

### 8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** David McEntire  
**PRELUDE** How Deep the Father's Love/Larson Matthew H. Corl, AAGO  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** David McEntire  
**\*HYMN 2168** Love the Lord  
**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 888** David McEntire  
**\*GLORIA PATRI** We Will Glorify the Father  
**PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER** David McEntire  
**OFFERTORY** How I Love Your Word/Hayes Karen Buie  
**\*DOXOLOGY 95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**SERMON** Relationships 101: Our Relationship with God David McEntire  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-13  
**\*HYMN 402** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
**\*BENEDICTION** David McEntire  
**POSTLUDE** He Is King/Powell Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

### 9:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**OPENING SONG** Open Up the Heavens  
**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** David McEntire  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Jeremy Hearn  
**\*SONGS OF PRAISE** They Will Know We are Christians; Indescribable;  
 Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Lilly Starling, daughter of Meghan Starling  
**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
**PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER** Andy Whitaker Smith  
**OFFERTORY** All Creatures of Our God and King  
**SERMON** Relationships 101: Our Relationship with God David McEntire  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-13  
**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** How Great Is Our God  
**\*BENEDICTION** David McEntire

### 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** David McEntire  
**PRELUDE** Prelude on St. Elizabeth/Miller Matthew H. Corl, AAGO  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** David McEntire  
**\*HYMN 189** Fairest Lord Jesus  
**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 888** David McEntire  
**\*GLORIA PATRI 70**  
**ANTHEM** How I Love Your Word/Hayes Karen Buie  
**PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER** David McEntire  
**OFFERTORY** Love the Lord/Brewster Chancel Choir  
**\*DOXOLOGY 94** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**SERMON** Relationships 101: Our Relationship with God David McEntire  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-13  
**\*HYMN 402** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
**\*BENEDICTION** David McEntire  
**POSTLUDE** He Is King/Powell Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

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

### 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Andy Whitaker Smith  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Andy Whitaker Smith  
**\*SONGS OF PRAISE** They Will Know We are Christians; Indescribable;  
 Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble  
**CENTERING PRAYER** Andy Whitaker Smith  
**OFFERTORY** All Creatures of Our God and King  
**DOXOLOGY**  
**SERMON** Relationships 101: Our Relationship with God Andy Whitaker Smith  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-13  
**COMMUNION**  
**\*RESPONSE** How Great is Our God  
**\*BENEDICTION** Andy Whitaker Smith

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
**ALL: We will Love the Lord our God with all our heart.**  
**LEADER:** Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
**ALL: We will Love the Lord our God with all our soul and with all our strength.**

### ABOUT OUR SERVICES

**8:15am Sanctuary Service:** Traditional worship presented in a new way with a fresh approach to time-honored hymns and a variety of styles of music.  
**9:30am Fellowship Center:** A more contemporary, relaxed atmosphere with worship music of today.  
**11am Sanctuary Service:** Traditional hymns with organ accompaniment, as well as musical pieces from our various fine arts groups.  
**11am Fellowship Center:** A unique worship experience with contemporary worship music and settings. Communion offered each Sunday.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

#### Hospital:

David Donker  
 Chuck Howell  
 Martha Johnson  
 Wayne Shooks

#### Death:

Matthew Eady, December 19

#### Flower donated this week:

##### In honor of

Jim & Laura Verplanck on their 59th Anniversary  
 by Beth Verplanck, Sara Jayne & Will Sutton, Lesley, Brian & Caroline Chambers

##### In memory of

The Reverend Jose Bove by Terry & Bettye Hunter

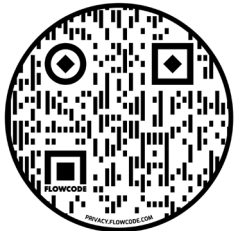
We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor or online at [firstumc.org/connect](http://firstumc.org/connect). Thank you for helping ensure our records are accurate.

The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a worship  
**W+3**  
 Worship Plus Three  
**Invite · Grow · Serve**  
 Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe worship is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to invite others into a relationship with God, grow in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and serve others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact Diana Russell ([info@firstumc.org](mailto:info@firstumc.org) - 863-686-3163 x223)

Visit [firstumc.org/connect](http://firstumc.org/connect) or scan the QR code for:

- Attendance Registration
- Worship Bulletin
- Request Prayer
- Give Online



#### Presence in Worship Dec 26:

In Person: 377  
 Online: 1012  
 Total: 1389

#### Christmas Eve attendance

In Person: 1505  
 Online: 786  
 Total: 2291

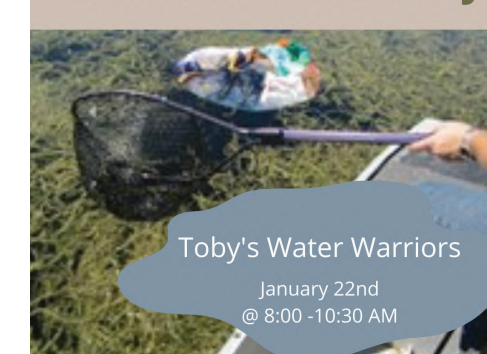
**Martin Luther King Parade:** Sat, Jan 15, 11am. Line up at 9am, Kathleen Road and 14 Street. Waivers must be signed to participate, available in the Welcome Center. Everyone, regardless of age are invited to join our float!



**Human Trafficking Awareness Training:** TODAY is Human Trafficking Awareness Sunday. Rev. Terry Heck is leading a series of 45-minute informational sessions on what trafficking is and how to recognize signs that someone may be trafficked. These sessions will be presented via Zoom. The same info is offered at each session. Dates are Sun, Jan 9 at 4 - 4:45pm; Tue, Jan 11 at 6 - 6:45pm;

Thur, Jan 20 at 7 - 7:45pm. Register: [firstumc.org/trafficking-awareness](http://firstumc.org/trafficking-awareness).

### Youth Serve Saturday



Toby's Water Warriors

January 22nd  
 @ 8:00 -10:30 AM

**Registration is now open for Youth Ministries first Serve Saturday!** We will be meeting at the church at 8am and heading over to Lake Wire to pick up trash around the lake. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to be cleaning up trash around the lake. All youth who participate will receive 2 service hours. Students will need to have a medical form on file to participate. We hope that you can join us! Registration required: [firstumc.org/youth](http://firstumc.org/youth)

**Higher Education scholarship applications** are available to high school seniors and older. You may get your online at: [firstumc.org/scholarship](http://firstumc.org/scholarship)  
They are due no later than Feb 18 to the church office.

**Barbershop Chorus Concert:** Sun, Jan 23, we will welcome the Toast of Tampa Show Chorus and the Heralds of Harmony Barbershop Chorus at 4pm in the Sanctuary. Come join us for this fun evening of first-class barbershop music. Tickets are \$13/person. Purchase your tickets now: [firstumc.org/concert-series](http://firstumc.org/concert-series) or at the door the day of the concert.

**Our Giving Tree Bookstore/Gift Shop**, located in the Welcome Center is having a 30% off Christmas items and 20% off other items in stock, excluding pecans. The sale runs through Sun, Jan 16. Store hours: Weekdays, 10am - 1pm, as well as Wed evenings, 4-6pm; Sun, 9am - 12:30pm.

#### **United Methodist Women Meeting - Canceled, January 10**

Due to the rise of the Omicron Covid cases, the meeting is cancelled. Watch for further notice!

## CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact **Cristi Moore**, Director of Children's Ministries: [cmoore@firstumc.org](mailto:cmoore@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163x226

#### **\*Sunday Mornings:**

- 9:30am Sunday School: Classes are offered for Infants 6 weeks - Grade 5.
- 11am Sunday School: Classes are offered for Infants 6 weeks - VPK.

#### **\*Sunday Evenings:**

5-7pm: Children Kindergarten - grade 5 Blast Off with us into the New Year as we bring back weekly Sunday evening programming! No reservations needed! For more info visit [firstumc.org/children/](http://firstumc.org/children/)

#### **\*Wednesday Evenings:**

- 4-5:30pm Kids PRAISE: Children Kindergarten - grade 5 will learn to worship and serve God through song and drama. For more information/register visit [firstumc.org/music/](http://firstumc.org/music/)
- 6:30-7:30pm Small Group, K - grade 5: Children will grow in their faith together in new and creative ways. Childcare is offered for parents participating in classes on-site preschool and younger. For information/register 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) 687-9750x253

#### **Sunday mornings:**

9:30 - 10:30am Donuts and Discussion, F1  
9:45 - 10:30am Youth Choir Practice, E2  
3:45 - 5pm Youth Praise Band Practice, F1  
5 - 7pm Youth Group (\$5 Dinner), F1

#### **Wed afternoons:**

5pm Youth Handbell Practice, E21  
5:15pm Phoenix Dinner (\$8), Fellowship Center  
6-6:30pm Open Gym, Gym  
6:30 - 7:30pm Middle School Bible Study, F25  
High School Bible Study, Game Room

## ADULTS

For more information or Zoom/Online credentials, contact **Warren**, Director of Adult Ministries: [wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org), (863)686-3163x227.

**Sunday School for Adults - 9:30am:** Our Sunday School classes meet in person with the option to join online. For more information on connecting with a particular class, [firstumc.org/adult-sunday-school](http://firstumc.org/adult-sunday-school).

**Men's Weekly Lunchtime Bible Study TUE :** Followers of the Way, our weekly men's Bible study, has a NEW day and location for 2022: Tue, 11:45am-1pm in the Parlor. Men of all ages are invited to join us for lunch and a study of the upcoming Sunday's Bible passage. Purchase your hot lunch in the Fellowship Center for \$10 and join us in the Parlor at 11:45 for a time of sharing. At noon we pray and then dive into our study, concluding by 1pm. Contact Warren for information: [wpattison@firstumc.org](mailto:wpattison@firstumc.org), (863) 686-3163 x227. Registration: [firstumc.org/fotw](http://firstumc.org/fotw).

**Youth Parent Connect, Sun Jan 9, 5:30-7pm:** For our Jan Youth Parent Connect, we will experience the "Own the Upside, Avoid the Downside" Trailer - an exhibit that serves as a unique and effective educational resource for parents and other adults. The OTUS Trailer contains a realistic replica of a typical teen's bedroom designed to teach how to recognize clues to signal potential involvement in drugs and risky behaviors. Due to the nature of this presentation, this is an adults only presentation. Sun, Jan 9, 5:30-7pm in room C-207. Dinner is available in the Fellowship Center at 5pm for \$5/person. Register: [firstumc.org/parent-connect](http://firstumc.org/parent-connect).

**Wednesday Evening Dinner/Classes:** We invite you to join us for a community meal each Wed, 5-6pm, in our Fellowship Center. Tickets are \$8/adults (13 and up), \$4/children 12 and under. Classes and groups for children, teens and adults start at 6:30pm. [firstumc.org/midweek](http://firstumc.org/midweek)

#### **Youth Parent Social Night, Sun Jan 16, 5:15-6:45pm**

On the third Sunday of the month, we have an informal time of connection and socializing for parents of teens. This month we're heading to The Joinery! There are tons of food options to choose from, and we'll gather in the front yard to enjoy the views of the Lakeland Skyline and Lake Mirror. So that we know how many to anticipate, registrations are helpful: [firstumc.org/parent-social](http://firstumc.org/parent-social).

**Mere Christianity Study Group starts Jan 12:** *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. But seventy years later from when it was first delivered on radio, it still has tremendous relevance to our lives today. Join us Weds 6:30pm-7:30 pm beginning Jan 12 for a 7-week conversation as we seek to understand the timeless message of C.S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation. This is a hybrid group, meeting in person with an option to join via Zoom. Books are available in Our Giving Tree. Register at [firstumc.org/mere-christianity](http://firstumc.org/mere-christianity)

**Explore Your Next Steps in A Disciple's Path:** Weds, 6:30-7:30pm, Jan 12 - Feb 23 (7 sessions) This seven-session foundational course will lead you into a deeper love of God and others through daily spiritual practices and weekly class sessions. The course examines the Christian faith in the Methodist tradition. When you complete the course, you will have concrete next steps to take in growing in your faith. This is a hybrid group, meeting in person with an option to join via Zoom. Register at [firstumc.org/adp](http://firstumc.org/adp)

## MISSIONS

**Costa Rica Mission Team Info Meeting:** It was great to have our Costa Rica Missionary Wil Bailey with us in November to talk about kingdom building and his ministry, Costa Rica Mission Projects. We have plans to send a team to serve there from June 25-July 2. If you're interested in joining this team come to an information session on Sun Jan 23, from 10:30-10:55am in the church parlor.

First United Methodist Church  
January 9, 2022

MAKING DISCIPLES OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION  
**OF THE WORLD**

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