

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

Gathering		
Welcome and Announcements		
Chiming of the Trinity		
Prelude		Emily Wallace
	<i>"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" – arr. Wolaver</i>	
*Call to Worship		See Insert
*Opening Prayer		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast</i>	UMH #339
*Passing of the Peace		
*Hymn of Worship	<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling</i>	UMH #348
Prayers of the People		
Offering		
Offertory	<i>Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" – arr. Page</i>	Emily Wallace
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH #881
*Gloria Patri		UMH #70
*Psalter	Psalm 32	UMH #766
Scripture		Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32
Sermon	<i>"Pigsty to Passion"</i>	Pastor Gray Stallworth
*Discipleship Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH #378
*Benediction		
*Congregational Response	<i>Shalom to You</i>	UMH #666
	Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.	
*Postlude	<i>"Change My Heart, O God" – arr. Hayes</i>	Emily Wallace

*Please stand if you are able.

Prayer Concerns



Please pray for the world, the church, the UMC, First UMC, all who hold leadership positions, and the following persons:

Bruce Sumerel	Jane Rogers
Dot Wilson	Betty & Ron Burnside
Frances Steinacker	Jane Stroud
Nedra Walker	Calvin Culbertson
Tom Kelley	Carolyn Dye
Nicole Bedard	Ford Hocker
Betty Jo Templeton	Jim Rambo
Shot Taylor	Doris Bolt

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Betty & Ron Burnside – c/o Timothy Burnside, 569 Saddle Ridge Dr., Bethlehem, GA 30620

Frances Steinacker – c/o Sam Steinacker, 17004 Greenwood Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone who sent messages of encouragement during our recent illness.

Dale and Emily Wallace

Staff Members

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Pastor: Gray Stallworth	pastor@
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Lay Liturgist: Randy Hillmann	
Ushers: Sam Howell, Jim Moore	
Sound Engineer: Sam Howell	
Nursery Helpers for March: Teresa Crabtree, Gayle Hocker	

FOOD BANK
Tues. & Thurs. Noon-2PM
Please Consider Supporting by
Marking Your Donation "Food Bank"



REMINDER

Just a reminder that everyone is asked to bring
canned goods to the Altar during Communion on
the 1st Sunday of each month.

FRI. LUNCH BUNCH

** Meet at church at 11:00am to carpool
(call Jane Stroud or Sissy Taylor to carpool),
except if meeting at a Laurens restaurant,
go directly to the restaurant instead of carpooling.



March, 2025

March 28 Dempsey's, Clinton

April, 2025

April 4 Trotter's, Clinton
April 11 Sweet Catherine's, Ft. Inn
April 18 Scurry's Café, Laurens
April 26 The Alcove, Greenwood

Offering Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Place in offering plates as they come by,

Mail to: *P.O. Box 203, Laurens, SC 29360*

Online at firstmethodistlaurens.org, click "Give",

Or Text "BOLD" to 73256

CONNECT WITH US

Worship: Sundays at 10:30am
Office Hrs.: M-Th. 8:30am-3pm
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Pastoral Emergency Phone #:

** (After Hours and on Weekends) ** **864-334-8561**

First United Methodist Church

*West Main Street
Laurens, South Carolina*

Sunday, March 30, 2025



Welcome!

At First United Methodist Church
we challenge each other to be **BOLD**,
to step out in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

BOLD
BECOMING • OBEDIENT • LOVING • DISCIPLES

*Rev. Gray Stallworth
Pastor*

Morning Glories Bible Study

The Morning Glories Bible Study will meet on Monday, March 31st at 10:30am in the Conference Room. We will begin Session 5 in our study of Joseph. Please read Genesis Chapter 42. All women are invited to join us. Hope to see you there!



LENTEN LUNCHEONS AND DEVOTIONS

*The
Season
of
Lent*



The churches on West Main Street will continue a series of luncheons/devotions during Lent. We will move to First Presbyterian Church for lunch/devotion next Wednesday April 2nd and to finish the Lenten series on Wednesday, April 9th.



NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

We still need small candy to fill Easter eggs. If you have any time available, everything is located in the Conference Room. Please help us as we prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt that will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 10am to 12pm on April 12th.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – Sun., April 13th – 10:30am – First UMC

Maundy Thursday Service – Thurs., April 17th – 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Service – Fri., April 18th – 6:00pm at Episcopal Church of The Epiphany

Easter Sunrise Service - Sun., April 20th, 7:00am – Thomason Shelter, First Baptist Church – Followed by breakfast at First Presbyterian Church

Easter Service – Sun., April 20th, 10:30am – First UMC

Please bring flowers to place on the Cross in front of our church.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we struggle to live as you teach us,
and we fail to answer your call . . .

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When the truth clogs up in our throat,
and we fear what will happen if we speak
and if we keep silent . . .

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When we open our hearts
and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys,
and our doubts flow freely . . .

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace
that teaches and guides us into a life of trust
and joyful obedience . . .

**God, your steadfast love surrounds us
today and every day.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**