

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

Gathering
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming of the Trinity
Prelude "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" – arr. Erdstrom Emily Wallace

*Call to Worship

We gather together,
Empowered by the Risen Christ,
To worship and encounter the Holy One.
We trust that the infinite love of God
Will move us beyond our places of doubt and fear
And into a world where our witness points to the Good News.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn Christ for the World We Sing UMH #568

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Worship Pass It On UMH #572

Prayers of the People

Offering
Offertory "Tranquil Moment" – Scott Oyer Emily Wallace
*Doxology UMH #95

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Psalter Psalm 96 UMH #815

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20
Sermon "Be A Witness" Pastor Gray Stallworth

*Discipleship Hymn Go, Make of All Disciples UMH #571

*Benediction

*Congregational Response Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus UMH #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

*Postlude "Alegretto in F" – Beethoven 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 Burnside
Frances Steinacker	Ron Burnside
Nedra Walker	Calvin Culbertson
Tom Kelley	Carolyn Dye
Nicole Bedard	Betty Jo Templeton
Shot Taylor	Jane Stroud
Buck Crabtree	Doris Bolt

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Bruce Sumerel, MD – NHC of Laurens, 379 Pinehaven St. Ext., Rm. 113
Dot Wilson – c/o Mrs. Judy Vincent, 702 Penland Rd., Laurens, SC 29360

BOLD CONCERT SERIES 2025

Everyone is invited to join us for our
first BOLD Concert Series of 2025 this
Sunday, May 18th at 5:00pm in our
Sanctuary. We look forward to hearing a
wonderful concert by the vocal ensemble
"Kingdom Come". A love offering will be taken.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Sarah Roberts**, daughter of Susan & Bruce Roberts,
on her recent graduation from the University of South Carolina with a
Master's Degree in Social Work. She plans to work at Lexington Medical
Center.

Staff Members

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Pastor: Gray Stallworth	pastor@
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Custodian: Lillie Philson	
Ministers: Congregation	
Lay Liturgist: Don Hocker	
Ushers: Sam Howell, Robby Templeton	
Sound Engineer: Sam Howell	
Nursery Helpers for May: Vicky Culbertson, Sissy Taylor	

Thank You!!

Dear Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks for the food, cards, and most of all your prayers during Buck's recent surgery. Your support and kindness have meant so much to us.

May God Bless you all.
Buck and Teresa

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 local restaurants at 11:30am.
For out-of-town restaurants, please call
Jane Stroud or Sissy Taylor to carpool.



May, 2025

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
Phone #: 864-984-7696

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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, May 18, 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*

Expanded Food Bank

We will be continuing our off-site Food Bank location for Waterloo. We are once again partnering with Bethlehem Union Church. We need volunteers for **May 22nd** and **June 26th**. If you could help with this, please talk with Pastor Gray.



Morning Glories Bible Study

The Morning Glories Bible Study finished their study of Joseph and will be taking a summer break. Thank you to all the ladies that participated in our study. Please watch the bulletin, newsletter and the sign up board by the church office for some fun opportunities this summer and more information on our fall study.



TENTATIVE DATES:

Fall Bible Study to begin – Monday, Sept. 8th

Annual Hendersonville Apple Trip – Wed., Sept. 17th

Greenwood Community Theatre

Seven of us will be attending “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” at Greenwood Community Theatre on **Saturday, June 7th**. Michelle has given out the Tickets that were purchased. Thank you for signing up early to ensure we could purchase tickets. It’s sure to be a sellout event and will be an awesome production.



Flower Calendar

If you would like to reserve a particular Sunday to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person, please call the church office. We'll keep a flower calendar up to date as we go throughout the year.



UPCOMING CONCERTS! Invite Your Friends!

A graphic with a purple and red background. At the top, a white banner reads "You are Invited! BOLD Concerts". Below this, a large white arrow points left towards a photo of five men standing together. To the right of the arrow, text reads "Sunday, May 18 at 5pm" and "Kingdom Come". Below this, another large white arrow points right towards a photo of a woman in a red dress. To the left of the arrow, text reads "Sunday, July 27 at 6pm" and "Dawn Smith Jordan".

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