

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



April 21, 2024

Morning Worship

10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP -----Roxane Panarella, Liturgist

Leader: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

People: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

Leader: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

People: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

Leader: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

People: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

OPENING PRAYER

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 128 ----- "He Leadeth Me"

*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

PASTORAL 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS ----- Deacon Anna Troy

PSALTER IN SONG #2058- - "Shepherd Me, O God" - - - - FUMC Family Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON-----John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE -----“A Distinguished Voice” ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

Today’s Worship Participants

Liturgist: Roxane Panarella
Ushers: Parke, Lisa and Kate Thrush
Acolyte: Sherri Shank

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church, or would like a visit, **Please feel free to call or send a text to Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309**



*Lord in your Mercy,
Hear our Prayers*

- The children of FUMC
- The family of Mrs. Devono
- Harry & Joretta Lewis
- Beth Bryant- Barranco
- Shirley Murphy
- Steven H.
- Scott Wilson



THIS WEEK AT FUMC

- **Tuesday April 23** — Bell Practice. 9:30 a.m.
---Monastic Meal, 12:15 p.m.
- **Thursday April 25** —Prayer Shawl, 5-6 p.m.



OFFERTORY MUSIC -----Dr. Scott

*DOXOLOGY-----U.M.H #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts;
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN #381-----“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE -----Dr. Scott

- **There will be a VBS planning meeting after worship on April 28th**
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** --- Madrigal Concert, May 20, 7:00 p.m.
 - **May Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday April 23rd.**
- The First United Methodist Church baseball team would like to thank the church
 - for their sponsorship! The team is pictured above.

Second Sunday
FAMILY FUN DAY

When: April 21, 5-7 PM
Where: FUMC Fellowship Hall
Food & Fun for All

Bring a white t-shirt

dress for mess

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