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]

†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

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Carol Andrews Southerland, by her husband, Ike.

GREETERS
8:30 Jean Kittrell & Kimberly Smith
11:00 Heather & John Boney

Behold! The Season Is Coming
Nov 29 - Kids Family Advent Night - 5:30pm
Dec 6 - Lovefeast and Candlelight Service - 6:00pm
Dec 7 - Orchestra Concert - 6:30pm
Dec 13 - Chancel Choir Cantata - 8:30 & 11:00am
Dec 13 - Journey to Bethlehem - 6:00-7:00pm
Dec 19 - Christmas Cheer Delivery - 10:00am
Dec 20 - Sing Christmas at The Rise - 8:30 & 9:45am
Dec 20 - Christmas Caroling - 3:00-5:00pm
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 11:00pm

Decorate the Chrismon Tree - Sunday, November 29th at 12:00pm
Mark your calendar to decorate the Chrismon Tree, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in preparation for the Advent season. Lunch will be provided.

WaveRunners - Chinese Lantern Festival - Jan 5
Join the WaveRunners for a trip to the Chinese Lantern Festival in Cary, NC, on Tuesday, January 5! We will depart the church at 11:30 AM, enjoy lunch along the way, and arrive when the gates open at 4:30 PM to experience the beautiful illuminated lantern displays. The cost is $28 per person and the deadline to sign up is December 28.

Seeds of Generosity
What God places in our hands is meant to be received with gratitude, offered in worship, and sown with generosity. As we plant the seeds of generosity and you receive your commitment card, prayerfully discern how He will use you for the next steps in your faith walk. Respond by November 22, when we will pray over your gifts as we dedicate them to God's work through our church.

Project Christmas Cheer
We have families to adopt through Project Christmas Cheer! Stop by the atrium where you can adopt a family and learn how you can share the joy of Christmas. Our church adopts around 50 families each year. Delivery day is December 19th.

Men's Fellowship - Nov 10
Men's Fellowship will be assembling fishing kits for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at their monthly gathering on Tuesday, November 10. Join us for dinner and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these gifts!

Emmaus Reunion Group - Nov 12
The Emmaus Reunion Group is open to those who have completed The Walk to Emmaus, Cursio or Chrysalis. We will meet in the Sanctuary from 4-5pm for fellowship and a Fourth Day service and communion.

GMC Crystal Coast District Worship - Nov 12
The Crystal Coast District of the Global Methodist Church is hosting Worship on Thurs, Nov 12th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we welcome Rev. Kari Howard, Conference Superintendent of North Carolina, for an evening of worship with other GMC churches in the Crystal Coast.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party - Nov 14
Pajama packing party! Wear your Christmas PJs and join us for the OCC Shoebox packing party on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 10:00am in the Atrium. Shoeboxes are also available for you to pick up and pack on your own. If you bring them back by Nov 15 we will deliver them on your behalf.

Annual Charge Conference - Nov 17
First Methodist's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 17, at 6:00pm. The Charge Conference is the primary governing and accountability meeting of a local church. All church members are encouraged to attend as we reflect on the work God is doing through First Methodist and look ahead to the year to come.

Sojourners Bible Study - Behold The Savior
As we think about preparing for the holidays, we invite you to prepare your hearts for Advent with a 4 week Bible study of Chapters 1 and 2 in Luke. We will meet in the Stanley Harrell Room at 10:00 on Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10 and Dec 17. We will use the book, Behold the Savior by Lifeway Women. It can be ordered through Amazon or Lifeway. There is no video. Plan to join us!

The Singing Christmas Tree - Dec 5
Open to all ages! Join us for the Singing Christmas Tree at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville on December 5! We will leave the church at 10:30 AM, stop for lunch in Kinston, and attend the show at 4:30 PM. Register online or in the church office. Deadline for tickets is November 10th.

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"WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8, 2026 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP : From God's Hand to God's House

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?"

Everything comes from you, O Lord, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

We see with joy how willingly your people give. Let us worship our generous God with honest intent and grateful praise.

Let us lift our hearts and worship the Lord together!

†HYMN "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" SING No. 27

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near:
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath he not brought thee relief,
spreading his wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy hand and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
gladly for aye we adore him.

†OPENING PRAYER Unison

Heavenly Father, You are the source of every blessing. Everything we possess comes from Your hand. We acknowledge that whatever we bring already belongs to You. Search our hearts, God, and help us to give willingly and with a pure intent. Fill our hearts with joy and unity to serve generously for Your glory. In Jesus' name, 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 James 1:16-18

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect
gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who
does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the
word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "All Things New" Chancel Choir
By Hagenberg

†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 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" SING No. 670

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.

Refrain:
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower; he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. [Refrain]

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
no gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest: our humble, thankful hearts. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE 1 Chronicles 29:9-17

9 The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had
given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced
greatly. 10 David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly,
saying, "Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting
to everlasting. 11 Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and
the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 12 Wealth and
honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are
strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 13 Now, our God, we give
you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 14 "But who am I, and who are my
people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything
comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.
15 We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our
days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. 16 LORD our God, all this
abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy
Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. 17 I know, my God,
that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have
given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how
willingly your people who are here have given to you.

SERMON Receive Pastor Earl

†HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" OGRP No. 82

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]

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]