

†CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you
Share His love by sharing of your faith
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
Every moment, every day!

TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

OUR FAITHFULNESS TO OUR CHURCH VOWS
TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember with prayers, cards, calls, and visits to those in the hospitals, nursing homes, the sick and shut in. If you would like a specific name to send a card or call, please contact the Church Office.

BY OUR PRESENCE

We are thankful that we can participate in worship at our 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 services in multiple ways. You may gather in either the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary. You may watch either 9:45 or 11:00 livestreamed on the FMC App, Website, Facebook and YouTube page. We can all worship!

BY OUR GIFTS

Generosity abounds at FMC! You are continuing to support the mission and ministry through your giving. Thank you for sending your gifts by mail, online banking, or through the FMC app. We need your faithful gifts.

BY OUR SERVICE

We are truly thankful for those who continue to serve here at FMC. For the Ushers and Greeters, for the Musicians, for the Cleaning Teams, for the Receptionists, for the Ministers and Staff.

BY OUR WITNESS

We are witnesses for Christ in all we do! Everywhere! We witness as we live holy lives that point to his grace. We witness as we share the good news of Jesus in word and deed.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rachel Mundine from all that loved her and miss her.

GREETERS

8:30 Brian & Gloria Zane

11:00 Janice Pridgen & Sherry Correll

Emmaus Reunion Group - Thursday, Sept 10th

The Emmaus Reunion Group is open to those who have completed The Walk to Emmaus, Cursio or Chrysalis. We will meet the second Thursday of each month from 4-5pm for fellowship and a Fourth Day service and communion.

Red Cross Blood Drive - August 17th

Help save lives by donating blood at our Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 17. We could really use goodies for the canteen table to replenish and reenergize our donors after their generous donation. Homemade treats are always appreciated and can be dropped off on Monday morning anytime after 8:30am.

Mark Your Calendar – Promotion Sunday is August 23rd!

We’re looking forward to Promotion Sunday on August 23rd as our children move up to their new Sunday School classes! During the service, children entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade will receive a Bible to mark this important step in their faith journey.

Extended Table Needs You!

Extended Table has been blessed to serve WCHS band teachers, MCPS staff, and Carteret County football teams and we will be serving the WCHS staff on August 17! As fall approaches, football season is kicking off, and we will once again be providing team meals in The Loft and grilling and serving at the concession stand. There are plenty of opportunities to serve, and your servant heart is needed! Ready to jump in? Sign up online!

Sunday Nights Ministry Schedule

Mark your calendars for our 2026–2027 Sunday Nights Ministry schedule! Sunday Night activities will be held from 5:30–7:00 PM, with the Fall Semester running from Sept 13th through Nov 22nd. Please note that there will be no Sunday evening activities on Oct 25th for families to participate in Trunk or Treat. We can't wait to see you on Sunday evenings!

Kids Choir

Kids Choir returns on September 13th and will meet each Sunday immediately following the 9:45 a.m. Rise Service. The choir will share what they have learned during the Rise Service on October 18 and again in the Sanctuary on December 6. We look forward to another great season of music!

Sojourner Women’s Bible Study

Our Sojourner Women’s Bible Study will begin on September 17th in the Stanley Harrell Classroom at 10:00am. We will begin a study on I Peter by Jen Wilkin. Sign up for the study and order your book on our church app, or order your book directly from Amazon. Make sure your book has video access. Looking forward to gathering in God’s word together!

Music Ministry

Our Music Ministry is gearing up for a wonderful season of worship as we begin preparing for the fall and Christmas season. New members are always welcome no matter your experience level. If you've been thinking about joining, this is the perfect time to jump in and use your gifts in worship.

Handbell Choir begins Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30 pm

Chancel Choir begins Wednesday, August 19, at 6:00 pm

Rise Band meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Fall Fellowship Events

Men’s Fellowship - September 8

Women’s Ministry Picnic - September 14

Fall Fish Fry - October 18

Trunk or Treat - October 25

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“WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY”

August 16, 2026

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
For those who fear him lack nothing.
The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
He delivers them from all their troubles. (Psalm 34)

†HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

SING No. 60

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing:
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. [Refrain]

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest birth! [Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

At last the march shall end; the weary ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heav'nly home, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. [Refrain]

†OPENING PRAYER

Unison

Almighty God, you are our Shepherd, our Provider, and the source of all wisdom. Teach us to taste and see your goodness, to trust your faithful care, and to seek the wisdom that is sweeter than honey. Restore our souls, guide us in paths of righteousness, and fill us with hope for the future you have promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

Unison

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.

†GLORIA PATRI	Unison	
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD’S PRAYER	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.		
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 23	
23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“Sometimes Alleluia” Written by Chuck Gerard	Kris Meyer
†DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
†HYMN	“For the Beauty of the Earth” For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light; [Refrain]	OGRP No. 82

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; [Refrain]		
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; [Refrain]		
For Thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, off'ring up on ev'ry shore her pure sacrifice of love; [Refrain]		
For Thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely giv'n, for that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heav'n; [Refrain]		
SCRIPTURE	Proverbs 24:13-14	
¹³ Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. ¹⁴ Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.		
SERMON	Pastor Sarah	
†HYMN	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	SING No. 595
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.		
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided: great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!		
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]		
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]		
†BENEDICTION		