

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP

David Lamb

Easter people, we gather as those who've spent the week inundated with information, worry, and stress
**Like the disciples on the Emmaus road,
We know about being overwhelmed, anxious,
and wondering what we can believe.**

We long for peace, and for God to break through bringing us clarity and hope
**We admit we don't always recognize you, Lord,
As you come alongside us,
showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

We gather, longing to catch a glimmer of the resurrection,
Ready for our hearts to burn with the truth
and hope of the resurrected Christ.

**With open hearts, we come to be surprised by your grace
And astonished by your good news that meets us right where we are
And leads us into new, abundant life.** - adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship

Ministries, September 2025.

**HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come Christians Join to Sing" UMH 158

**OPENING PRAYER

David Lamb

Lord Jesus Christ, you became the eye-opening companion of your disciples who walked on the Emmaus road. When they were weighed down with sadness and spiraling in worry, you welcomed them to the table. You revealed yourself to them when you broke the bread. Disrupt our cycles of despair with your life-giving hope and joy. Make our hearts burn within us, and delight us with your presence in our lives and in the world. As we rejoice in your resurrection, lead us also in welcoming others to your generous table of grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24: 13-16, 28-34

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri

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.

SERMON

"Table Talk" Rev. Beth Crissman

LITURGICAL DANCE

"Happy" Kristen George
Tasha Cobbs Leonard

**APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Wil Posey

Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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Leave a gift in the Offering Plate

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**DOXOLOGY

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Wil Posey

**HYMN

"Christ is Alive"

UMH 318

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Beth Crissman

**BENEDICTION

"Here Am I, Send Me"

Here am I, send me, Here Am I Lord Send Me.
Unto thee willingly yielded I come. Show the path that I must walk
Compel me then to go, and if I stray bring back the light of day,
For here am I, send me I pray.

Chiming of the Trinity

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE

The light goes before us into the world.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

** Rise in body or spirit

**Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins
All are welcomed to Worship.**

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the App or notebooks located in the pews. If you didn't receive the text or email when we cancelled church, please be sure we have your correct phone number and email address.

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Ukraine and its people; Bill and Barbara Hughes; Carl Auvil; Teresa; Lori; Emma; Alice & Ron Lewis; Cindy; Carolyn; Carl & Christy Osborn; Joe Hartman; Michee Leone; Earl Riggs; Cissy Dyer; Marion Forsyth; Rex Odom; Rosemary Vicknair; Gary Hall; Susan Lee; Bob Parker; Eric Brant; Keisha Licata; Grant Corrigan; Members of the Armed Forces; Diane Sims.

PRAYER TEAM: Email: prayfumc@gmail.com

In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every 3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by calling the church office. 828-837-2718 or email:

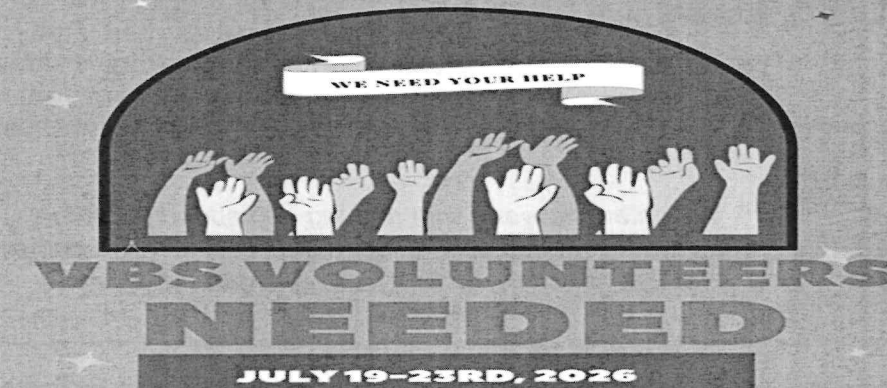
admin@murphyfirstumc.org, Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.

Save the Dates! — June 5-7

WNCC Pilgrimage to Cherokee

You have a wonderful opportunity to experience the Pilgrimage to Cherokee on June 5-7, 2026. There will be an option to stay there for Friday and Saturday (June 5-6) only. You will be able to hear stories, narratives, and experiences of the Cherokee people, to hear about their reality, pain, and hope, and to honor them by listening to them.

Please save the dates. Link to register: <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/PilgrimageCherokee>



Are You interested in having a great time and blessing Murphy's Children this Summer? We need you for Vacation Bible School! Reach out to Bridget Killian 828-541-1222 or Pastor Wil for more information.

Parents of Young Children

During Worship (11am)*

Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5 year olds

Worship readiness—K-5th Grade

No Worship Readiness on Communion Sundays. Kids stay in church.



*Nursery is open from 9:45am-12pm, though children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or Worship Readiness or remain in the Sanctuary

158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

WORDS: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843
 MUSIC: Trad. melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963
 Harm. © 1964 Abingdon Press

SPANISH HYMN
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Sermon Notes

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -

prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.
 MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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Next Week: April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Week's Ministry Opportunities

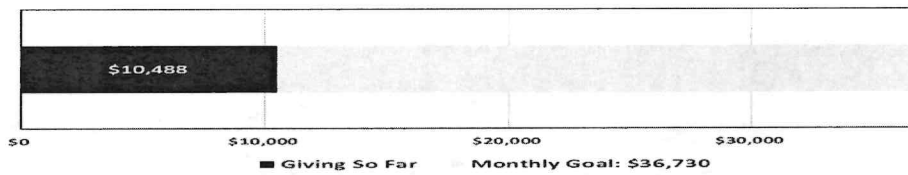
Sunday, April 19		Thursday, April 23	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am	Quilters	10:00 am
Youth	4:00 pm	Soul Table	11:30 am
Monday, April 20		Friday, April 24	
Preschool	8:00 am	Preschool	8:00 am
Coffee with the Pastor		Chair Exercise class	11:30 am
Rare Bird	10:00 am		
Yoga	10:30 am		
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am		
Tuesday April 21		Saturday, April 25	
Shards of Hope Rehearsal	1:00 pm	Al Anon	10:00 am
VRR	5:00 pm		
Wednesday, April 22		Sunday, April 26	
Preschool	8:00 am	Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Staff Meeting	10:00 am	Worship Service	11:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am	Roots 345	4:00 pm
Children's Choir	3:15 pm	Youth	4:00 pm
Wesley Ringers	4:30 pm	AA	4:00 pm
Choir	5:30 pm		
Shards of Hope Concert	7:00 pm		

Our calendar can also be accessed from the App.

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2026

Worship attendance April 5 & April 12 248 + 82 = 330
 Received April 5, & April 12 \$ 8,354 + \$2,134 = 10,488
 Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.

Monthly Giving Report April 2026



We enter this world with nothing and spend a lifetime chasing everything, only to leave the same way we came. So make sure your spirit grows richer than your possessions.

KICKBALL AT KONEHETE PARK

MAY 17

3-5 PM

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN AND INTERGENERATIONAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT!

ICE CREAM AND LOTS OF LAUGHS PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO WOULD RATHER WATCH THAN PLAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KENDRA FOKAKIS 601-466-3089 OR PASTOR WIL
 KONEHETE PARK FIELD # 699 CONNAHETTA ST. MURPHY NC

CHRISTIAN WORD SEARCH

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Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

TRUSTEE ON CALL

April—Blake Hughes

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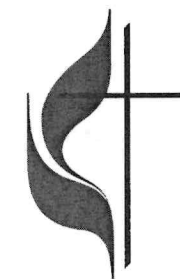
JoAnn Moore, Preschool Teacher

Everyone, Ministers

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Monday and Friday Closed

**First United Methodist Church
Murphy, NC**



Our Mission is to:
 Live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our Vision is to:
 Build communities of hope where all people experience belonging and abundant life.

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