

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 and rest 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 loving memory of Carol Andrews Southerland, by her husband, Ike.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL RAIL are given to the glory of God by Kristi Evans and Beth Anne Foess in honor of their mother Glenda Fleshman and in celebration of her 90th birthday.

GREETERS

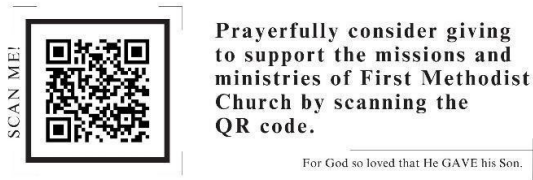
8:30 Brian & Gloria Zane

11:00 George West & Gwen Joyner

ACOLYTES

11:00 Victoria Baily

ONLINE GIVING



For Such a Time as This – Giving Pledges

We are so thankful for our First Methodist Church family! God has placed us here *for such a time as this* to share His love and blessings with others. As part of our generosity campaign, please prayerfully consider your 2026 pledge. Pledge cards help us plan faithfully for ministry in the coming year. You will receive your pledge card on your doorstep and it can be returned by November 23rd in worship, by mail, in the church office, or online using the QR code on your card. Thank you for your faith, prayers, and generosity!

Early Learning Center - Celebrating 20 years

We're joyfully celebrating 20 years of the Early Learning Center at First Methodist! Established in 2005, the ELC has touched the lives of countless children and families, sharing the love of Jesus through learning, play, and weekly chapel. Join us in giving thanks for this wonderful ministry!

Extended Table Serving Ekklesia - November 10th at 11:30am

The Extended Table Food Trailer will be serving lunch at Ekklesia, 121 Barbour Road, on Monday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m.

If you'd like to help cook and prepare meals, please meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. This is a school holiday, making it a great opportunity for families to serve together and for youth to earn volunteer hours. Come join us being the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties

November 11th from 4pm-7pm and November 12th from 9am-12pm

Bring your family and friends and pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We will have the donations that you have collected throughout the year. See you in The Loft to spread some Christmas Cheer and the Love of Jesus!

Decorate the Chrismon Tree - Sunday, November 23rd at 12:00pm

Mark your calendar! Join us on Sunday, November 23 at 12:00 PM to help decorate the Chrismon Tree, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall as we prepare for the Advent season. Lunch will be provided.

Advent Family Night – Sunday, Nov 30 at 5:30 PM

Come celebrate the start of Advent with Kids Ministry! Families will decorate their own mini Chrismon trees to take home and learn about the meaning behind each symbol. Register your family today!

WaveRunners Trip to Chinese Lantern Festival

Join us for a night of light and wonder at the Chinese Lantern Festival in Cary on Wednesday, November 19! Cost is \$30. Space is limited to 24 people, and the deadline is November 10. We'll depart from the church at 11:30 AM, stop for a meal in Goldsboro at McCall's, and then head to the festival.

WaveRunners trip to Mike's Farm - New Venue! "Ho! Ho! Christmas"

Enjoy a festive Christmas show with dinner, followed by an optional hayride on December 11. Cost is \$68. Please sign up and pay online or in the church office. Depart the church at 12:30 PM. Register by Dec 3rd.

The Singing Christmas Tree

Open to All Church Members. Join us for the Singing Christmas Tree in Fayetteville on December 6! We'll leave the church at 11:00 AM, stop for lunch in Kinston, and attend the show at 4:30 PM. The deadline to sign up is November 10th. Register online or in the church office.

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"WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We come before the Lord with gladness and song!

Know that the Lord is God; it is He who made us, and we are His.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

We give thanks to God and praise His holy name! (based on Psalm 100)

†HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 92

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 flower, 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)

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

†OPENING PRAYER Unison

Gracious and giving God, You are the source of every good gift and the fountain that never runs dry. Teach us to trust Your grace more than our own storehouses, to give not from guilt but from gratitude, and to live open-handed in a world that clings too tightly. Let our generosity overflow from thanksgiving, so that every gift we share brings glory to You and blessing to others; through 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 Luke 6:38

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “My Song in the Night” Chancel Choir

By Hagenberg

†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 “The Gift of Love” No. 408

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

SERMON For Such a Time as This... Give Generously! Pastor Sarah

†HYMN “Take My Life and Let it Be” No. 399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
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.
Take my lips, and let them be filled
with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power
as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever,
only, all for thee.

†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
