# 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 UMH #572 Pass It On

**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

**Pastor Gray Stallworth** Sermon "Be A Witness"

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

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus **UMH #349** 

Turn vour eves 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.

"Alegretto in F" – Beethoven \*Postlude **Emily Wallace** 

\*Please stand if you are able.

# **Frayer 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** 

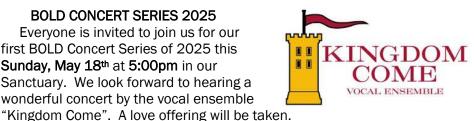
Jane Stroud **Shot Taylor Buck Crabtree** Doris Bolt

#### 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



# 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 Emails: @firstmethodistlaurens.org

Pastor: Gray Stallworth pastor@ Secretary: Karen Reeder contact@ Financial Secretary: Lucy Crowder finance@

Accompanist: Emily Wallace pedalstomper1685@gmail.com

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  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  Sunday of each month.

#### FRI. LUNCH BUNCH

\*\* Meet at local restaurants at <u>11:30am</u>. 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**

#### ONLINE

Worship: Sundays at 10:30am Office Hrs.: M-Th. 8:30am-3pm Phone #: 864-984-7696 firstmethodistlaurens.org Facebook Twitter Instagram YouTube

Pastoral Emergency Phone #:

\*\* (After Hours and on Weekends) \*\* <u>864-334-8561</u>

# 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.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hendersonville Apple Trip – Wed., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

## **Greenwood Community Theatre**

Seven of us will be attending "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Greenwood Community Theatre on <u>Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup></u>. 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!

