

First United Methodist Church

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Our Vision & Mission

“Shining the Light of God’s Love”

Through

Inspiring Worship ~ Personal Growth ~ Intentional Outreach

Senior Pastor, Rev. Armando Rodríguez
Associate Pastor, Rev. Rich Edwards
Assistant Pastor, Rev. Barbara Martinez

“Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

PRELUDE

“I Love You, Lord”

Bell Ensemble

(Please be in an attitude of prayer as you prepare yourself for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-4

UMH 828

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

Congregation: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Congregation: Seek the Lord and his strength; Seek the Lord's presence continually!

*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46); Music: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm. from the New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; CCLI License #1229420

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

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 universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH 70

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.

Words and Music: Charles Meineke, 1844; Public Domain, CCLI License # 1229420

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE “Take Time to Be Holy” (vs. 1)

UMH 395

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Words: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882 (1 Pet. 1:16); Music: George G. Stebbins, 1890; CCLI License # 1229420

OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus”

Bell Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise God, all creatures here below:	Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!	Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
	Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken 1674, Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange 1623; CCLI License #1229420

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**PASSING THE PEACE*****HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“The God of Abraham Praise” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

UMH 116

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.	I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore, and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.
The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings up-borne, to heaven ascend.	The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

Words: From the Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400; para. by Thomas Olivers, 1760; alt; Music: Hebrew melody, Sacred Harmony, 1780; harm. from Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875. Alt; CCLI License # 1229420

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:8-9

MESSAGE

“When God Interrupts Our Plans”

Pastor Barbara Martinez

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“How Great Thou Art” (vv. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 77

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.	And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain.
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!	When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! Refrain.

Words and Music: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, CCLI License #1229420

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE****Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine**

**Indicates that we are to stand to praise God.*

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Carolyn Hamel in honor of her birthday.

“Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

“I Thank God”

“Made for More”

“Worthy of It All”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Karen Dulemba

PRAYER TIME

OFFERING

“Trust in God”

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 55:8-9

MESSAGE

“When God Interrupts Our Plans”

Pastor Barbara Martinez

ALTAR CALL / CLOSING

“Trust in God” Reprise

BENEDICTION

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Every Member Prayer List – Please pray for the following this week: Norman & Melvis Nembhard, Dorothy & Rob Nichols, Esther & Walter Nussbaumer, Louise Oates, Kara, Eric, Ethan & Elijah Odom, Linda Ollmann, Ed & Cathy Ong.

The Lord's Supper – Communion is available each Sunday morning between 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. Bread and juice, as well as guide sheets to lead you through your time communing with God, are available in the Prayer Room in the back of the Sanctuary.

Youth Group – Grades 6-12, Thursdays & Sundays, 6-7:30 pm in the OC.

Lighthouse Kids –for children in K-5th grade, Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm in the Ark.

Churchwide Fellowship Dinner – Sunday, September 20th at 5:30 pm in the Beacon Life Center. Please bring your favorite dish (appetizer, salad, veggie or entrée). The UWF ladies will be bringing desserts. Beverages will be provided! RSVP by Sept. 16th on your Attendance Form or by calling the church office. Food, fun and fellowship for all ages. All are welcome.

Pumpkin Delivery – We are expecting our first truckload of pumpkins on September 25th @ 4 pm. We need all available hands to help us unload the truck. The Pumpkin Patch Sale sign up board will be available soon. Please come out and help our youth with their only fundraiser for the year. We appreciate the support of our congregation.

Golf Cart Service – We are considering offering golf cart rides from the church back to your car after the Sunday services. Let us know if you have a need for this service OR if you are willing to drive one of the golf carts. You can use the Attendance Form or call the church office. Please include which service you attend.

Trunk or Treat – October 24th 5-7:30 pm. We are looking for individuals, committees or teams to sponsor trunks and provide treats to pass out. For more information, contact Janet Pederson at (772) 370-0183. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Food Pantry – We serve families in need on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm in the Outreach Center. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. Special needs: tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta sauce, rice, toilet paper and empty bags (reusable & plastic).

Hope's Corner - We offer clothing to those in need on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am in the Outreach Center. Clean, gently used clothing is accepted.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting – We meet together to pray on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 101. Join us as we seek God together.

Port St Lucie Community Band Concert “Spirit of America” – a concert celebrating the heart and heritage of our nation. October 10th at 2 pm in the Beacon Life Center. A \$10 donation is appreciated at the door.

Attendance Forms - We appreciate your help in keeping our attendance and membership records up to date. Please fill out an attendance form each and every Sunday. It is not necessary to fill out every line of the form, just your name and any information that has changed.

Presence in Worship for 9/6: 357 Sunday School: 56

Financial Update – Last week we received \$ toward our weekly need of \$20,467.00 and our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



Online/Mobile Giving – You can make your donation at pslfumc.com by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan the QR code.

Meetings This Week

BLC – Beacon Life Center

OC – Outreach Center

Sunday

9/13 8:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
9/13 9:30a Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
9/13 9:30a Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
9/13 9:30a Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
9/13 9:30a Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
9/13 9:30a High School Sunday School/103, BLC
9/13 10:00a Haitian Church/1, OC
9/13 10:00a Hispanic Disciple Class/102, BLC
9/13 11:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
9/13 11:00a Pathfinders Sunday School/105, BLC
9/13 11:30a Hispanic Worship/100, BLC
9/13 6:00p Youth/4, OC

Monday

9/14 10:00a Bell Ensemble/Sanctuary
9/14 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry/102, BLC
9/14 6:30p Missions Meeting/Conference Room
9/14 7:00p Finance Meeting/101, BLC

Tuesday

9/15 9:30a Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
9/15 10:00p Food Pantry/2, OC
9/15 10:30a Alanon/101, BLC
9/15 6:15p NA/1, OC
9/15 6:30p Disciple IV/101, BLC
9/15 6:30p Disciple II/103, BLC

Wednesday

9/16 6:45a Men's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
9/16 6:30p AA/1, OC
9/16 6:30p Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/101, BLC
9/16 7:00p Praise Team/100, BLC
9/16 7:00p Haitian Bible Study/2, OC

Thursday

9/17 9:00a Lighthouse Quilters/101, BLC
9/17 9:30a Women's Prayer Group/Conference Room/BLC
9/17 10:00a Disciple III/105, BLC
9/17 5:00p Safe Space/1, OC
9/17 6:00p Lighthouse Kids/Ark
9/17 6:00p Youth/4, OC
9/17 6:30p Disciple I/101, BLC
9/17 6:30p Alpha Course/105, BLC
9/17 7:00p Choir Practice/Sanctuary
9/17 7:00p Nar-Anon/2, OC
9/17 7:00p Hispanic Prayer Service/100, BLC

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30a–4:30p