

November 19, 2023

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude
"A Festive Peal" Handbell Choir
John Leavitt

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Praise God, the giver of life.

People: Praise God, who blesses our world.

Liturgist: Praise God, who heals our wounds.

People: Praise God, who cares for our needs.

Liturgist: Praise God, the giver and maker of all.

People: We come with thanks and praise.

**Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v.1-3) UMH #92

Opening Prayer (unison)

Generous God of abundance and life, thank you for the many gifts of our lives. Thank you for this time of worship. Thank you for your constant presence. Thank you for your healing love. Thank you, thank you, thank you. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" (v.1,2,4) UMH #397

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory
"America the Beautiful" Samuel A. Ward/John A. Behnke

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Lord of peace and justice, receive the gifts we bring this day as we present them in thankfulness and joy. We offer ourselves with these gifts as instruments of your witness, justice, honor, and hope. May we please you and be worthy of your never-failing love and presence with us. With thanksgiving we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir; Jan Buck, clarinet
"Still, My Soul Be Still" (see insert)

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-13

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Giving Thanks" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (v. 1,3) UMH#206

Postlude Carol Stewart
"My Tribute" Andre Crouch/John Innes



A special thank you to Ann Ledbetter for donating the decorations and to Alice Osman and Jackie Foster for putting together the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-13 (NIV)

Final Exhortations

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Thanks for Their Gifts

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 19, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeter	Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C	
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	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	FH 15A	
	Private Event	6:00 pm	FH 15C or Narthex	
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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary/Chapel	
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Friday 24		WEEKEND	OFFICE	CLOSED
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	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen	
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Sunday Children's Church – Ages 3-8

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MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Thank you to all the ladies who attended the kick-off of Mary & Martha. The night was full of FOOD, FAITH & FUN! Please join us for our next gathering, **Monday, Dec. 11, 6:00-8:00pm**. We all know how busy this time of year can get so let's all share a dish that is quick and easy to make or grab something from the store (chips and salsa, vegies and hummus, etc). We are calling it the Holiday Hustle! If you don't have time to make something, Questions, call Laurie Krakowiak @937-694-8114 or Barbara Mills @ 937-414-4108.



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The fires of unexpected sorrow

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