

†**BENEDICTION**
†**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 AT THE ALTAR are given in honor and to the glory of God for our 64th anniversary and our appreciation for the many prayers lifted up for Randy and Lynne Miller.

GREETERS
8:30 Alice Faye Clayburn & Jean Ham
11:00 Sandra Norris & George West

Night of Worship - August 14th
Join us for a Night of Worship on Friday, August 14th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather for an evening of worship. A love offering will be received to help support a team of 10 members attending the Sing Conference in Nashville, TN in September.

Red Cross Blood Drive - August 17th
Help save lives by donating blood at our upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 17. Every donation has the potential to make a life-changing difference for those in need.

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 September 13 through November 22, 2026, followed by a winter break. The Spring Semester will begin January 10 and continue through March 21, 2027. Please note that there will be no Sunday evening activities on October 25, 2026 (Trunk or Treat), January 17, 2027, and February 28, 2027. 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!

Can You Help Someone Get to Church?
We have several church members who need transportation to worship on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to help by providing a ride, we would love to hear from you. Please let Pastor Patrick know of your availability, and he will coordinate transportation needs and connect you with those who need a ride. Thank you for helping us care for one another and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to gather for worship.

Your Hands Can Make a Difference!
There are two wonderful opportunities to serve our local schools in the coming weeks! Serve breakfast on Monday, August 10th at 8:30am to show appreciation to the staff of Morehead City Primary School at their annual kickoff meeting. On Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00pm, we will host football players from the three Carteret County high schools for a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meal and message. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Register online if you are interested in helping.

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

First Methodist Church

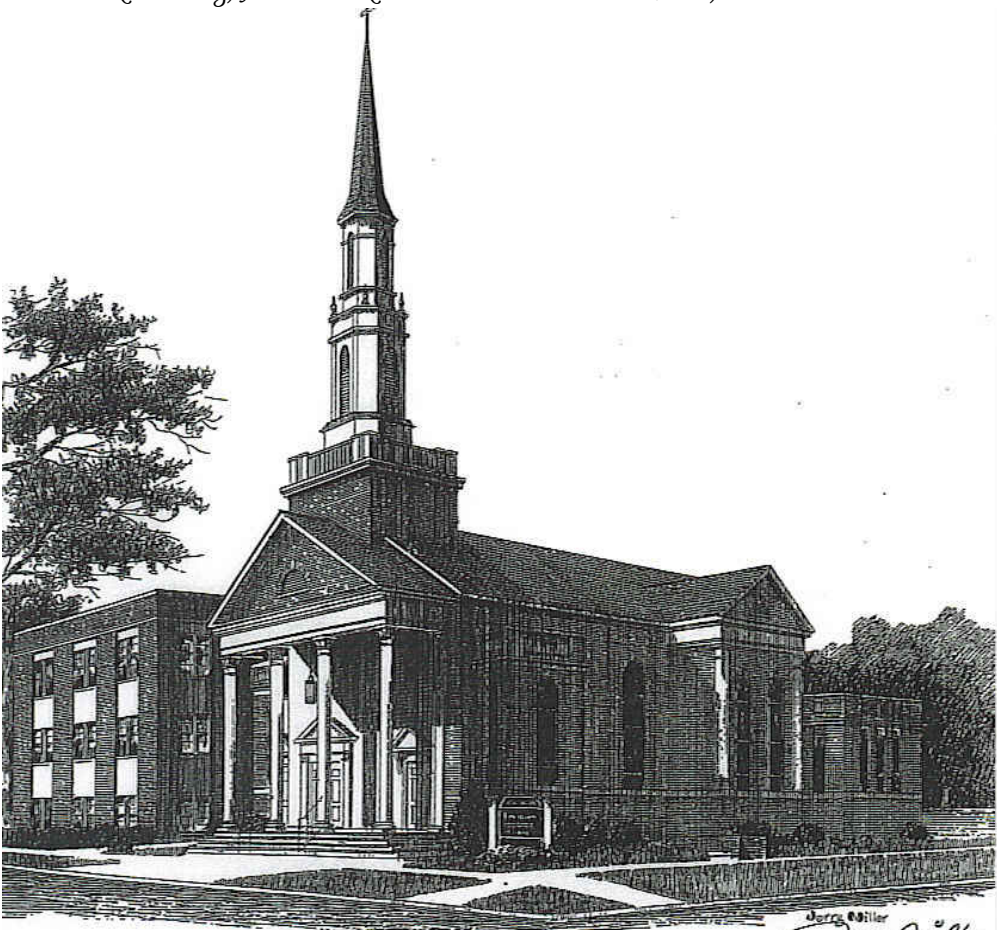
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<i>Miranda Routszong, Assistant Rise Music</i>	<i>Fran Welch, Livestream</i>



“WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE
PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT
†CALL TO WORSHIP
The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.
They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold.
They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. (Psalm 19)

†HYMN“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing” OGRP No. 1
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and list'ning to His Voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiv'n;
anticipate your heav'n below, and own that love is heav'n.

Look unto Him, ye nations, own, your God, ye fallen race!
Look, and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

†OPENING PRAYERUnison
Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Grant us the wisdom that is pure, gentle, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Rule our hearts and our tongues, that our words may bring healing, our lives may bear the fruit of righteousness, and our worship may glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ CreedUnison
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 PATRIUnison
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 PRAYERUnison
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.

SCRIPTUREJames 3:1-12
¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY“Safe Within Your Arms” Jeff Bashford
Written by Mark Hayes

†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“All for Jesus” SING No. 458
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

SCRIPTUREProverbs 16:23-24
²³ The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction. ²⁴ Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

SERMONThe Words We Say Pastor Powell Osteen

†HYMN“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” OGRP No. 586
Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love,
at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee;
take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.

Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r
as Thou shall choose;
take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my God,
I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.