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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented by
Ruth and Jerry Jones in honor of all Sunday school teachers
and our Early Learning Center teachers and staff. Glory be to God.

GREETERS
8:30 Joe & Beth Kirk
11:00 Greta Boshamer & Harold Wright

ATTENDENCE 9/7/2025
8:30 Traditional - 87
11:00 Traditional - 129
8:30 Rise - 52
9:45 Rise - 124

ONLINE GIVING



Prayerfully consider giving
to support the missions and
ministries of First Methodist
Church by scanning the
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For God so loved that He GAVE his Son.

“Formed for Freedom: Core Values of the Christian Life in Exodus”
This reading plan is guiding us through the story of God’s people as He delivers them
from slavery, forms them into His covenant community, and leads them toward the
Promised Land. This week is Covenant Faithfulness.

Theme: The blood of the Lamb saves.
Reading Plan: Exodus 7-13 Plagues and Passover
Day 1 (Mon): Exodus 7
Day 2 (Tue): Exodus 8
Day 3 (Wed): Exodus 9
Day 4 (Thu): Exodus 10-11
Day 5 (Fri): Exodus 12-13

Global Methodist Church - New Bern District
Worship & Workshop Event
Join us this afternoon from 3-6pm as we host the New Bern District GMC
worship event. We welcome Guest Preacher, Kari Howard,
Associate Conference Superintendent. Breakout sessions from
4-6pm with Pastor Powell, Pastor Sarah, and Pastor Derek.

Welcome Reception for Pastor Tom
First Methodist Church invites you to a Welcome Reception to extend
a warm welcome to Pastor Tom Barnard. Please join us in The Atrium
on Sunday, September 21st from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

WaveRunners Trip to Bath
Tuesday, October 14th - Leaving at 8:00am. Touring
historic homes, oldest church, and lunch in Washington.
Upcoming Adventures (registration opens soon):
Nov 19 - Chinese Lantern Festival
Dec 11 - Mike’s Farm
Dec (TBD) - Singing Christmas Tree

Acolyte Training
On Thursday, September 18th at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary, Larry Hughes will
host acolyte training. Kids who already serve as acolytes are encouraged to
come for a refresher, and new participants of all ages are welcome to join.

Ladies Bible Engagers
Engage in Bible Study with the Ladies. Beginning on Wednesday,
October 1st at 1:00pm in the Stanley Harrell classroom on the 2nd floor
in the Atrium Building. Contact Celia Haines with questions at
celiahaines1939@gmail.com or 252-808-5017.

Fall Bible Study with Pastor Sarah
Join Pastor Sarah for a new Fall Bible Study beginning
Wednesday, September 17th at 5:45 PM in the Loft.
The study is Profoundly Distinctly Christian Methodist,
a church-wide study in the essentials of christian faith.
The cost of the book is \$10, and Pastor Sarah will
order copies for everyone who signs up.
Please register online or in the church office.

Lunch Support Group
If you are experiencing the loss of a loved one or are caring
for someone you love, you’re invited to join our support group
on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM
at Sagebrush to connect, share, and find encouragement
in a caring community. Invite a friend. For more information,
please contact Pastor Patrick or Becky Lail.

Surviving the Holidays
October 7th @ 4:30pm or October 12th @ 3:00pm
The holidays can be tough after the loss of a loved one.
Join Pastor Patrick for GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays,
a 2-hour seminar with video insights, a Holiday Survival Guide,
and support from others who understand.

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Fran Welch, Sound Tech



“WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE
PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT
†CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures forever.
He brought his people out with joy.
His chosen ones sing songs of praise.
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.

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| †HYMN | “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” | No. 117 |
| | O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home! | |
| | Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure. | |
| | Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same. | |
| | A thousand ages in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun. | |
| | Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. | |
| | O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home. | |

†OPENING PRAYERUnison
Almighty God, you delivered your people Israel from slavery through the blood of the lamb and the power of your hand. In Jesus Christ, our true Passover Lamb, you set us free from sin and death. Deliver us now from all that holds us captive, that with grateful hearts we may worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

SCRIPTURE1 Corinthians 5:6-8
⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don’t you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY“Forevermore”Chancel Choir
By Dan Forrest

†DOXOLOGYNo. 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“Come Thou Fount”No. 400
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

SCRIPTUREExodus 12:22-30
²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. ²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron. ²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

SERMONCovenant FaithfulnessPastor Sarah

†HYMN“Great is Thy Faithfulness”No. 140
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [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)