

**WELCOME!!!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**



We welcome each of you to our worship services today.
PLEASE sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Visitors, please include your address and phone number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Church, 1st Floor

Chapel: Pathfinders Bible Study - Michele Newton
Conference Room: The Upper Room - Doug & Michele Inscoc

Church, 2nd Floor

Watson Class - Larry Price, Kent Anderson, & Snookie Parker
Hardison Discussion Class - Dave Williams, Will Winslow & Woody Harrison

Blackburn Education Building

Room 104 3 & 4 Year Olds - Teachers - Ginger Bissette, John & Stephanie Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson
Room 106 Infants, Toddlers & 2-Year Olds - Mary Wesley Edwards
Room 108 The Bradshaw Class (older adults) - Teachers - Bob Bergland, Charles Robl, & Bill Presnell
Room 203 Young Adult Class - Leaders - Emily Aycock, Shelley Gibson, & Suzette Gibson
Room 201 4th & 5th Grade Class - Debbie Bradley, Allison Robl, Suzette Gibson, Alicia Gregory
Room 206 2nd & 3rd Grade Class - Teachers - Ellen Barkley, Anne & Gary Benton, Ginny Eagles, Ginger & Mark Godwin
Room 205 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class - Teachers - Noelle Halverson, Anne & David Clark, Jenny & Reggie Harrison, Heather Lasitter

Epworth Building

Middle School & High School Teachers - Alysun Skinner, Henrienne Allegood, Ben Eagles, Mandy & Wes Berry, & Susan Barnes
Woman to Woman Teacher - Cathy Helmer
Transforming Lives Class (TLC) - Teacher - Lorie Halverson



First United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Charles J. Robl III, Associate Pastor
Dr. William M. Presnell, Pastor Emeritus
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Mrs. Alysun Skinner, Director of Youth Ministries
Mrs. Vickie Franks - Director of Children's Ministries
Mr. Andy Michaud, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
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April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

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The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 714 "I Know Whom I Have Believed" UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881

+GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

SCRIPTURE Psalm 4 OT Page 490
1 John 3:1 - 7 NT Page 240

MORNING MESSAGE "NOW!" Reverend Robl

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY UMH 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 175 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUMC Weekday Preschool is offering two fun camps for ages age 2 - Kindergarten this summer. Classes meet from 9 - 12 daily. Cost is \$85 per camp **Registration deadline is Friday, May 4th.**

Fossil Find - Tuesday, May 29 - Friday, June 1. Join our expedition as we create, excavate, and discover how fossils are formed and why they are windows to the past!

Outdoor Adventures - Monday, July 16 - Thursday, July 19 - Camp under the stars, grow a garden, and make a big splash! Ignite your passion for the great outdoors as we learn about nature through stories, songs, art and other activities.

An **Acolyte Training Session** will be held next Sunday, **April 22nd**, at 4:15 p.m., in the sanctuary for interested youth. Call Elaine Merrick or Beth White with questions.

Make plans to join us for the **Rise Against Hunger food packaging event on Saturday, April 21st, at 9:00 a.m., in Asbury Hall.** Many hands from folks of all ages are needed to help with measuring, packaging, weighing, running packages to the various stations, and packing, all while having a fun morning of music, laughter, and fellowship! We need you to help our efforts at feeding the hungry in the world successful. You won't be sorry you came!

The **Church Women United May Friendship Luncheon** is Friday, May 4th, at noon, at St. Timothy's Episcopal. Speaker Linda Connor's topic is *Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence.* Tickets (\$8) may be purchased from Sara Williams before Friday, April 27th.

Church Scholarship applications for college students and high school seniors are now available online at fumcwilson.com/ministries/2018-scholarships. You may also pick up a paper copy in the church office. A recent picture is required. Scholarship applications are **due Tuesday, May 2nd.**

MUSIC NOTES



We thank our wonderful Chancel Choir for reminding us of the beauty of God's creation through their anthem this morning. We also thank Langley Kelly for her magnificent song of resurrection at the opening of our service. Thank you all for sharing your gifts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
10:00 Sunday School / Confirmation Class
11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:15 Children's Choir - Blackburn Building
5:15 Youth Group - Asbury Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 Men's Bible Study - Hardison Classroom
7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
6:30 SPRC - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

6:15 Carillon Ringers - Handbell Room
7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles' Office
6:30 Adult Discipleship Team - Conference Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 Concert - Vonda Darr, harpist - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 Rise Against Hunger - Asbury Hall

Music At First

Please join us on **April 20th** for the next concert in our series. Vonda Darr, a resident of Wilson who will soon be moving to Nashville, TN, will present one of her very last programs of music for the harp in our sanctuary. Vonda is an extraordinary talent, and one of the very finest musicians in Eastern North Carolina. Don't miss this special event, and please bring friends with you. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

From the Pastor :

You've heard the saying, "It's too good to be true." Today's reading from Luke 24 we find that this is the reaction of the disciples when the resurrected Jesus stood among them, surprised & terrified at the same time. "Can we believe this is happening?"

Jesus assures them that what they are seeing is real flesh & blood, not a ghost. As Jesus showed them his hands & his feet which bore the marks of his crucifixion, he said, "Touch and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." (v. 39)

Verse 41 vividly captures what the disciples were feeling – "While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering." Can this really be happening? It's too good to be true!

On this 3rd Sunday of Easter, some may wonder how much longer are we going to hear about this? Isn't it time to move on? As a colleague, Dr. Robert Simpson, writes, "How do we talk about resurrection? We attach images of bunnies, eggs, & candy, wrapping ourselves in new clothes & bright spring colors." He goes on to say that Easter is "misrepresented in discussions of renewal, revival, and rebirth." (Pastoral Letter, Simpson, April 2018)

On Easter morning Jesus was raised from the dead. He stood at the "doorway of life looking out into the morning sun taking a deep breath saying, 'No fear!' He has rewritten the rules for living & for dying." Is it too good to be true?

Over the past several months my sister-in-law, Reverend Kristi Rolison, has been battling cancer. Every time the prayer list is sent out, I see her name among the many others we lift up. Doctors & nurses have done their very best to battle this terrible disease ravaging her body. As with the other people on our prayer list, I know that the prayers of family, friends, & strangers are being lifted for strength & healing. However, we are all aware that death comes.

This past week, as our family was with Kristi at the Hospice House in Winston-Salem, she told us that she was content & "ready to die." That part of us that loves her so deeply doesn't want to hear this. But, when I think about what Kristi said to us, she spoke from a place deep within her heart that believes in the resurrection, & that through believing that Jesus lives, even though we die, yet shall we live.

Is it too good to be true? No! Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ~Pastor Bob

**UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH
BY OUR PRAYERS**

We extend our love and sympathy to **Sarah Propes** and family in the death of her brother, Walter Horne, who died Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Belmont, NC.

We welcome **Emily and Patrick Beaman** into the fellowship of FUMC this morning at the 11:00 worship service. They come to us by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Wilson. The Beamans and their two sons, Jack and Graham, live at 5023 Country Club Drive.

**BY OUR PRESENCE
ATTENDANCE April 15, 2018**

Sunday School - 125
8:45 - 37 ; 9:00 - 100 ; 11:00 - 179
Tuesday Communion - 16
Total Worship - 332

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received April 8th	\$	10,486
YTD Requirement	\$	293,804
Received YTD	\$	302,895
Over (Under)	\$	9,091

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

Youth and parents are invited join us in Asbury Hall **tonight, April 15th**, at 5:15 to hear **Mike Cannon** share his family's struggle and loss with drug addiction. You can learn more about their story at www.jcans.org.

Motoring Methodists will visit the Sylvan Heights Bird Park on Saturday, April 21st. We will have lunch in Rocky Mount prior to going to the Park. The van will leave the church parking lot promptly at 11:00 a.m. Admission to the Park is \$11 for adults and \$10 for seniors (62+). Call Connie Wood at 237-0649 or text Karen Blume at 230-5299 **by April 19th** to reserve your space in the van. In case of bad weather, this event will be canceled. Motoring Methodists is open to all FUMC adults.

The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song *BLESSED BE YOUR NAME
GLORIOUS DAY* Praise Band

Announcements

First Lesson 1 John 3:1 - 7

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings *CHRIST BE ALL AROUND ME* Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson Luke 24:36b - 48

Message "Too Good to Be True?" Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth *COME TO ME* Praise Band

Greeters for April 15th: David Edwards, Beth Herndon, Pam Barrett

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

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11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Forever”

Kari Jobe

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 714

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 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.

+GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS - A short children’s devotion for preschool and elementary children.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:1 - 7

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PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Look at the World”

John Rutter

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

Look at the world, everything all around us, look at the world and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills; look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father’s fold. Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from the Lord, in token of His love. We are His hands, stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and His the heavens above. Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 462

“ ’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:36b - 48

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Too Good to Be True?”

Reverend Bergland

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 175

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

UMH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Musical Selection for the Organ

+Those who are able, please stand.

The Chancel lowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Ladwig by Rosemary and Stephen Ladwig.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Stella Borders and Carolyn McCarthy

Crucifer: Katherine Newton

Reader: Donna Allen

Volunteers:

Sound System: Parker Moody

Greeters for April 15th:

8:45 Narthex: Ann and Pat Vickers

11:00 Office Area: Sandy Davis

11:00 Narthex: Cathy and Daryl Chapman