

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a fast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you
Share His love by sharing of your faith
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
Every moment, every day!

TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God
and in honor of the Stanley Harrell Sunday school class

STEEPLE LIGHTING

THE STEEPLE IS LIT for the month of February in dedication to
the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Hunter,
and in honor of Ben's birthday on February 18th. God bless America
and counting our blessings by Mary Ann Holland.

GREETERS

8:30 Alice Faye Clayburn & Jean Kittrell
11:00 Greta Boshamer & Harold Wright

Mission of the Month

Family Promise of Carteret County (FPCC) partners with local churches to provide Christian hospitality, lodging, meals, and compassionate support to homeless families and pregnant women. The day center currently serves 14 residents. In addition to financial support, FPCC welcomes volunteers, especially those able to help with reading and math tutoring for children, a wonderful opportunity for retired teachers. For more information, contact Jenn Hill or board member, Keith Henry.

Operation Christmas Child – 2026 Collection Begins!

We celebrate Christmas all year long through Operation Christmas Child, and our collection for the year begins with January! The January collection item is T-shirts. Donation baskets are available in the Atrium and Fellowship Hall lobby. Let's make this year even bigger than before!

WaveRunners Lunch at Southern Salt February 15th at 12:00pm

Join the Wave Runners for a time of fellowship and conversation at a Dutch lunch at Southern Salt on February 15 at 12:00 PM. Each person will cover their own meal. Please register in advance to provide the restaurant with an accurate headcount. Registration is available in the church office or online.

High Youth Ski Trip - February 20th

Get ready for an unforgettable winter adventure! Our High School Youth Ski Retreat to Massanutten Ski Resort is booked. Registration is \$300 per youth and scholarships are available. We will leave Friday after school.

VBS Save the Date - June 15-19

Get ready for an adventure in God's amazing creation! Vacation Bible School will be June 15–19, 2026. This year's theme, Rainforest – Exploring the Nature of God, invites kids to explore the rainforest and discover God's love in exciting, hands-on ways! Registration will open on March 15th.

2026 Costa Rica Mission Trip - July 18-25

Prayerfully consider joining our upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica, scheduled for July 18-25. This is a unique chance to serve, make a difference, and experience the beauty of Costa Rica, all while being a part of a life-changing adventure and serving with our missionary Wil Bailey! The total cost for the trip is \$700, which covers transportation, lodging, meals, and all mission-related activities.

Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Sarah

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:45–6:45 p.m. in The Loft for a 10-week Bible study beginning February 11. Knowing Jesus as Savior focuses on the Gospel of Luke shining a light on God's plan of salvation throughout history, culminating in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A Valentine Love Concert - February 8th

A Valentine Love Concert featuring Morehead Brass Consortium and Sunnie Gail Ballou will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, February 8th at 3 pm. The music selections have been carefully selected to speak of Love. "All I Ask of You" combined with "Phantom of the Opera" will be a featured organ solo. Various music styles will complete the program reflecting different aspects of love. This concert is free and everyone is invited to enjoy the music, the stories behind the music performed by these local musicians.

Ash Wednesday - February 18th at 12:10pm and 6:00pm

Join us as we begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service. This service includes prayer, Scripture, and the imposition of ashes as we remember our need for repentance and God's grace. All are welcome to attend as we prepare our hearts for Easter together.

The Chosen Season 4 - February 24, 2026

On Tuesdays beginning February 24th, Pastor Powell and Fletcher will be leading two small groups exploring the The Chosen Season 4. One group will meet from 1:30-3:00 and the second from 7-8:30pm. Come join us in the large conference room on the second floor of the Arendell Building as we travel with Jesus and his disciples through this compelling telling of his life, message, and mission. You may want to watch the episode before coming to group time, but it's not required. No registration necessary. The Chosen is available free at the website or via streaming services.

Easter Sign Design

We're inviting our church family to help design our Easter 2026 Yard Sign! Designs should be created to fit a 24" wide x 18" high sign and submitted by Feb 1. Please email your completed design to kmccoury@firstmethodist.life.

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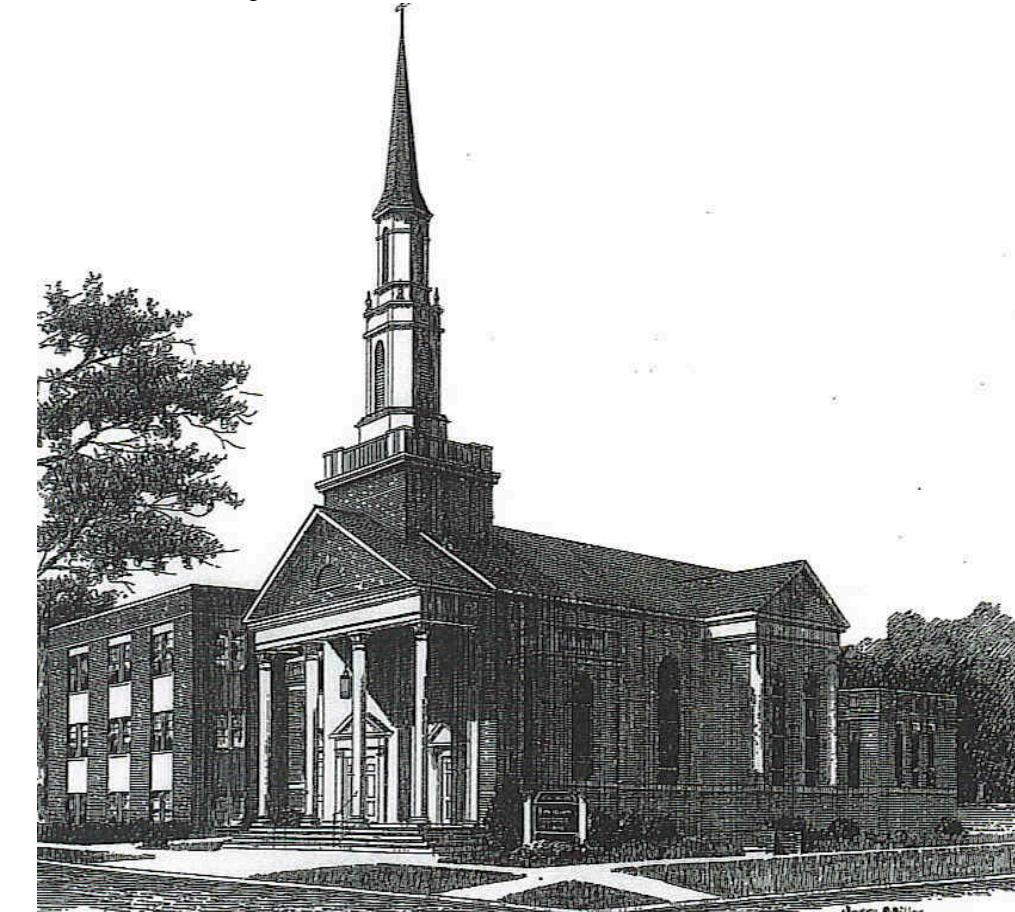
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"WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 1, 2026

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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Their lives are shaped by love, generosity, and faithfulness.

They are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

They give freely and serve willingly.

Their righteousness endures forever.

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as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11:00AM****Lillian Reid Waldron****Daughter of Curtis & Player Waldron****RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new
creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in
Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the
family of Christ.**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS****PASTORAL PRAYER****THE LORD'S PRAYER****Unison**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.**SCRIPTURE****Ephesians 4:15-16**¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect
the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole
body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and
builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**CHILDREN'S MOMENT****WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY****†DOXOLOGY****No. 95**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**SCRIPTURE****James 2:14-17**¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but
has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is
without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace;
keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what
good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by
action, is dead.**SERMON Strengthening the Church with Our Service** **Pastor Sarah****THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**(based on the service used at the Convening General Conference
of the Global Methodist Church)**CONFESSON AND PARDON**Merciful God, we acknowledge that we have sinned against you by our
thoughts, words and actions. We have failed to love you and others with a
Christlike love. We have turned away from your holy commands. We have
fashioned idols in our own image. We have not lived generously with the
poor and we have ignored the loving conviction of the Holy Spirit. Forgive
us, Lord Jesus, Teach us to delight and rejoice in your law. Amen.

(The pastor offers words of pardon and assurance)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVINGThe Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:)

And so, in gratitude and praise to you, Father Almighty, we join our voices
with the angels, archangels, and all the nations, surrounding your heavenly
throne in the eternal song of praise:**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest.****Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.**

(The pastor offers the words of institution, concluding:)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts recorded in the gospel and
revealed in your holy kingdom, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

(The pastor consecrates the elements and invokes the Holy Spirit)

†HYMN**“Here I Am, Lord”****No. 593**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in in dark and sin my hand will save.I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)