

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27, 2025

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "Rejoice" – Cynthia Dobrinski Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" – Barbara Baltzer-Kinyon

*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation.

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

Open to us the gates of righteousness,
that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

We come, redeemed by grace, to worship the Risen Christ!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

His steadfast love endures forever! Alleluia!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *Blessed Assurance* **UMH #369**

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Worship *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **UMH #454**

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers

"I've Got Peace Like a River" – arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

*Doxology **UMH #95**

*Affirmation of Faith **UMH #881**

*Gloria Patri **UMH #70**

New Testament Reading Acts 5:27-42

Scripture Psalm 118:14-29

Sermon "The Rejected Stone and the Open Gate" Pastor Gray Stallworth

*Discipleship Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* **UMH #428**

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *He Lives* (Refrain) **UMH #310**

*Postlude "The Strife is O'er" – Lani Smith 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

Betty Jo Templeton

Shot Taylor

Jim Rambo

Buck Crabtree

Doris Bolt

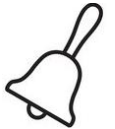
MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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

Jane Rogers – 109 Wedgewood Dr., Laurens, SC 29360

SPECIAL HANDBELL MUSIC

A special "Thank You" to the Jimmy Townsend Handbell
Ringers for providing the beautiful handbell music during the
service this morning.



The Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers are:

Randy Hillmann

Donna Whitlock

Barbara Brown

Kelly Hillmann

Dianne Sutton

Joanne Thomason

Annette Elwood

Hope Deason

Paula Moss, Director

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Ushers: Sam Howell, John Young

Sound Engineer: Tom Church

Nursery Helpers for April: Uli Fenzl, Joanne Thomason

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.



April, 2025

April 25 The Alcove, Greenwood

May, 2025

May 2	Arnold's Burgers, Laurens
May 9	Blue Ocean, Clinton – (Opens at 1pm)
May 16	R' Place, Greenwood
May 23	Lee's BBQ, Waterloo
May 30	Happy Days, Laurens

Offering Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Place in offering plates as they come by,
Mail to: P.O. Box 203, Laurens, SC 29360
Or Text "BOLD" to 73256

CONNECT WITH US

Worship: Sundays at 10:30am
Office Hrs.: M-Th. 8:30am-3pm
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First United Methodist Church

West Main Street
Laurens, South Carolina

Sunday, April 27, 2025



Welcome!

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

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BECOMING • OBEDIENT • LOVING • DISCIPLES

Rev. Gray Stallworth
Pastor

Morning Glories Bible Study

Please join us on Monday, April 28th at 10:30am as we finish our study of Joseph – Session 8 – “A Faithful Finish”. All women are invited!



Tickets for “Joseph”

All those who want to attend “Joseph” on Saturday, June 7th are urged to turn in \$25 to Michelle Stallworth by Noon on April 28th. The production by the Greenwood Community Theater will be a fun outing. The performance on June 7th is at 2pm. If you have any questions, see Michelle.



GARDEN SONG

You are invited to attend **Garden Song** this Sunday, April 27th at 4:00pm at the Ferguson Meditation Garden (at Prisma Laurens Co. Hospital). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the gate. Please join them for Special Entertainment, Refreshments and Flowers!



Save the Dates! Invite Your Friends!

You are Invited!
BOLD Concerts



Sunday, May 18 at 5pm
Kingdom Come

Sunday, July 27 at 6pm
Dawn Smith Jordan

