

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOX HILL

Welcome

February 19, 2023



Matthew 17:1-9
"Stunned"

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February 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Smoke, dazzling light, and the thunderous Voice visited the Mount,
Leaving the disciples dazed and confused, stunned into wonder.

Lord, as we ascend the Mount this morning,

May we hear your Voice, listen to your Son,

And praise your name, even as we are stunned in wonder!

* Hymn

UMH 103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Children's Time

Pastor Brian

Offering Prayer and Offertory

* Doxology

UMH 71

"Glory Be to the Father"

* Hymn

UMH 349

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

When the disciples hiked up the Mount of Transfiguration, none of them knew what was in store for them. They surely didn't expect to see Jesus transformed along with Moses and Elijah, much less to hear the Voice of God from the cloud that descended on them. To be honest, we don't expect to encounter God every time we enter the sanctuary, either. But maybe we should! Perhaps if we remember the stories passed down to us, we'll also remember how surprising God's presence always is. Forgive us for forgetting that God's power and presence can stun us at any moment. Free us for a life of worship and praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Tommy

Lord's Prayer Sung

Mark Biondolillo

Anthem

"10,000 Reasons"
Redman/Larson

1st Fox Hill Family Choir

Scripture

Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon

"Stunned"

Pastor Brian

* Hymn

UMH 133

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (vss. 1, 2)

* Benediction

Pastor Brian

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you:

May the love of God be with us all in Christ Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

* Benediction Response

UMH 133

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (vs. 3)

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Lenten Prayer Vigils

Lenten Prayer Vigils will be held each Saturday during Lent: February 25 through April 1 at 9:00 am in the church sanctuary. Group prayer will focus on praying the Psalms, with facilitating by Jane Barbour and/or Judy Grigg. There will be time for individual prayer, as well as neighborhood prayer walks for those who are led to do so. Please join in on this time of preparation for our celebration of Easter. If you have any questions email Judy at jsgrigg7@cox.net.



• Patrick Parker

• Reina Cole: Traci Terry's mother

• Ray: Jennifer Williams brother

• Gayle Landon

• Don Bartlett

• Donna Leavell

We continue to pray for our housebound, those with chronic conditions that may require ongoing treatment, and those unspoken prayers.

February 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Modern Service

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* Songs

“Liberator”
Madison Street Worship
“Only King Forever”
Elevation Worship
“Good, Good Father”
Chris Tomlin

Offering Prayer and Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Tommy

Lord’s Prayer Sung

Larissa Luma

Children’s Time

Pastor Brian

Scripture

Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon

“Stunned”

Pastor Brian

Reflection

“No Longer Slaves”
Bethel Music

Worship Team

* Benediction

Pastor Brian

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May the love of God be with us all in Christ Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

From Pastor Brian...

Disaffiliation Information Session: Sunday, March 5, 2pm.

On March 5, for roughly an hour, any and all are invited to the sanctuary for an informational session (no votes or a show of hands) concerning the subject of disaffiliation. We’ll watch a couple of brief videos outlining reasons for and against, talk about what disaffiliation is and how the process works, answer questions as best we can, and talk about our future as a congregation. No one is required to attend, but anyone who wants information and a chance to gain clarity about what any action could mean for our church is invited to come. You’ll also receive a handout with references.

Confirmation

Confirmation is happening Sunday evenings 6:30-7:15. Come one, come all!

Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. Ash Wednesday service will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 22, 7pm**, and will feature the imposition of ashes. Our confirmands burned the palm branches from Palm Sunday and will be helping to impose those ashes. Mark and Patty will bring an inspired word, and we will witness a symbol of the power of God’s forgiveness when we light the flash paper near the end of the service. It will be, as always, a time to remember and celebrate.

Prayer Teaching

For two nights, following Ash Wednesday, Pastor Brian, along with Mark and Patty Biondolillo, will hold **Prayer Teaching**. We will share in teaching and leading participants through different prayer disciplines, including intercessory prayer and the prayer of faith (for healing and so forth). There will not be any tests, but plenty of chances to learn by doing. Join us in the choir room at **6:30pm on Thursday and Friday, Feb 23, 24.**

Praying the Psalms

Starting next week, **February 26**, we’ll start a new series for the season of Lent, “**Praying the Psalms**” While we’re familiar with reading, even responsive reading of the Psalms, most of us haven’t been exposed to chanting the Psalms (Mark will lead that at the 9am services), much less using the Psalms as a prayer guide. Join us as we turn these ancient words into modern prayers, deepening our lives and widening our spiritual lives so that the line between ancient, modern, secular, and spiritual disappears into the grace of God for all people everywhere.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: In-Person & [Livestream](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Small Group: Ed Wing 2nd Floor
- 10:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 10:15 a.m. [Searchers](#) Class: FH Stage & Zoom; Passcode: 000846
- 10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service: In-Person & [Livestream](#)
- 11:30 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Instrumentalists
- 5:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Fellowship: Ed Wing 2nd Floor
- 5:00 p.m. Voice of Victory: Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class: Faithlink

Monday, February 20 Church Office Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School: Tri-X Room
- 1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study Group: Tri-X Room
- 6:30 p.m. UMM Meeting: FH

Tuesday, February 21

- 8:00 a.m. Facilities Team Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Women in the Word: Faithlink Room
- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 11:00 a.m. Bagging for Food Pantry
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. PPSRC: Tri-X Room

Wednesday, February 22

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 4:00 p.m. Love United: Faithlink Room
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, February 23

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Yoga: FH Stage
- 11:00 a.m. Pastor Tommy's Reunion Group
- 4:30 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
- 6:00 p.m. Karate For Christ: FH-Stage
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Teaching & Practice: Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Bible Study: Ed Wing 2nd Floor

Friday, February 24

- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies (Troop 1038) Meeting: ED Wing
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Teaching & Practice: Choir Room

Saturday, February 25

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer Vigils: Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Book Club: 17 Royston Dr
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Vocalists

Next Week

February 22, 7pm
Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 26
Psalm 32
"Keep Your Soul Simple"

Singles Lunch Group

Our next get together for the Singles Lunch group will be on **Feb. 26th at 11:30 AM**. We will meet at **Mezeh Mediterranean Grill** (3961 Kilgore Ave. at the Peninsula Town Center). If you have questions please feel free to call Beth Hughes at 757-719-3281.

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SIGN UP DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 12!

We just secured an extension of the sign-up deadline for our **May 2 – 5, 2023 trip to Lancaster County, PA**. If you needed more time to decide about joining us, this is your opportunity. Don't miss out on the chance to do lots of "different" things in Lancaster County, PA. **Friends and family are welcome**. Get all the information from your midweek email, the flyer on the rack in the Narthex, or by contacting Bill Bryan at bill@firstumcfoxhill.org or 757-851-0748. **Spread the word and make your deposit by Sunday, March 12.**

Last Week's Attendance 2/12/2023

<u>In person</u>	<u>154</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	111
10:30 a.m. Service:	43
Sunday School:	62
<u>Internet Live Streaming</u>	<u>103</u>
9:00 a.m.:	59
10:30 a.m.:	44

Last Week's Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	<u>\$ 14,705.10</u>
Year to Date:	<u>\$ 67,122.19</u>
<u>Pastor's Discretionary Fund</u>	
Last Week:	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Year to Date:	<u>\$ 309.00</u>

Worship Assistants for February 19, 2023

Service Time	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February Ushers	Calvin Leary (Capt.), Sue Morehouse, Jean Pickin, Bill Drummond, Mike May	Dave Sharp (Capt.), Evelyn Graybeal, Julianna McDonald, Mason Gilbert, Elijah Nadeau
Liturgist	Patty Biondolillo	Jean Bernstrom
Projection	Mary Parker	Ajaylen Wright
Sound & Lights	James Bly	Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Camera/Video	John Payne/ Callum McDonald	Mike Williams/ Callum McDonald
Livestream	Jim Branstetter	Jim Branstetter
Ambassadors	2/19 LaRose Richardson & Lisa Hite 2/26 Nancy Geith & Joann Smith	2/19 Judy Grigg 2/26 Lynn Landrum
Night Watchmen	2/19 Lloyd Cato, 2/26 Les Ware, 3/5 Ed Fly	