

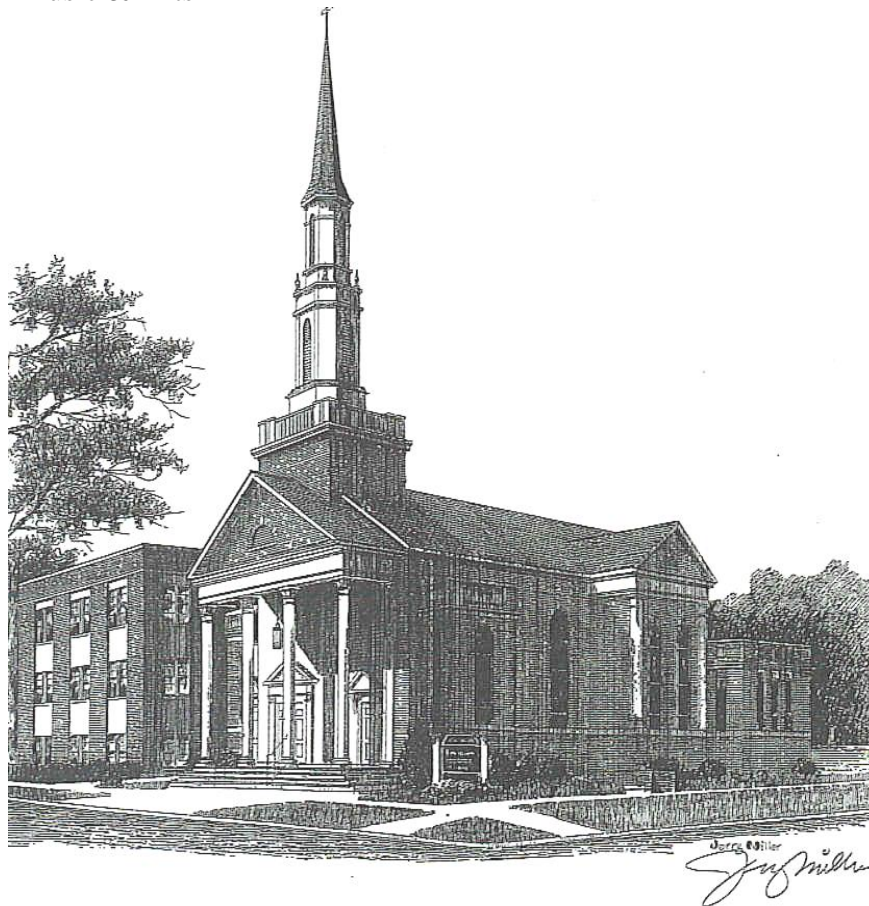
# First Methodist Church

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who do not walk in step with the wicked

**Or stand in the way that sinners take.**

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord

**And who meditate on his law day and night.**

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous

**But the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (Psalm 1)**

†HYMN

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

**No. 139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’er in his keeping maintaining.  
God’s care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds,  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

## †OPENING PRAYER

**Unison**

Almighty God, you created us and you call us by name. We are your masterpiece and you give us a purpose. Strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may truly live lives worthy of the calling we have received, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

## PROCESSION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

### RECOGNITION OF SENIOR GRADUATES

#### SCRIPTURE

**Colossians 3:15-17**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

**"Come, Follow Me"**

**Chancel Choir**

**Betsy Christason, Flute**

#### †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

**Ephesians 4:17-5:2**

#### SERMON

**"A Unique Masterpiece!"**

**Pastor Sarah**

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The 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, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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 continues the thanksgiving; recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper, and concludes:)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit, praises the Trinity, and concludes:)

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen**

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

**†BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE  
TRINITY CHIMES**

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

**Chancel Choir**

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE***

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are presented in honor of God's grace and mercy and in memory of our dear  
alto choir member and friend Barbara Neptune.

The Memorial Service for Barbara will be June 2, at 2pm in the Sanctuary.

**STEEPLE LIGHTING**

The Steeple is lit the month of May in loving memory of Harold Lail and Harold Lail Jr, by their family.

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**TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

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

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### **Masterpiece in Progress**

“For we are God’s handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

As we bask in the Easter joy of the resurrection, we see the power of God at work in our lives to make us new and restore us to our purpose for God. Our new identity in Jesus is His masterpiece in progress. Join us for the next six weeks as we hear of God’s handiwork: Chosen, Redeemed, Together on Mission, Different, Protected, and Eternal.

### **Traditional Brunch in the Loft**

You asked for it, so we (well, Waylon and his team) are cooking it! Traditional Brunch will be served on Sunday, May 21st in the Loft at 9:45 between the 8:30 and 11:00 traditional services. Reservations are not necessary and all are welcome to attend.

### **Waverunners Sunset Cruise on the Lady Swan Wednesday, May 31st**

Waverunners are boarding the Lady Swan for a Sunset Cruise. You are welcome to bring food and drinks! The boat departs at 6:45, so please plan on being there at 6:30. Casper’s Marina, 301 S Water Street, Swansboro. Bring your cash payment of \$32 per individual to pay as you board the boat. Each person will furnish their own transportation. If anyone cannot drive or find someone to carpool with, please call Claudia at 252-342-8580.

Sign up online or by calling the church by May 26th.

