

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 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 on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of those who have fought the battle of pancreatic cancer. Brenda fought for twelve years till she was called home by the Lord. Given by Larry, Elaine and Erica Hughes

GREETERS

8:30 Susan Lloyd & Alice Faye Clayburn
11:00 Gail & Butch Gentry

ONLINE GIVING



Prayerfully consider giving to support the missions and ministries of First Methodist Church by scanning the QR code.

For God so loved that He GAVE his Son.

All Saints Sunday
November 2nd
Join us as we honor and remember the faithful saints who have gone before us. On **Sunday, November 2**, we will celebrate **All Saints Sunday** during our worship service, taking time to reflect on the lives of those who have shaped our faith and our church community. We will light candles in remembrance and give thanks for their witness.

Fish Fry Fellowship
Sunday, Nov 2nd from 4:00-6:00pm

We're excited to invite you to our 3rd Annual Fellowship Fish Fry at The Silos of Newport, prepared by Fat Fellas! Enjoy delicious food and great company as we gather together. Again this year...we are accepting donations for the Costa Rica Missions Trip. Come ready to enjoy fantastic food and fellowship with friends and family...oh and the bouncy obstacle course. If you would like to ride the bus from the church to the Silos please contact the church office or Jay Smith. The bus will depart the Bridges St lot at 3:30pm.

Journey of a Shoebox: From MHC to Malawi

Join us on **Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 PM** in The Loft as we welcome Archie and Gwen Davis, longtime leaders with Operation Christmas Child. They'll share powerful stories from their recent shoebox distribution trip to Malawi, offering a glimpse into how these simple gifts bring joy and the message of Jesus to children around the world. With over 20 years of involvement in OCC, Archie and Gwen serve as Regional Collection Center Coordinators in Morehead City, NC. Come be inspired by how God is using this ministry globally. Refreshments will be provided.

Handbell Choir Festival

Our Handbell Choir will be attending the Capital Area Handbell Festival on Saturday, November 7, led by the renowned Raleigh Ringers. This all-day event brings together choirs from across the region for workshops, mass ringing, and a closing concert.

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. You may sign up and pay online or in the church office. 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.

Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Event

Pastor Patrick is leading an additional event on Sunday, Oct 26th at 3:00pm.

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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
The heavens declare the glory of God.
The skies proclaim the work of His hands.
You send forth Your Spirit, and creation is renewed.
You make the earth flourish with life once more.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever.
Let all creation rejoice in the God who makes all things new.
(From Psalms 19 and 104)

†HYMN	“Lead On, O King Eternal”	No. 580
	Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.	
	Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.	
	Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.	

†OPENING PRAYERUnison
Eternal God, you are making all things new. In your Son, Jesus Christ, you dwell with your people and wipe away every tear. When death and sorrow are no more, your glory will fill all creation with light and life. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may live as citizens of your new heaven and new earth, 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’ 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.

SCRIPTURERevelation 21:1-4, 22-27
21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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

OFFERTORY	“How Beautiful the Feet of Those”	Chancel Choir
	By, Martin	
†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.	No. 95
†HYMN	“How Great Thou Art”	No. 72
	O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.	
	Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!	

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how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

SCRIPTUREExodus 40:34-38
34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; 37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. 38 So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

SERMON	God Dwelling with His People	Pastor Powell
†HYMN	“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”	No. 127
	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.	

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
(strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
(give to thee) I will ever give to 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!

