help out, let Becca know.

Attendance for February 2, 2020

8:30am	53
11:00am	281

Our upcoming Visioning Days on February 23 and March 22 will be valuable time spent together imagining our church's future. Please be in prayer leading up to these days and beyond. Ask yourself: *Why does God call First United Methodist Church to be here in ministry today?*

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

<i>As of 02/02/2020</i>	2020
YTD Income	\$ 75,723.89
Less YTD Expenses	\$ 43,776.52
Sub Total	\$ 31,947.37
Cash on hand December 31, 2019	\$ 23,750.70
Cash on hand 02/02/2020	\$ 55,698.07

FIRST TIME GUESTS are invited to stop at the Welcome Table in the Narthex as you leave to sign our guest register. Thank you for worshipping with us today and please join us again soon.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE. A children's bulletin that parallels the sermon and Pockets Devotional magazine for children are in the bag. This is a wonderful way to share in worship with your child!

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE for all children through age four for our services of worship. Pagery are available for the family worshipping.

COPIES OF THE ECCLESIA, our church newsletter, are available in both entrances to the Sanctuary. If you are a guest today, please take a copy and learn about the many opportunities at First United Methodist Church.

HEARING AID DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sunday, February 9**
 8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
 5:30pm Club 45 & Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall
 SPRC—B110
- Monday, February 10**
 6:00pm Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
 Girl Scouts
 7:00 Boy Scouts—Scout Room
- Tuesday, February 11**
 12:00pm Methodist Connection Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, February 12**
 2:00pm Deadline of Bulletin announcements
 5:30 Midweek@FIRST—Fellowship Hall
 6:15 Kids Connection—B101
 The Casting Queens—B110
 7:00 Chancel Choir—Music Suite
- Thursday, February 13**
 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 Rowan Missional Network—B107
 6:30pm RHM Supper
- Friday, February 14**
 6:00am RHM Breakfast
 8:00 Preschool 3's Valentine Party—Fellowship Hall
 6:00pm Parent's Night Out—Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, February 15**
 9:00am Scout Trip—bus
 10:00 Children's Ministry Play Date—Nursery
- Sunday, February 16**
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 2:00pm Women's Bible Study—B102
 5:30 Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall



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SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
ESTABLISHED 1783

THE MISSION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE AND NURTURE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES THROUGH THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 February 9, 2020 – 11:00 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY

O Lord Most Holy

Cesar Franck
(1822-1890)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

God said, "Let there be light."
And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

And the light shall not be quenched.

†HYMN 87

What Gift Can We Bring

ANNIVERSARY SONG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

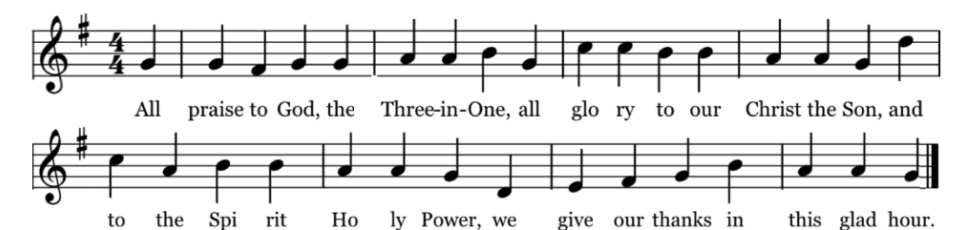
Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

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Ancient Sources



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