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**

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lynn Cox by her husband Mason Cox.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Memorial service to honor Susan Norman Craver will be held at the church at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 12th. A private family inurnment will follow at the columbarium at the church.

A Memorial service will be held for Nancy Detweiler on Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 AM here at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that your gift be given to our church in Honor of Nancy.

GREETERS 8:30 Harry & Kimberly Smith 11:00 George West & Sandra Norris

ATTENDANCE 9/14/2025 8:30 Traditional - 76 11:00 Traditional - 149 8:30 Rise - 53 9:45 Rise - 146

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.

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 celiahaines 1939@gmail.com or 252-808-5017.

Surviving the Holidays

October 7th @ 4:30pm or October 19th @ 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.

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

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 19th

Get ready for a treat! We're hosting Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 19th from 5:00-6:00pm in the Arendell Street parking lot. This is a community event for all ages. Free Hotdogs for everyone! Don't miss a chance to decorate your trunk. Please register online to reserve your parking space.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 20th from 9:00am - 3:00pm

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. Your generosity makes a difference! Register and donate online. Come ready to enjoy fantastic food and fellowship with friends and family...oh and the bouncy obstacle course!

Mission of the Month

Family Promise of Carteret County (FPCC) coordinates Christian hospitality for homeless parents with children and pregnant women. With the support of 13 partner churches, FPCC provides families with meals, lodging, and compassionate care. At the Day Center, residents have access to phones, the internet, social service agencies, and intensive case management that helps most families regain stability within about 60 days. Currently, the Day Center is housing 14 residents. In addition to financial support, FPCC welcomes volunteers including those able to help with tutoring in reading and math for the children. This would be an excellent opportunity for a retired teacher!

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"WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, IOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 21, 2025

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"Majestic Alleluia" by Joel Raney **†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT**

Handbell Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Spirit

We have come to worship the Spirit.

Worship Christ.

We have come to Worship Christ.

Worship the Source of all love and truth.

We have come to worship God, the Source of all goodness.

†HYMN

"O Worship the King"

No. 73

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old: hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light: it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail. in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

†OPENING PRAYER

Unison

Unison

Come down to us, O Holy Spirit. Come down and make us new. Come down and fill us with your love. Come down and show us your way. Come down to us as we worship you today. Come down, O Holy Spirit. Amen

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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

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

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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 Revelation 15:1-4

15 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed. ² And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God³ and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. ⁴ Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Draw Me Near" **By Mcdonald**

Chancel Choir

†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

"Be Still, My Soul"

No. 534

No. 95

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 15:18-21

¹⁸ "The LORD reigns for ever and ever." ¹⁹ When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰ Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. ²¹ Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea."

SERMON

Worship at the Center

†HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

No. 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

†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!