

# November 17, 2024

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

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"Great Is the Lord" Michael & Deborah Smith/Jerry Ray

Introit Chancel Choir  
"Morning Has Broken" (v. 1&2) UMH #145

\*\*Call to Worship

We approach the God of grace and glory, who has called us to worship this day.

**We arrive from the chaos of our world into the clarity of God's presence.**

We leave the struggles of our lives to embrace the power of God's love.  
**May this hour bring us courage and strengthen our faith.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Great and mighty God, open our hearts to the power of your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the wisdom of your way. Help us run the race of life with faithful perseverance and with steadfast love. Amen.**

Children's Moments "Jesus Loves Me" UMH # 191  
Children and Congregation Accompanied by Erika Stone

Prayer Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

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 Carol Stewart  
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Ludwig van Beethoven

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.**

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
"Here I Am" Tom Long & Allen Pote

Scripture Reading Psalm 100

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

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn Sing with a message connected to each Hymn Chad Mousing  
"Amazing Grace" UMH #378  
"It Is Well with My Soul" UMH #377  
"Lord of the Dance" UMH #261  
"Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

\*\*Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH #364

\*\*Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir  
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (v. 1&4) UMH #185

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech/Jerry Ray



*A special thank you to Ann Ledbetter for donating the decorations and to Jackie Foster, Sally Wallace, and Betsy Murray for putting together the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*

## Scripture Reading – Psalm 100 (NIV)

### *A psalm. For giving grateful praise.*

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.



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### **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.

## **November 17, 2024 - Worship Team**

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeters	Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



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	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	CC 16A
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	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15A,B,C, CC16A
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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
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	Double I Dinner	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
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Scripture Lesson

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