

ORDER OF SERVICE
 Second Sunday After the Epiphany
 January 14, 2018 Altar Color: Green

We come together greeting each other in the name of Jesus Christ.
 We enter reverently as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING

GREETING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE David Price, Organist
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name – Fettke / Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Spirit of the Living God 393
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*INVOCATION

*OPENING HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See 454

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 881

*GLORIA PATRI 71

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY I Want to be Like Jesus – Fettke 94

*DOXOLOGY 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here, below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SILENT & PASTORAL PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE Spirit Song 347

ANTHEM Grace – Hamlin Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 1: 43-51 [863]

SERMON "Come and See" Rev. John Jordan

*HYMN OF PARTING He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought 128
 [During the singing of the hymn you are invited to come to the Altar to pray as you are so led.]

*BENEDICTION Rev. John Jordan

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
 I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune – Garmin David Price, Organ

*All who are able, please stand.

THE MESSENGER

Sunday, January 14, 2018

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 15, 2018

Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer (CR)
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group @
 Tom & Shannon Ashley's Home

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

4:00 p.m. History Committee (CR)

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

6:00 p.m. Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 21, 2018

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship

ATTENDANCE: S. SCHOOL WORSHIP
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HEALTH MISSION PROJECT

The Missions Committee will continue to collect **FRUIT CUPS** during the month of **JANUARY** for the Laurens County Memorial Home. There is a blue box inside the Church Office to place your fruit cups.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our next Backpack Ministry is scheduled for **February 2nd**. If you would like to donate items for this ministry, please bring your items and place them in the baskets on the shelf under the table outside the church office by **January 31st**. Suggested items are: Lance crackers, individual cups of applesauce or fruit cocktail, Poptarts, individual packages of fruit snacks (gummies), boxes of Mac & Cheese, or anything easy for them to open. Also, if you would like to give a monetary donation, please mark "Backpack Ministry" on your check. If you have any questions, please see Robby Templeton, Gayle Hocker, or Sarah Flynn.



For more information see the brochure on the bulletin board outside the Church Office, or go online at: www.menministrysc.org/ or www.ummsc.org.



2018 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Sunday, January 21, 2018
 Lowell St. United Methodist Church
 300 Lowell Street, Greenwood, SC 29646
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.
 Worship begins at 3 p.m. and the breakout sessions at 3:30 p.m.

This year's sessions are:

- **Keeping The Church's Statistical Data and How to Report Them.** Leader: Ms. Beth Wesbury, Conference Treasurer. Participants will look at the 2017 Statistical Tables 1, II, and III, explore the new questions that are included, review how to access the online tables, and answer other questions related to keeping accurate church records. This session is recommended for pastors, church secretaries/administrative assistants, membership secretaries, finance secretaries, finance chairpersons, church treasurers.
- **Safe Sanctuaries.** Leader: Rev. Cathy Joens. This session is recommended for pastors, trustee committee members, anyone who works with children, youth, vulnerable adults, congregational nurses, local church disaster response coordinators and committee members.
- **Lay Leader and Pastor as Ministry Partners.** Leaders: Mr. Tony Watson, District Lay Leader, and Mr. David Salter. This session is recommended for pastors and local church lay leaders.
- **Pastor Parish Relations Committee Training.** Leader: Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love, Greenwood District Superintendent. This session is for all members of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.
- **Encouraging, Enabling, Empowering Our Youth.** Leader: Ms. Julie McLaughlin, Minister of Children and Youth, St. Mark UMC, Greenwood. This session is recommended for pastors, local church youth leaders, and anyone who works with youth in their local church and/or district.
- **Inside/Out – Connecting With Your Community.** Leader: Rev. Jason Wilson, Pastor, Grace UMC, Abbeville. Bishop Holston has said that "a church that doesn't connect with the community is not a church." This session is open to all and recommended for pastors, members of the committees on Nurture and Outreach, anyone interested in learning how to take your church out into your neighborhood and community.
- **Communicating Your Church's Story: Using Multimedia Resources in Worship.** Leader: Rev. Scott Smoak, pastor, Virginia Wingard UMC, Columbia. Participants will look at how to use multimedia as part of a worship service, multimedia resources, and Copyright guidelines for using multimedia in a church setting. This session is recommended for pastors, local church communications coordinators, worship leaders, and church musicians. Anyone interested may attend this session.

MEMORIALS

- In Memory of: **Libby Boone**
Given by: Frank & Linda Brown (Designated for Family Promise)
- In Memory of: **James R. (Jim) Stroud, Jr.**
Given by: Frank & Linda Brown (Designated for Family Promise);
 Drummond & Rosalind Taylor
- In Memory of: **Emily Terrell**
Given by: Frank & Linda Brown (Designated for Family Promise)

SERVING THIS MORNING: Sunday, January 14, 2018

Worship Greeters: Don & Gayle Hocker

Ushers: Tom Ashley, Calvin Culbertson, Allen Prince,
Susan Prince, Ron Spencer

Lay Liturgist: Susan Roberts

Nursery: Hannah Styles, Merry Young

Sunday Driver: Smith Patterson

Flowers: The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Tom & Shannon Ashley and the Young Adult Small Group placed by Jean & Donna Whitlock.

Welcome Guests

We bid you a warm welcome and pray that you will know God's presence in worship with us.

Prayer Concerns



Dick Althouse – recovering following outpatient leg surgery

Betty Lindler – surgery on Thursday, January 11th at Greenville Memorial –
(mother of Gayle Hocker)

Please remember those who are homebound, in nursing facilities, and with on-going health issues:

Nancy Babb	Verna Jenkins	Bruce Sumerel
Susan Belk	Doris McDowell	Rosalind Sweat
Thomas Gallman	Louise Rambo	Dot Wilson
Dot Gray	Nannie Roberts	

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Rosalind Sweat – 112 W. Farley Ave., Laurens, SC 29360

Dot Wilson – 112 Forest Dr., Laurens, SC 29360

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:

Please be in prayer for the following who will be on a trip to Israel and Jordan for two weeks from January 15th through January 29th. They are: Emil & Mary Lou Finley, Homer & Annette Elwood, and Emily Terrell in our hearts. The Pastor of Broad Street UMC in Clinton, Rev. Steven Keck, and his wife, Laura, along with John & Alice MacKeil, are the trip leaders.

Holy Land Trip Link

Laura Keck (Rev. Steven Keck's wife at Broad St. UMC) has created a blog for people to follow the activities while the group is in the Holy Land. This is an exciting way to update folks on what they are doing and where they have been. The link is: <https://holylantrip2018.wordpress.com/>



Choir

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!!

Our Chancel Choir would love to have new members for 2018. If you would be interested in joining them, please see David Price or come to their next practice on Wed., Jan. 17th at 7:00.

SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS NEEDED

If you would be willing to be added to our Sunday drivers list as a "substitute" when needed, please call Karen Reeder. You would be asked only if one of our normal Sunday drivers cannot pick up on a particular Sunday.



By God's grace we are:

Becoming – being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through worship, study, reflection, and service.

Obedient – honoring God's Word; responding to God's call; yielding to God's will

Loving – loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as our self

Disciples – following the example and teaching of Jesus on our Christian journey



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 16th

4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

All History Committee members are asked to attend.



CHURCH PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, January 27th
from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
in the Fellowship Hall

We need your help! Come share your thoughts, ideas and vision for our church. Be in prayer as we all discern God's mission for First UMC.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

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Music Director / Organist	David Price
Financial Secretary	Lucy Crowder
Church Secretary	Karen Reeder
Ministers	Entire Congregation

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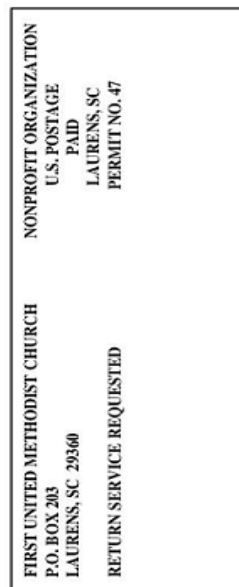
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