

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Youth Sunday • Moment for Mission • February 8, 2026

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Quinlyn Kirtley

PRELUDE Adagio Molto *from* Sonata No. 3 (Alexandre Guilmant)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2190 The Faith We Sing — Bring Forth the Kingdom

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julian Sweat

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose love surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's hope and light in our neighborhood, community, and the whole world.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Cry out! And Shout! Ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song. Cry out! And shout! Ye people of God!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Evie Savage, Cady Senior

#2233 TFWS – Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

HYMN This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

I Am a Child of God

I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.

Following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Miles Savage, Calvin Stanfill

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

Thanks be to God!

MOMENT FOR MISSION Red Cross Blood Drive

Doug Hovey, Health Ministry Council

HYMN #601 United Methodist Hymnal – Thy Word Is a Lamp

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Morgan Watts, Akira Lucich

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-16 CEB

Raya Senior

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Bryce Eddy, Cady Senior

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Miles Savage

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also mail your gift to the church or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. Or, you may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give, or mail checks through your online banking programs. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Kumbaya (arr. Paul Sjolund)

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya, Oh Lord, Kumbaya. Someone's prayin', Lord, Kumbaya. Oh Lord, Kumbaya. Someone's cryin', Lord, Kumbaya, Oh Lord, Kumbaya. Someone's singin', Lord, Kumbaya; Oh Lord, Kumbaya! Sing alleluia! Lord! Kumbaya! Oh Lord, Kumbaya.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Calvin Stanfill

Thank you, loving God, for the blessings we receive. Accept these gifts and use them to fill the world with your hope and light. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

*BENEDICTION

Bryce Eddy, Cady Senior

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward

*Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world.
You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.*

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a Let's Connect Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign in online: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new, or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Children and Families on Sundays:** Children meet in the Sanctuary, following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School in the Education Building on the 2nd floor.

—**Safe Sanctuaries®:** First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund. Available Sundays: February 15. In March during Lent, flowers will only be available in the Narthex.

—**Give:** Your gifts help us grow our ministries today and into the future. Thank you for considering giving to the General Church Fund to support everything we do. You may give today during service, or other ways; by mailing payment, dropping by the business office, or securely through the online giving portal located on the website front page. Questions about financial gifts, or gifts of time? Give us a call anytime at the church office.

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a Prayer Quilt in worship, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilt on the north wall of the Sanctuary, or call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. Request a prayer at any time: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

—**Westside Food Bank:** We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. Bins are located outside the Sanctuary and at the Welcome table on Sunday mornings. Food needed: Baby foods and formula; Canned beans; Canned meats, fish, soups & stews; Canned pasta sauce, tomatoes; Canned fruits, vegetables; Cereal (hot and cold); Cooking oil; Flour and baking mixes; Fruit juices and shelf stable milk; Peanut butter and other nut butters; Protein, energy, or granola bars.

—**Sunday Social Gathering:** After worship today, come say "Hello" for Coffee Hour in Simkins Hall. Stop by the Sunday Welcome Table if you have any questions.

—We welcome **Community UMC of Pacific Palisades** each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the chapel with generous hospitality.

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First UMC Blood Drive – Sign Up Now!

Consider making a blood donation part of your Lenten practice. The American Red Cross is in critical need for donors of all blood types – give blood and you’ll have the knowledge that you’ve truly helped save someone’s life! Schedule your appointment now on the website: www.redcrossblood.org, and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM.

*Donors will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card, and will have A1C testing (measures the average amount of glucose (sugar) in your blood over the past three months) a once-per-calendar-year offering for each donor!

Sunday, March 1, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Simkins Hall



Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday Brunch: 10:30 a.m.
in the Fireside Room
All are welcome for food and fellowship together as we begin the Lenten season

Two worship services: 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
First UMC Chapel

Walk the Labyrinth
The First UMC Labyrinth extends hours for walking
12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent - a time of introspection and self-examination of our lives and relationship with God. The ritual of the ashes represents a visual reminder of the day as we pause to remember our physical limits in contrast to the infinity of God. Here at First UMC, we offer two Ash Wednesday services in the Chapel (*in-person only.*) We invite you to this intimate and reflective service that marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Wednesday, February 18, 12 p.m. & 7 p.m., in the Chapel

- Ash Wednesday Brunch

Prior to the Ash Wednesday 12 p.m. noon service, all are welcome to an Ash Wednesday Brunch in the Fireside Room for food and fellowship together as we begin the Lenten season.

February 18, 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

- Ash Wednesday: Walk the Labyrinth

The First UMC Labyrinth extends hours for walking from
12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in Simkins Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

• February Online Mid-Week Recital

First UMC is pleased to present the 2026 February Online Mid-Week Recital featuring **Gold Line Saxophone Quartet**. "Gold Line Quartet exists due to the passion of its members to impact our community and the city of Los Angeles with high-quality, engaging fine art music. We seek to establish a third stream approach that is neither wholly jazz and pop, yet neither fully classical either."

To read full bio and view past recitals, visit the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series

How to watch the Livestream:

- Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc)
 - YouTube Channel: [@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/SantaMonicaUMC)
 - Website: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
 - The First UMC App: (App Store, search FirstUMC_SM)
- You may also view past recitals on these channels.

Wednesday, February 11, at 12:10 p.m., online

• All Church Pancake Breakfast

All are invited to join the Youth Group on Sunday, February 15 after worship for a Pancake Breakfast!

Proceeds will go towards the Youth Service Project this summer. They will be working on homes for people with limited financial resources in the Appalachian Mountains area through the Appalachia Service Project. The cost for breakfast is \$20 per person or \$50 per family.

Next Sunday, February 15 after worship, Simkins Hall

• February Messy Church - New Time!

The new year often comes with big resolutions - do more, fix more, be more. Messy Church offers something a little different. We value starting imperfectly, showing up as you are, and trusting that God works beautifully through the mess. Our first gathering of 2026 will be **Saturday, February 21, from *10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** *Please note that starting in February we are moving our meeting time to the morning. Come for the whole time or just drop by as you're able.

MISSION AND SERVICE

• The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson and Janet Searfoss run a volunteer group on the third Saturday of the month at The People Concern, making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier. Volunteers meet at the church to carpool. Contact Tricia to volunteer:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

Next Volunteer Day: Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m.

• Westside Food Bank

The Westside Food Bank volunteer opportunity is held every 4th Wednesday of the month. Volunteers will pack cases of food for distribution at the Mobile Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park.

Next Volunteer Day: Wednesday, February 28

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

1914 14th Street, Santa Monica

Contact Tricia to volunteer:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

• Youth Service Project Trip

Each summer, a team of youth and adult volunteers from First UMC Santa Monica take time out of their summer vacations to go on a week-long mission trip. During the trip, youth learn about themselves and build relationships with people from all over the U.S., they learn teamwork and how to use power tools, and they are given the opportunity to help people to gain a safe, warm, and dry home to live in through their work. We collaborate with reputable youth-centered service organizations, and while the location of the trips varies each year, the mission remains the same: Be in community and of service to those in need.

**2026 YSP Trip: Appalachia Service Project
Saturday, June 20 – Sunday, June 28**

Look for upcoming fundraising opportunities that the youth will be holding to raise money for their trip.

<https://santamonicaumc.org/ysp>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

Families are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary, in the Family Zone in the Narthex, or in the nursery.

www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

We have 3 groups for **Sunday School** following the children's message in worship:

- Nursery Care for 6 months through toddler
- Younger Elementary for Kinder-3rd graders
- New Sunday School group for 4th-7th graders

Please contact Jamie (j.jones@santamonicaumc.org) for more info.

• Preschool Enrollment - Open Now

Schedule a tour today with Preschool Co-Directors Dane or Johanna at 310-395-7292, or visit our webpage for more information: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool

YOUTH

• United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

The Youth Ministry at First UMC is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry **Sundays, 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge**

**No meeting tonight*

PRAYER

• Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open for Prayers

The Labyrinth and Chapel are open on the first Friday of the month, from 1 - 3 p.m. Families welcome!

Friday, March 6, 1 - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall/Chapel

• Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time.

www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests/

• Request a Prayer Quilt

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is a group that makes Prayer Quilts as a service for those in need. (**Prayer quilts may only be requested and sponsored by members of the First UMC congregation.*) To request a Prayer Quilt, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

ONGOING MINISTRIES AT FIRST UMC

If you'd like more information for ministry opportunities, you may contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or visit the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org

• Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom - Men's Bible Study is a weekly online meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy

• Listening Hearts Women's Group

Listening Hearts is a spiritual community of women, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 11, *10 a.m.** via Zoom. (**note new time*)

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, February 21**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the Chancel Choir! **Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:40 p.m. - 9 p.m.** Contact Jim Smith if you are interested in joining: djes@roadrunner.com

• Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 21, *10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Simkins Hall. (**note new time*)

Theme: Choosing to Bee Kind with our Words

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings once a month after worship.

Next meeting: **TODAY! February 8, after worship** in the Alcove.





Welcome to First UMC of Santa Monica!

Welcome to the worship, service, and fellowship of Santa Monica First United Methodist Church. First UMC is committed to a ministry that touches the lives of people in many significant ways. Through our worship and music, study opportunities, social groups, mission involvement and ministries of care, we proclaim the good news of God’s love for all people. We also work to help make the world a better place in which to live, here in the communities of the Westside and around the world, and eagerly invite your participation in this beloved community. Our church has been a significant presence in the larger Santa Monica community for over 150 years.

All Church Service Trip (Intergenerational)

First UMC has a history of responding to disaster relief and engaging in long-term recovery efforts in various locations, including New Orleans, Haiti, and Houston. Building on this deep foundation and history of service and outreach, we are excited to announce a new initiative: a week-long intergenerational service trip **(13 years and up)** scheduled from **Saturday, August 1, to Saturday, August 8, 2026**. We will be collaborating with the Sierra Service Project (SSP), sending a work team from our congregation to the **Navajo Nation in Arizona**. While SSP traditionally hosted only youth groups, in recent years, they have broadened their mission to include intergenerational service weeks for churches, scout groups, and other organizations, creating opportunities for a wider range of participants to serve.



- An information session will be held **TODAY, February 8, in the Fireside Room at 11:15 a.m.**, offering an opportunity to learn more and ask questions. You may also email Tricia with questions: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. **More info and sign up on the website:** www.santamonicaumc.org/church-service-trip

Stay Connected

To join in fellowship and ministry online, here's how to connect online. (QR code to website)



First UMC website: www.santamonicaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc / **Instagram:** @santamonicaumc

YouTube: @SantaMonicaUMC

The First UMC App: Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM.

Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. You may give online via the QR code on the right (Point your phone camera at the QR code and click on yellow link), via mail, or onsite through the church office mail slot. To learn more about ways to give, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/give



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