

WELCOME TO BREVARD FIRST UNITED!

We are glad you are here! Whether this is your regular house of worship or if you are here with a friend for the first time, please sign the red attendance pad. If you are a first-timer, please fill out a Connect Card. Place your Connect Card in an Offering Box, or put it in a black wire basket or hand it to one of our Pastors.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK:

- Mon. Mar. 10** 7:30AM Men's Bible Study @ Sunrise Pescados
9:00AM Staff Meeting
9:45AM Prayer Shawl Group
11:00AM Singing Saints
11:00AM Creation Care Meeting
- Tues. Mar. 11** 10:30AM Prayer Group
6:30PM Board of Stewards Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 12** 9:30AM Jacob Conversations
4:30 - 5:15PM Children's Choir
5:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30PM Chancel Choir Practice
- Thurs. Mar. 13** 9:30AM Centering Prayer
11:00AM Morning Bells in the Bell & Book Room
1:00PM College Walk Communion
6:30PM Evening Bells in the Bell & Book Room
- Sat. Mar. 15** 11:00AM-2PM Empty Bowls - Bread of Life Fundraiser
Regional Summer Literacy Initiative Training

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- Mon. Mar. 17** 7:30AM Men's Bible Study @ Sunrise Pescados
9:00AM Staff Meeting
12:30-2:30PM Trauma Resilience Training WCP Staff
6:30-8:30PM Brevard Middle School Spring Concert
- Tues. Mar. 18** 12:00PM Lenten Soup Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- Wed. Mar. 19** 7:30AM- 12:00PM Blood Drive
- Sat. Mar. 22** 12:00PM Lenten Soup Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- Wed. Mar. 26** **March 28, 7:00PM - March 29, 8:00AM = Middle School Lock-In!**
- Sun. Mar. 30** Undie Sunday bring new underwear for Sharing House
12:00PM Church Read Lunch @ Brevard College
Grab a copy of our March book Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY 3/2 : 227

8:30AM - 27, 8:45AM - 72, 11:00AM - 128

We thank these Stephen Ministers for providing the imposition of ashes for Drive-Thru Ashes this Ash Wednesday!

Ruth Butler
Jay Farrell
Sallie Stepp
Susan Rudell

Nancy Watts
Brenda Whitcomb
Marian Wolf
Matt Woodward

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Bob and Karen Hayward
Liturgist	Carol Hamann
Crucifer	Lila Laughridge
Acolytes	Maggie Montgomery (Candle) Myrick Allison (Bible)
Audio Streaming	Luke Weaver Steve Kiser
Rotating Ushers	Volney Tinsley, Larry Vance, Jim Garrett, Rick McGaha and Jerry Yunker

*Please accept our apologies for any oversights or mistakes in the program.
The responsive readings and unison prayers are adapted from
the Lecturing Scriptures for the day.*

BREVARD FIRST STAFF TEAM

Lead Pastor Veranita Alvord
Associate Pastor of Faith Formation Sarah Grace Montgomery
Associate Pastor Sharad Creasman
Organist/Director of Music Timothy Shepard
Praise Service Worship Leader Dan Toot
Music Assistant Sarah Lee Miracle
Section Leader Bart Gilleland
Section Leader Christina Hairston
Finance Administrator Christy Stansel
Weekday Children's Program Director Sabrina Tyler
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+ Please Rise in Body and Spirit
UMH= RED United Methodist Hymnal
URWB = BLUE Upper Room Worship Book



Brevard First

has trained Stephen Ministers to help when times are hard.
Please call Marian Wolf to be matched with a caregiver.
828-553-4426



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aid to T-coil

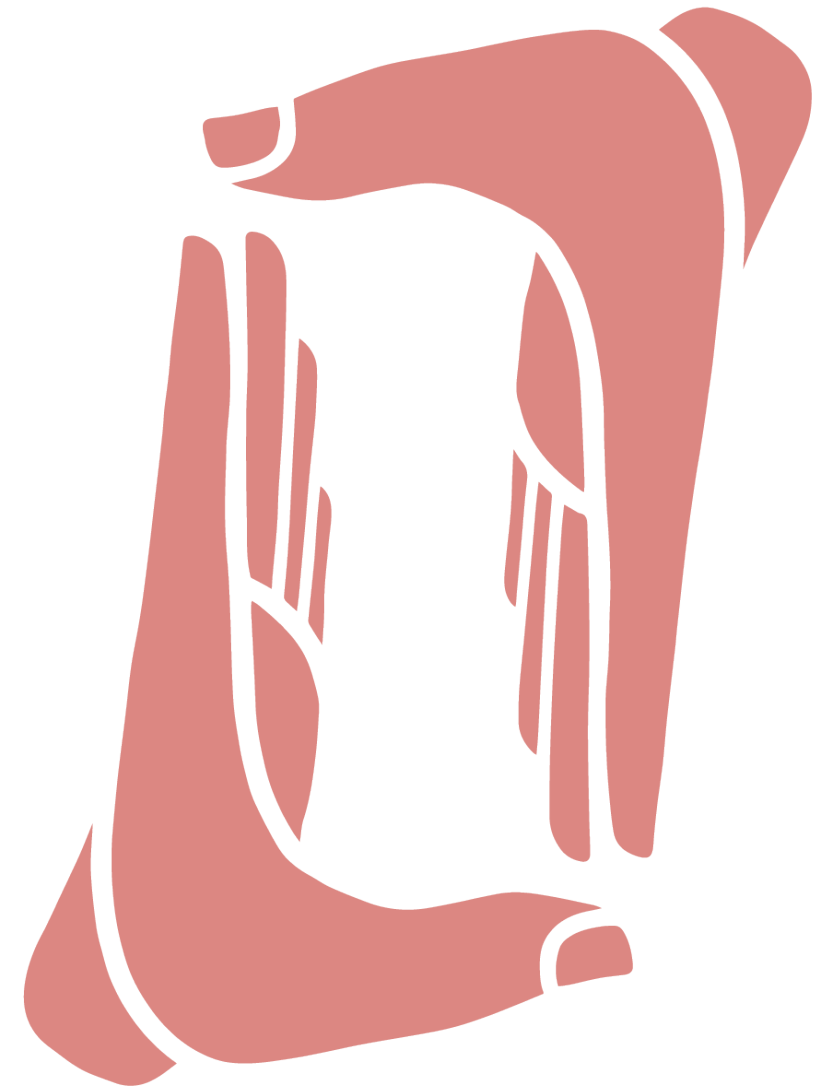


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everything [in] between stranger & neighbor



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 9, 2025
11:00 IN THE MORNING**

828-883-9025
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11:00AM Worship Service

+ PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT
PEOPLE READ **BOLD** PRINT

DRAWING TOGETHER

OPENING VOLUNTARY Tim Shepard
Voluntary in E Minor by John Stanley

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Montgomery

People read **bold**

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor? How can I help?

What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

+ **HYMN** RED UMH #432

"Jesu, Jesu"

CONFESSING AND FORGIVING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Creasman

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS People Read **Bold**

Family of faith,

When we set limits on love,

God loves extravagantly.

When we forget that we are neighbors,

God claims us as God's own.

When we judge, hold back, or harm,

God surrounds us with grace.

There is nothing we can do or leave undone

that could separate us from the love of God.

This is the good news of the gospel.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father which 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

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

+ **PASSING THE PEACE AND FORGIVENESS OF CHRIST**

LISTENING

*As the children come forward and their song is played once through,
Please pass the Peace & Forgiveness of Christ with each other!
Come together to sing.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Montgomery

"Blest Are They" URWB #163 Vs. 1 and refrain

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours in the Kingdom of God!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR

AVERY RUTH WINCHESTER

RED UMH #33 and following

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Alvord

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

The Word of God, for us the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN See Insert

"I Saw a Stranger" (tune KINGFOLD)

MESSAGE Rev. Alvord

"Everything [in] Between:

Stranger & Neighbor"

RESPONDING

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Dr. Creasman

Please use the Offering boxes in the Narthex or

Welcome Center or scan the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to
give your tithe/offering.



OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

"The Lord Is My Strength"

(Habakkuk's Prayer) by Mark Patterson

+ **DOXOLOGY RED UMH# 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.

MOVING OUT TO SERVE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Montgomery

Church, if God asked you, "Who is your neighbor?"

what would you say?

We would say, every child, every person,

every weeping willow and every morning lark.

Every freckled face, every wrinkled pair of hands,

every tail-wagging dog, and every crisp ripe apple.

We would say, we are connected—

to one another, to all of God's creation.

There are no strangers in God's house. We are all family here.

I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your strength,

with all your mind,

and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

+ **HYMN** RED UMH #269

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

+ **BLESSING** Rev. Alvord

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

As part of communal Lenten observation,

we will refrain from hearing the grandeur of the organ.