

November 26, 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
"Give Thanks" Carol Stewart
Henry Smith/Keth Christopher

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

People: We give thanks for the gift of gathering in the Lord's name.

Liturgist: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

People: We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way.

Liturgist: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

People: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care.

Liturgist: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

People: Come! Let us worship God together.

**Opening Hymn "Come Ye Thankful People Come" (v.1-3) UMH #694

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to which we are called, that we may be the servants you craft us to be. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

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
"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" Carol Stewart
arr. by Diane Bish

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, transform these gifts into nourishment for a hungry world. May they offer shelter from the storms of life. May they bring kindness and compassion to the lost and the lonely. Transform us, even as you transform these gifts, that we might be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music
"Be Not Afraid" Chancel Choir
Craig Courtney

Sermon "Christ's Church" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v.1-3) UMH#327

**Sending Forth

**Choral Benediction
"Spirit Song" Chancel Choir
(v. 1) UMH#347

Postlude
"Jacob's Ladder" Carol Stewart
arr. by Gordon Young

Scripture Reading - Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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 26, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



Monday 27	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 28	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Private Event	6:00 pm	FH 15C or Narthex
Wednesday 29	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 30	Prayer Shawl	10:00 am	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:45 pm	FCC
Friday 1	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 2	Concert Band Practice	9:00 am	FH 15 A-C
Sunday 3	Sunday School	9:00 am	FH 15A-B, 11, 16A
	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Blue Christmas	2:30 pm	Chapel
	All Church Christmas Party	5:00 pm	FH 15 A-B

Sunday Children's Church – Ages 3-8

December 10 theme - The names of Jesus
December 17 theme - The Visitors at the Nativity

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"Meanwhile..."
Gospel Lesson

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Mark 13:24-37

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BLUE CHRISTMAS: A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE: Christmas comes every December, whether we are ready or not. Memories of past experiences and the pain of present circumstances can become overwhelming. Once again there will be a Blue Christmas service sponsored by Stephen Ministry **on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:30pm in the chapel**. Child care will be provided. This will be a time of quiet music, reflection, and prayer. During this service, there will be an acknowledgement that this is not a season of joy for everyone. We invite reflection on the pain, the loneliness, the sadness we may be feeling. Our hope is that you will find healing and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Consider coming and even inviting someone you know who is struggling to continue on despite having feelings that don't match the outward festivity of the season.

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COMMUNITY CONCERT: The Community Christmas Concert Band will present its annual concert on **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00pm** in the Sanctuary. Both sacred and secular music will be performed. The program will be offered at no charge, but donations for the purchase of new music will be accepted. Please join us in this celebration of our Savior's birth.

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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