



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship March 20, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Dalton Shaw

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

Lord, you are our God.

P: We will praise you with joyful lips.

Lord, you are our God.

P: Our souls thirst for you.

Lord, you are our God.

P: We behold your power and majesty.

Lord, you are our God.

All: We will bless you all of the days of our lives.

CHILDREN’S TIME

HYMN #121: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Molly Andersen

Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 Molly Andersen

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:6-9 (NRSV)

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9 (CEB) (Please Rise)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #380: “There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

MESSAGE “We Are Called to Bear Fruit” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. You have sent saints into our midst to make the soil richer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN #127: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

You can also find our online service on our Church Website.

We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today.

We are glad you are here.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dawn Barber, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Judy Law, Bang-Wool Lim, Grace Struve, Merry Florence, Katie Wand, Greg Eversoll, Dallas Kosier, Paul Mayer, Bill Robinson, Chris Falk, Ron Smith, Salvador Sanchez, Collen Olsen, Ann Larson, Bonnie Parker, Stone Curboy, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, John Jachino, Peter Tsoukalas, Jane Rubietta, Tom & Kristine, Marcile Fowler, Family of John Hamm, Rhea (Friend of Bonnie Davies).

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers. Peace on earth and peace in Ukraine.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March

22 – Patrick Holcomb, Tim Thulen

26 – Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder

CALENDAR

Monday, March 21 (Telstar Deadline)

9 am Sewing Ladies

3:30 – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 23

7 pm Interfaith Lenten Service @ First Presbyterian Church – Pastor Narda Alvelo

Thursday, March 24

9 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, March 27 (2021 Financial Report)

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

10:15 am Children’s Sunday School

Kids Kards Following Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Vivian Eaton, you are the counter for March 27th. The verifier is Dianne Brinkmeier. Liturgist is Noah Johnson, Acolyte is Laikyn Lawrence. Worship helpers for March are Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Esther Losh, Pam Darrow, Linda Jachino.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 44 inside, 3 outside.

Food Pantry – This month items needed are fruit juice, and cereal.

Blessing basket – This month we need D batteries and dish detergent. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Choir Director

We are looking for someone to direct our adult and children's choir. Each choir would be singing once a month during church service.

Every 2nd Sunday – Adult

Every 4th Sunday – Children's choir.

Sunday School

Every Sunday @ **9:15 am** Adult Sunday School

Every Sunday @ **10:15 am** preschoolers – 5th graders

Youth Group Meeting

First Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm, mid school through high school.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6 @ 5:45 pm.

Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am

Lenten Bible Study (3/10, Thursday) @ 6:30pm

UMM

Next Gathering is April 11th (Mon) at 5pm

Grilling, Devotion, and Guest Speaker

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.

Hybrid service, every Sunday @ **10:15 am**.

- Indoor, mask is optional

- Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online?

Online giving with Tithe.ly

You can find the link on our church website.

AA meeting in Savanna, every Wednesday at 7 pm at the Table, 411 Main St, Savanna.

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the Risen Christ by observing a period of Fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline. Please, join our community Lenten services every Wednesday at 7pm and Lenten Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30pm. Please, sign up for worship helpers and Bible Study.

Kids Kards

Kids Kards will meet after church on March 27th. We will be making Easter cards. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome. Come get creative and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with others.

Lunchables will be provided to take home. Any questions call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

Rice Meal Packing

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Packing day is April 30th (Sat) at 9am



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Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

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