

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 29, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday After Pentecost



Under God's Wing by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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*United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond*
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Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We're glad you're here as we continue our summer journey through the Psalms—ancient prayers that give voice to our deepest hopes and fears. Today we turn to Psalm 27, a bold confession of trust in God even in the face of fear and uncertainty. As you settle in for worship, ask yourself: Where do you seek light and salvation in your own life? In our community and our world? May this time of worship draw us closer to God, our refuge and strength.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"True Light of All Light"

Gilbert Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 27

Jennifer Martin

The Lord is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives—of whom shall we be afraid?

One thing we ask of the Lord, this alone do we seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to take refuge in God's shelter.

Come, let us worship the God who is our heart's desire and our sure refuge.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy and gracious God, you offer us shelter in the day of trouble, but we
confess how quickly we run to other things for comfort and security.
We are pulled in a hundred directions—distracted, anxious, and afraid.
We long to desire only you, but our hearts are divided. Forgive us.
Gather us beneath your wings. Teach us again to seek your face, and to
find our rest in you alone. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 27

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kimel
Diane Kimel

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Taizé

Oh Lord, hear my prayer, Oh Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

Oh Lord, hear my prayer, Oh Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words: Lord, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"The Lord is My Light"

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host should encamp against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:

Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:

Yea, in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; and set me on the rock

J. Michael Beech, soloist

THANKSGIVING

*ACT OF PRAISE

"Doxology"

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal No. 895)

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 397

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

*POSTLUDE

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

William Barnett

**Those who are able please stand.*

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We're glad that you've chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to explore all the opportunities we have for children, youth and adults of all ages and stages of life. We seek to be a community of faith that welcomes all as we grow to be more like Jesus Christ for our community, loving and serving God and one another in all that we do.

If you are a guest, we are honored to have you with us. Please stop by the information center as you leave this morning to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We look forward to getting to know you in the days to come! Welcome!

Today's Bulletin Cover features *Under God's Wing* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, a mixed media work of acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing, inspired by Psalm 27. The image began as a refugee tent and a child seeking shelter, but the tent flap transformed into a golden-lined wing, evoking the psalmist's cry for refuge in the house of the Lord. Painted as Afghan families arrived in the artist's hometown, the work invites us to read the psalm not only as personal prayer, but as a shared plea for protection amid fear and displacement. It is a visual reminder that faith is lived, not just believed—and that we all dwell, surely and safely, under God's wing. Image used with permission, sanctifiedart.org.

Prayer after each worship service is available in the prayer room off of the Narthex. Our Congregational Care Ministers and retired clergy are available to pray with you.

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Sunday School

Disciple: Bible Project videos and class questions to start conversations about what we believe as Methodists and how we respond to people who think differently.

Route 66: *"God is Closer than You Think"* by John Ortberg.

Salt & Light Fellowship (new class): A place to have real conversations and build relationships.

Wanderers: *"Christianity and World Religions"* by Adam Hamilton. Starts today.

Summer Study on the Psalms Learn how to relate to God through your doubt, fears and anger. Coincides with George's sermon series. Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., Now through July 29 (no class the week of July 1st).



July 10th at 2 p.m.

Primetimers Event at "Little Bit of Art"

Do you like to paint or draw? Would you like to try? "Little Bit of Art" has ceramic pieces ready to paint or you can trace a picture onto canvas and paint it.

Contact Doreen if you are interested.
doreen@fumcbelmont.org

GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

July 1 - Summer Night Youth Hangout - All youth are invited to a night of fellowship and fun at the Youth House. This event is for rising 7th through 12th graders. We will enjoy pizza, ice cream, Gaga Pit, and board games. Let's spend time together.

September 19-21 - Youth Fall Retreat at Mt. Shepherd - All rising sixth through twelfth graders are invited to gather with other United Methodist Churches in our district for a fun-filled weekend with lots of recreation, fellowship, worship, and small group sessions. Recreation will include the zip line, ropes course, climbing tower, and much more. You are welcome to sign up today online. *Please sign up and pay by Friday, August 1st.*

FUMC's Confirmation Class is beginning in the fall! All rising seventh, eighth, and ninth grade youth are invited to join the 2025-2026 class. We will begin with an opening retreat at the church on the weekend of October 24th and 25th. Youth in Confirmation will meet during Sunday School twice a month with their teachers, Leigh Nance, Michael Nance, and Kristie Marr. Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, May 17. If you would like to hear more information about our Confirmation process, please email Quanna at Quanna@fumcbelmont.org or George at George@fumcbelmont.org.

Email Quanna at quanna@fumcbelmont.org for more details or to sign up for our youth events.

GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

Summer Bible Bingo packets are ready for pick up on the children's shelf in the Narthex. Kids are encouraged to use the Bingo cards to spend time in the Bible every day over the summer. Bring your card back each week to earn a prize.

Vacation Bible School is July 13-17, and we invite all 4-year-olds through completed 5th grade to join us for our *True North* adventure! VBS is 5:30-8:00 and includes supper each night. Visit www.fumcbelmont.org/vbs for more details and to register.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

		TOP 20 REQUESTS	
		Rice	Crackers
Collecting non-perishable food to help those without adequate food resources		Jelly	Mac & Cheese
		Pop tarts	Pasta
		Grits	Pasta Sauce
		Oatmeal	Dried Beans
		Peanut Butter	Corn Muffin Mix
		Instant Potatoes	Cookies
		Soup	
		Canned: Meat, Fruit	
		Tomatoes, Vegetables and Pasta	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 29

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Mtg
- 3:00 p.m. Racial Healing Movie Event

Monday, June 30

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 1

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Summer Night Hangout

Wednesday, July 2

Thursday, July 3

Friday, July 4

- Church Office Closed
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Meeting

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Angela Bradmon's friend, Linda Spencer

Tina Price and the Price Family

The Cox Family

Susan Burnette

Jacob Scoggins, Mary Rutledge's nephew

The family of Beverly Karr, who passed away

Judy Harris

The family of Bill Fogerty, Lisa Millspaw's father
who has passed away

Anne Hinkle's sister, Paula

Ginger Feimster

Erin Carver, Renee and Tim Painter's daughter

Frances Wilson, Denise Andrews' mother

John & Susan, Jim Griffin's brother & sister in-law

Murphy Clark and family

*You can submit prayer requests to
prayers@fumcbelmont.org*

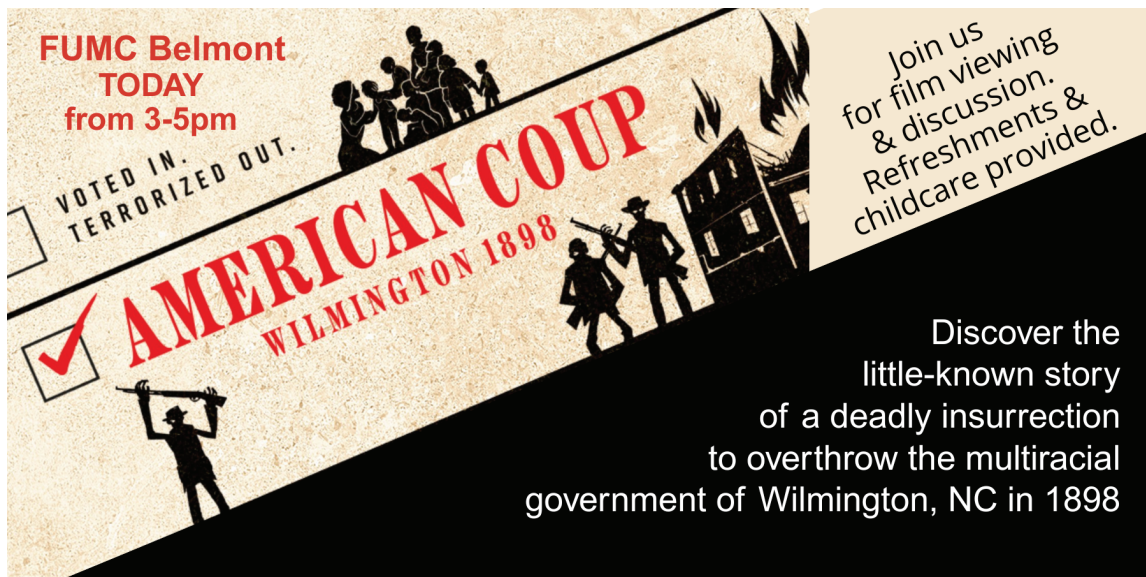
*Prayers remain on this list for 4 weeks. If your loved
one needs continued prayers, please resubmit a
new request.*



LOST & FOUND

If you've misplaced an item, please
check our lost and found at the
information desk in the narthex. Items
will be donated on July 14 if not claimed.





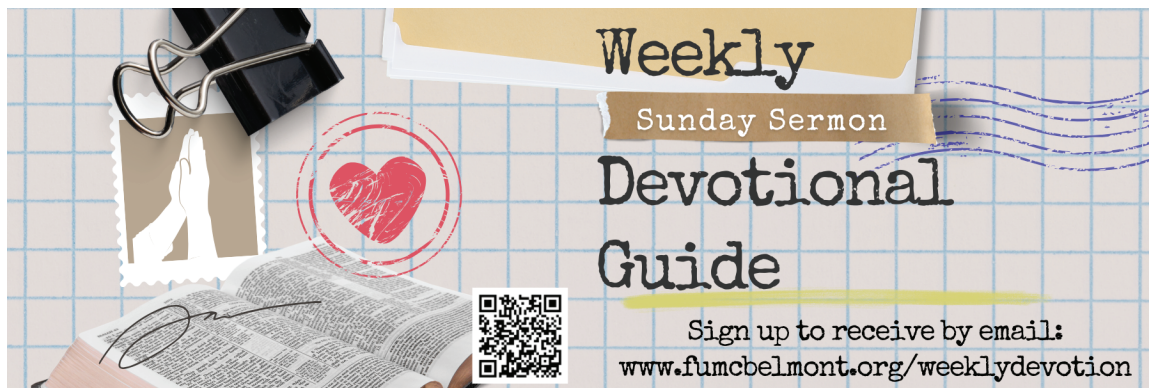
FUMC Belmont
TODAY
from 3-5pm

VOTED IN.
TERRORIZED OUT.

AMERICAN COUP
WILMINGTON 1898

Join us
for film viewing
& discussion.
Refreshments &
childcare provided.

Discover the
little-known story
of a deadly insurrection
to overthrow the multiracial
government of Wilmington, NC in 1898



Weekly
Sunday Sermon
Devotional
Guide

Sign up to receive by email:
www.fumcbelmont.org/weeklydevotion

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