THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 28, 2024

Gathering Welcome and Announc Chiming of the Trinity Prelude All Creatures of	ements Our God and King – arr. Dir	Emily Wallace no Kartsonakis	
*Call to Worship Sing to our God a new song. God has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let the world and its people sing together for joy!			
Opening Prayer			
*Opening Hymn	Christ for the World We S	ing UMH #568	
*Passing of the Peace			
*Hymn of Worship	Swing Low, Sweet Cha	riot UMH #703	
Pastoral Prayer			
Offering OffertoryThe Lord Bless You and Keep You – John RutterEmily Wallace UMH #95			
*Affirmation of Faith *Gloria Patri		UMH #881 UMH #70	
*Psalter	Psalm 22: 25-31	UMH #752	
Scripture Sermon	Soul Pain	Acts 8: 26-40 Pastor Gray Stallworth	
*Discipleship Hymn	God of Love and God of P	ower UMH #578	
*Benediction *Congregational Response He Lives (Refrain) UMH #310 He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.			
*Postlude	A Flourish – Lani Smith	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 Nedra Walker Marilyn Mack Frances Steinacker Jane Stroud Betty Jo Templeton Patsy Braswell Jackie O'Bryant

Rosalind Sweat Betty Lindler Betty & Ron Burnside Sam Lowry Gayle Hocker April Walker Family Joel Jacks Claudette Holliday Calvin Culbertson Sue Sharpton

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

<u>Rosalind Sweat</u> – 112 W. Farley Ave., Laurens, SC 29360 <u>Dot Wilson</u> – Langston Square, Rm. 113, 939 Springdale Dr., Clinton, SC 29325

MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Harold Glenn Blocker Given by: Jim Eaton

In Memory of: Miriam June Templeton

Given by: Bobby & Phyllis Templeton & Children; Brenda Templeton & Rentz Family

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Ushers: Jon Allen, Sam Howell			
Nursery Helpers: Sissy Taylor, Merry Young			

Flowers: The flowers placed in the Sanctuary this morning are given in honor of the marriage of Betsy Ross and Ed Carey by their Children.



DWELLING IN THE WORD

How are you doing with your daily personal Bible Study? Are you following one of our plans? Remember, it takes



discipline to meditate on God's Word, but this treasure map He's given to us is worth every minute we spend in the Holy Bible. I am studying the Psalms this year. I have several companion books I am using along with the Amplified Bible as my second translation. I am picking out one verse in each Psalm that is significant. It's amazing how the Psalms point to the Messiah so much! Stay focused! Train daily for Godliness.

FOOD BANK

Tues. & Thurs. Noon-2PM Please Consider Supporting by Marking Your Donation "Food Bank"





FOOD BANK NEED

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 church at 11:00am to carpool, except for Blue Ocean (4/26) meet at 12:30pm
Also, if meeting at a Laurens restaurant, go directly to the restaurant instead of carpooling.

April 26 - Blue Ocean, Clinton (Meet at the church at 12:30pm to carpool)

- May 3 Sweet Catherine's, Ft. Inn
- May 10 Happy Days, Laurens
- May 17 Wilson's Curb Market, Clinton
- May 24 Trotters, Clinton
- May 31 Scurry's Café, Laurens

Offering Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Place in offering plates as they come by, Mail to P.O. Box 203, Laurens, SC 29360 Online at <u>firstmethodistlaurens.org</u>, click "Give", Or Text "BOLD" to 73256

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ONLINE

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First United Methodist Church

West Main Street Laurens, South Carolina

Sunday, April 28, 2024



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

Announcements

CHURCH RECIPE BOOK

If you have not turned in your favorite recipe, the deadline of <u>April 30th</u> is getting near!! The Kingdom Krafters are working on a new church recipe book for a

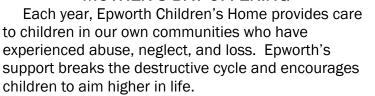
fundraiser. Please email or bring to Karen Reeder or Susan Roberts.

SPRING FLING for the Laurens Police Department



As part of Pastor Gray's ministry as Chaplain for the LPD, we are sponsoring a SPRING FLING on <u>May 4 from</u> <u>1-5pm</u>. The event will be held at the city owned Ceram Tec Park. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



On <u>Sunday, May 12th, 2024</u>, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

KINGDOM KRAFTERS CLASS

Please join us for our next Kingdom Krafters class on <u>Saturday, May 18th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm</u> in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making flower glasses, fabric flowers and blessing shells. There is no cost for this class and food will be provided. If you can join us for this class, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.





Join us for a Couple's Baby Shower

Celebrating

Mollie & Caleb Berry

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall 244 West Main Street Laurens, SC 29360

Hosted by: Patrice Bodie, Tammy Anderson, & Zac Elwood

Please RSVP to 864 872 0547 by April 27th.

The couple is registered at Babylist.com (Mollie Berry)

