

November 24, 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
"My Tribute" Andrea Crouch/John Innes

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

**Call to Worship

Christ came to be our King.

We have come to be Christ's people.

The King of kings calls us to follow him.

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**Opening Hymn "This Is the Feast of Victory" (v.1,2,4) UMH #638

Opening Prayer (unison)

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (v.1,2,4) UMH #694

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

"Give Thanks"

Carol Stewart
Henry Smith

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and abundant God, like the birds of the air, we can trust your provision. Every good thing is a gift from you. You take care of us. Bless us this Thanksgiving, and bless the gifts we bring, that in all we make and say and do: trust may grow, beauty may flourish, generosity may flow, and your name may be praised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Chancel Choir
Sebastian Temple

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

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

Sermon

"Being Thankful"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

UMH #580

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Chancel Choir
(v.1&4) UMH #185

Postlude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Carol Stewart
William M. Runyan/Marilynn Ham



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

Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NIV)

Instructions on Worship

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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 24, 2024 - Worship Team

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



Monday 25	Boy Scouts Cub Scouts SPRC	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15C FH 15A-B Library
Tuesday 26	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 27			
Thursday 28	 THANKSGIVING	OFFICE	OFFICE
Friday 29	WEEKEND	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday 30	Christmas Concert Practice	9:00 am	FH 15A-C
Sunday 1	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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"Dare to Hope"
Scripture Lesson

Mike & Lynn Engle
Romans 5: 1-4 (NIV)

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