

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

“Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision/Gymnopedie No. 1” by Eric Satie

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 68:32-35

UMH 793

Leader: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of earth; sing praises to the Lord.

Congregation: O Rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; God's voice goes forth, a mighty voice.

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Congregation: Wondrous is God in the sanctuary, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to the people.

*OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

UMH 92

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy self, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. by H. Monk, 1861; 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.

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MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Take Time to Be Holy” (vs. 4)

UMH 395

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Broken and Spilled Out”

FUMC Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
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

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (vv. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 396

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Words: John E. Bode, ca. 1866 (Lk. 9:57); Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1881; CCLI License #1229420

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)

MESSAGE

“When Our Actions Speak Our Truth”

Rev. Marcia White-Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Trust and Obey” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

UMH 467

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Words: John H. Sammis, 1887 (1 Jn 1:7); Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887; 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 Althia Griffith in honor of her birthday on 9/20.

“Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Rooftops”

“How Great is Our God”

“Here I Am to Worship”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Erin Keelor

PRAYER TIME

OFFERING

“Holy Spirit”

BIBLE READING

Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)

MESSAGE

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ALTAR CALL / CLOSING

“Holy Spirit” Reprise

BENEDICTION

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 21:23-32 (NTV)

²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ²⁹“I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Every Member Prayer List – Please pray for the following this week: David Patterson, Janet & Jeff Pederson, Kenneth Pence & Vivian Caliguire, Humberto, Caroline Perez & Tania Rodriguez, Isabel Perez, Maria Teresa Perez, Ramon & Maria Perez.

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.

United Women in Faith will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at their Unit Meeting on October 8th at 7 pm in Room 100 of the BLC. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

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.

United Women in Faith will hold a Bake Sale on October 11th from 8 am to noon.

Gather2Grow – October 11th 5:30 – 7 pm in Room 100, BLC. We will have conversation around the table and share a light meal. Please RSVP on your Attendance Form or call the church office no later than October 7th.

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 9:30-11:30 am in the Outreach Center. Clean, gently used clothing donations are 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.

Pumpkin Delivery – We are expecting our next truckloads of pumpkins on October 8th & 22nd @ 4 pm. We need all available hands to help us unload the truck. The Pumpkin Patch Sale sign up board is available in the worship spaces and the church office. Please come out and help our youth with their only fundraiser for the year. We appreciate your support.

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.

Presence in Worship for 9/20: 353 Sunday School: 57

Financial Update – Last week we received \$12,608.00 toward our weekly need of \$19,784.25. So far in the month of September we received \$50,655.75 toward 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

9/27 8:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
9/27 9:30a Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
9/27 9:30a Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
9/27 9:30a Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
9/27 9:30a Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
9/27 9:30a High School Sunday School/103, BLC
9/27 10:00a Haitian Church/1, OC
9/27 10:00a Hispanic Disciple Class/102, BLC
9/27 11:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
9/20 11:00a Pathfinders Sunday School/105, BLC
9/27 11:30a Hispanic Worship/100, BLC
9/27 12:30p Worship Team/101, BLC
9/27 6:00p Youth/4, OC

Monday

9/28 10:00a Bell Ensemble/Sanctuary
9/28 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry/102, BLC
9/28 7:00p Staff Parish Relations Meeting/105, BLC

Tuesday

9/29 9:30a Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
9/29 10:00p Food Pantry/2, OC
9/29 10:30a Alanon/101, BLC
9/29 6:15p NA/1, OC
9/29 6:30p Nominations Committee/105, BLC
9/29 6:30p Disciple IV/101, BLC
9/29 6:30p Disciple II/103, BLC

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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