

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 dedicated to the Glory of God and given in memory of Hildred Parker on her birthdate, May 27th, by her family.

GREETERS

8:30 Lee & Teresa Everett

11:00 Christine & Carlos Cannon

Hymn of the Month

Our new hymn books are now in the pews, and each month we will be spotlighting a featured hymn. This month's selection is *Come, People of the Risen King*, no. 17 in the Sing Hymnal.

If you would like to dedicate a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one, you can complete a dedication form online or in the church office.

Dedications are \$20 each, and the deadline is August 31st.

Handbell Concert - May 17th @ 3:00pm

We invite you to the Handbell Concert this afternoon in the Sanctuary! The concert is a joint concert with the FMC Handbell Choir and the Community Bell Choir. An offering will be collected during the concert to support Martha's Mission Cupboard.

VBS Decorating Help Needed

Get ready for VBS! We are creating a vibrant jungle filled rainforest, and we would love your help bringing it to life. If you're interested in helping with decorations, join the messaging group on the app or contact Shanna du Mont at shanna@firstmethodist.life for more information.

WaveRunners Tour - Queen Anne's Revenge Shipwreck

We have available space for this trip now! Register online or in the church office! Join the WaveRunners on May 20th for an educational tour of the Queen Anne's Revenge project, featuring the exciting work at the East Carolina University restoration facility, where artifacts from Blackbeard's ship are being conserved, documented, and studied. We will leave the church at 8:00 AM for a 10:00 AM tour, followed by lunch at Parker's Barbecue.

Senior Sunday - May 31st

We are excited to recognize our high school seniors on May 31st during both the 9:45 and 11:00 services! Seniors are invited to enjoy a special time of fellowship together as we celebrate this important milestone. If you are a senior, please send a picture to Pastor Sarah at swilliams@firstmethodist.life.

Kids and Youth End of Year Celebrations

Kids and Youth Ministry will celebrate the end of the year of Sunday Nights on May 17th. Kids in grades K-5th will meet at Shevan's Park at 5:30pm. Middle School Youth in grades 6-8th will meet at church at 5:30pm. High School Youth in grades 9-12th will meet at the Atlantic Beach Circle from 1-3pm for a Beach Day.

Project MHC - June 21-24

Project MHC planning is in full swing! We are still in need of Shower Hosts and Daytime Group Leaders. If you haven't registered your youth yet, be sure to do so today. Work teams and small groups are currently being formed.

Summer Family Nights

Mark your calendar for Kids Ministry Summer Family Nights! Join us Thursday, June 25 for a Pool Party and Thursday, July 20 at the Splash Pad in Beaufort. Dinner will be served as you enjoy a night of fun together!

The Extended Table Ministry

We are Extending the Table and showing up for our community by serving at the swim meet, the West Soccer Banquet, and the MCMS 8th Grade Celebration. It's a great opportunity to connect, serve, and be present in our community. If you'd like to help and be part of it, let us know!

GMC Missional Partnerships - June 7th @ 4:00pm

The NC GMC is in missional partnerships with the Uganda GMC and West Congo GMC. All are invited to join the Rev. Greg Jenks for an update on this amazing work of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

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"WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 17, 2026

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
That he might fill all things.

When Christ, our Life, appears,

We shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!

†HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

OGRP No. 282

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
the pris'ners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

†OPENING PRAYER

Unison

Almighty God, your blessed son, our savior, Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world, through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

2 Corinthians 5:11-17

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.
What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“It Is a Good Thing”

Chancel Choir

By Wagner

†DOXOLOGY

No. 95

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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

SING No. 7

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

SERMON

From Life to Glory

Pastor Sarah

†HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

OGRP No. 36

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend, to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

†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!