

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025
11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“God Will Take Care of You” arr. Berry

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“There is a Balm in Gilead” African American Spiritual

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Spirit of Faith Come Down” No. 332 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Confession, Pardon, and Peace

see insert

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

****The Congregational Hymn***

“Victory in Jesus” No. 370 (vs. 1, 3)

****The Apostle’s Creed***

No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Sweet By and By” arr. Cook

****The Doxology***

****The Gospel Lesson***

John 16:4b-15

Reader: This is the Word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

****The Gloria Patri***

The Anthem

“Dwell Within My Soul” arr. Landon

The Sermon

“Expecting and Accepting the Rejection of the World”

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Spirit of the Living God” No. 393 (2 times)

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**** The Choral Benediction***

“Soon-a Will Be Done” African American Spiritual

****Postlude***

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Cody

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Lt. Col. "B" and Marie "Boosie" Watson
by their children.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Sunday School Classes – It's not too late to jump in! A women's class, meeting in Room #107, is discussing study *Give It Up!* - a Lenten study that reflects on all the things that hold our attention, occupy our minds monopolize our time, and isolate us from God and the world around us. Gathering 9:45-10:00 and study from 10:00-10:30. A men's class is studying "Jesus' Journey to the Cross" in room #205, starting at 9:45.

Ferns for Missions – Today is the last day to order ferns. 10 inch Boston Hanging and Kimberly Queen ferns are available for sale. Ferns are \$22 each and pick up will be on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00-10:30 AM. See Julie or Stacy to order.

Hydrangeas - The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas for Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. Call the church office to place your order by April 6th. All proceeds will go to the Elevator Fund.

Elevator – After doing a final round of due diligence on the elevator modernization project, the Leadership Council determined to move forward with Bagby Elevator Company. They are an independent, union company and have provided excellent and cost-effective service to the church for years. The total cost is estimated at \$81,600. We will be working hard to raise the money to fund this project to ensure that worship and ministry is open to everyone at First UMC.

Communion Steward Training – Many of you indicated on the survey that you would be willing to help with Communion. There will be training on Sunday, April 6th, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall for everyone interested. We would love to have you.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

TODAY at 3:00pm

Student Ministries

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**Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist**