

# First Methodist Church

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 12, 2023

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*O Church Arise*

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†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known**

**through all generations**

I will declare that your love stands forever,

**That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Blessed are those who have learned to praise you,

**Who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. (Psalm 89)**

†HYMN

**“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

**No. 185**

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,  
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear  
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss  
the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song  
through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

†OPENING PRAYER

**Unison**

**God of love and grace, God of light and life: May your light shine upon us and open us to the vision of your glory and your ministry. Keep us from darkness – from the outside and the inside. Free us to shine as your light in the world – through Jesus Christ – our Light and the Light of the World. Amen.**

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

**Unison**

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**

**Unison**

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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Child: Sila Marie Rose**

**Parents: Mark & Hollis Rose**

**WELCOME AND BLESSING**

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.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus 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 4:17-5:2**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

**"All Creatures Praise Him"**

**Chancel Choir**

### †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.

### †HYMN

**"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

**No. 454**

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### SCRIPTURE

**John 1:6-9, 3:16-21**

### SERMON

**"Things That Eclipse the Light"**

**Pastor Powell**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**†BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE  
TRINITY CHIMES**

**Chancel Choir**

(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**

*Jesus Saves*

**Owens**

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of our son,  
Harold Hugh Lail, Jr., whose birthdate is February 18th, by his mother, Becky Lail.

The flowers on the Chancel Rail are given in honor of our first great grandchild Sila Marie Rose,  
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven Rose.

**STEEPLE LIGHTING**

The Steeple lighting for the month of February is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Hunter, and in honor of Ben’s birthday on February 18<sup>th</sup>. God bless our World and counting our blessings by Mary Ann Holland.

**TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the Jackie Eure classroom.  
Music, short devotional, Holy communion, and prayers.



“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let you light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

### **Blood Drive - February 13th**

Love one another. Join us for our Feb 13th Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall.  
Schedule your donation time on the Red Cross website.

### **Intentional Parenting Book Study**

Join Pastor Sarah for a 5-week study beginning on March 6th and ending on April 3rd. We will meet via Zoom at 8:00 pm on Monday nights. Please feel free to RSVP below or on our website/app.  
The cost of the book is \$10.

### **Youth and Kids Sunday Nights**

No youth and kids this Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>  
Back in action Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Prayer Hearts**

Prayer Hearts are hanging on the wall outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please take a heart and pray for the child whose name is on the back of your heart. The names are the names of our children that participate in Sunday school and Sunday Night activities.

### **Youth Event**

#### **Casting Crowns - The Healing Tour in New Bern**

Sunday Night, March 5th! Meet at church at 5:00pm. RSVP on the website/app. 40 spots - No cost!

### **Backpack Blessings**

Save those PLASTIC grocery bags and bring them with you to church. Backpack Blessings has been delivering food to the schools and each week using over 170 bags so they are needing to restock their supply.

## **Waverunners Tour of Bellamy Mansion**

### **REMINDER**

All that paid for our Bellamy Museum trip - please be at church Thursday, 2/16 at 8:30am. Ready for a fun day!

### **Hands at Home**

#### **A new ministry opportunity as we share our loving care with our church family!**

We have a growing number of families in which a loved one needs 24-hour care. Hands at Home is designed to allow the caregiver, usually, a spouse or close relative, the opportunity to run errands, come to Bible Study, or need some self-care time! We want to match church members in groups of 2 with families in need. We already have a few of these groups going and it has been a great success for everyone; caregiver, patient, and volunteer!

If you are willing to join in and volunteer for a 2-hour shift with Hands at Home or if you have a need for a volunteer with Hands at Home please contact the church office.

Becky Lail, Lynn Miller, or Pastor Patrick will be in contact with you!