

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"



Order of Worship

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

**Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT #644(AA) "Alleluia"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

People: your steadfast love finds us.

Leader: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

People: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

People: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

People: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

All: Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN #120 (AA)
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

*** PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*Unison*)**

This is the Lord's Day, and we enter His house with Praise. Loving God, Source of forgiveness and mercy, We lift our hearts to You. May Your Spirit move within us, Healing those who are torn, Mending those who are broken, And protecting those who are fragile. Enable us, O God, Through the gift of Your steadfast love, To remember who we are And whose we are. In Your boundless love, May we be true and faithful disciples Of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, In whose glorious name we pray. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving God, We come before You with open hearts, Acknowledging our imperfections and shortcomings. Forgive us for the times we have failed, For the moments we have hurt others, And for when we have strayed from Your path. Fill us with Your grace, So we may learn and grow from our mistakes. Strengthen our resolve to follow Your ways, And guide us to be compassionate and loving. With Your unending love, We are renewed and restored. We praise You for Your mercy And rejoice in the hope You give us.. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION FUPCC Choir

"Be Grateful" *by Walter Hawkins and The Hawkins Family*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Delton H. Farmer

Holy God, Open our hearts that we may hear from You. Allow the Word that is proclaimed to draw, encourage, and correct. Your children are here, waiting to hear from You. May Your Word rest upon our hearts as You speak to us. In Jesus Name Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton H. Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 3:3-14

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

SERMON Rev. Delton H. Farmer

"Not Ruined But Restored "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #301(AA)

"There's Something About That Name"

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)
(Page 35 in the Purple Glory to God hymnal)

~ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES~

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord. *You may give online @fupcc.org; mail your gifts to the church office, 406 N. College Street, 28202; or leave with the Officers as you exit.* Remember, the Lord Loves a cheerful giver. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION FUPCC Choir

"God Is Keeping Me " by The Mississippi Mass Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

***CLOSING HMN #391(AA) "I Will Trust In The Lord"**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

God's grace is extravagant and abundant, Know this grace in your life Share this grace with others. May God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you this day and forevermore. Amen.

RESPONSE "Seven Fold Amen"

POSTUDE

Weekly Bible Studies



JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Invitation:

As we step into this New Year, I invite you to join us for an inspiring and uplifting Bible study series on the Book of Nehemiah. This powerful story of renewal, vision, and perseverance is the perfect guide for anyone seeking a fresh start or a deeper connection with God's purpose. Together, we'll learn how to trust God, take steps of faith, and celebrate His faithfulness as we rebuild and renew the foundations of our lives. This is our opportunity to grow spiritually and walk confidently into all that God has in store for us this year! We will meet each week beginning Wednesday, January 8th 6:30 pm via zoom, beginning Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:30 pm via zoom.

1/22/2025 Week 3 Bible Study Outline: Overcoming Opposition (Nehemiah 4)

Theme: Trusting God and staying focused in the face of challenges and opposition.

1/29/2025 Week 4 Bible Study Outline: Completion and Celebration (Nehemiah 6:15-16)

Theme: Celebrating God's faithfulness and dedicating ourselves anew to His work.

BEREAVEMENT

Church Family,

We are saddened to inform you of the death of Mr. Marvin Nicholson, father of our member Ellen Smith.

Funeral arrangements were as follows:

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025

Location: Kingston Presbyterian Church, 800 Third Ave.,
Conway, SC 29526.

Time: 12:00-1:00 pm - Visitation
1:00 pm - Funeral Service of Worship

Funeral Home:

Ocean View Funeral Home, 1207 Grainger, Rd., Conway, SC 29526

Please keep the Nicholson and Smith family in your prayers and concern.

Liturgical Dance Workshop

DATE: February 15, 2025

TIME: 10:00 am

LOCATION: The Education Building

DANCE MINISTRY

With a dance ministry during service on
Sunday, February 16, 2025.

This ministry is **OPEN** to any adult, youth and gender
regardless of age. If interested, please contact:
Ellen Smith at 704-516-4748.



“Let them praise His name with
dancing and make music to Him with
tremble and harp”

Psalm 149:3



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEN CENTS A MEAL - We Can Make a Huge Difference when ALL participate. Using the same passage Two and Five Cents-a-Meal has been used since 1982. Please consider a gift to Ten Cents-a-Meal every 1st Sunday.

PW BIBLE STUDY— Saturday, February 15, 2024 @ 11:00 am

Lesson 6 –Climate Change/ Let Justice Roll Down

God's Call to Care for Neighbors & All Creation

Meeting ID: 819 3012 7450 • Passcode: 129126

Call in: 1 309 205 3325 US

BIBLE STUDY – Via Zoom (Online Only until March 2025)

Bible Study every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 874 8560 5940 • Passcode: 413228 One tap mobile, + 1-301- 715-8592, follow the prompts: then give meeting

FUPCC INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The last Saturday of each month @ 8:30 am in The Library

FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS

Bible Study 2nd & 4th Sunday's of each Month

**Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am Classroom #201 Ages: 13-18
(snacks provided)**

**NOURISH UP 5TH Fridays @ First Presbyterian, the next date will be
January 31, 2025**

CLEANSING WATERS SHOWER MINISTRY

1st & 3rd Sundays from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

BT EXPRESS (Alcohol/Narcotics Program)

Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

ROOF ABOVE—Working together to end homelessness!!!!

Next Room in the Inn Friday, February 7, 2025

THE BULB MARKET SITES FOR JANUARY 2025

<https://www.thebulbgallery.org/marketsites>

Participating in Worship – January 19, 2025

Liturgist: Elder Renea Stitt

Offering: Deacon Helen Hairston and Elder Gail Walker

Ushering: Jaron Givens, Thulder Carelock & Michelle Delaney

Greeting: Deacon Helen Hairston

❧ SICK AND SHUT-INS ❧

AT HOME

Mrs. Louise Ezell -1850 Magwood Dr. #212, Charleston SC 29414

Dr. Sandra Govan - 6508 Wickville Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215

Ms. Jonette Harper - 5925 Sierra Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216

Ms. Constance Sims - 2301 Ludlow Dr., Charlotte, NC 28216

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES , HOSPITALS
& SENIOR LIVING**

Dr. Mildred Y. MosleyWALTONWOOD AT COTSWOLD
5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2018, Charlotte, NC 28211-5164

Mrs. Margaret Freeman - BROOKDALE SOUTH CHARLOTTE
5515 Rea Road Apartment #111B, Charlotte, NC 28226

PRAYER LIST Email: prayer@fupcc.org

Barbara Cannon ❧ Caryle Blakeney-Bennett ❧ Abby Flanders

Shepard Foley ❧ Ms. Jane Reid ❧ Connie Patton ❧

Mrs. Yvonne Thomas

❧PRAYER❧

Bringer of hope to the nations, glory be to you. We pray that nations may heed the word of peace that Christ proclaims. Be with all that suffer as a result of human hostility, and through Christ, break down the walls that keep us apart. Fill leaders with wisdom; bring humility to rulers. Make us effective witnesses to the hope of Christ’s salvation, and give us firm resolution to proclaim him Redeemer of all. Amen.