

November 23, 2025

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Dave Webber, trombone solo
"Holy, Holy, Holy" John B. Dykes/Melody Bober

**Call to Worship
Blessed be the Holy One,
who looks upon us with love and mercy.
Blessed be the Holy One,
who sent us a Savior to rescue us from despair.
Blessed be the Holy One and God's beloved Child,
who rules in a realm of forgiveness and peace.
Blessed be the Holy One,
who is worthy of our worship.

**Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" UMH #73 (v.1-4)

**Affirmation of Faith UMH #884

Opening Prayer (unison)
Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations: to time beyond our time, to wisdom beyond our wisdom, to strength beyond our strength. As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole earth is already yours. Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH #377 (v.1,2)

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
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" Jack Hayford

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication
Loving God, may our gifts bring your love to all. Jesus Christ, our Deliverer, may our gifts show the world that we are one with you and one with each other. In the name of the Holy Spirit, who gives the breath of life, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Grace Alone" arr. by Tom Fettke

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Sermon "Thanks Be to God" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH #580

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"And Can It Be that I Should Gain" Thomas/Campbell



*A special thank you to Jackie Foster, Alice Osman, Betsy Murray,
and Joyce Smith for putting together the beautiful
Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*

Scripture Reading – Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSVUE)

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeter	Kirk Henning, Jane Henning
Liturgist	Will Mossing, Micah Fleming
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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Wednesday 26			
Thursday 27	THANKSGIVING		OFFICE
Friday 28	WEEKEND		CLOSED
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BLOOD DRIVE: You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220 for **Monday, Dec. 23, 2:00-6:00pm in FCC**. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives! Please consider donating during this critical time, since they will only be collecting half a day on Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day they will be at a critical stage that week.

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