

November 9, 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
"America" Handbell Choir
arr. by John A. Behnke

**Call to Worship

Inhale the bounty of God's peace.

Splendor is a gift of the presence of God.

Serenity is the treasure that comes from God's Spirit.

Through the love of God, we find our rest.

Now exhale all that resists the blessings of God.

Justice and kindness ring from the heart of God.

**Opening Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" UMH #731

Opening Prayer (unison)

Divine Foundation, even as tumultuous winds shake us and the floor beneath us quakes, you firmly hold us. As the world around us rattles, you erase fear from our hearts. Whether on earth or in heaven, your loving Spirit endures. It pervades the limitless reaches of your creation. Lift us during times of trembling, enduring Spirit, and still us during moments of uncertainty. Amen.

Veteran Reflection Jerry Johnson

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

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

"Standing on the Promises"
Carol Stewart
R. Kelso Carter

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community in lives made whole, relationships restored, and justice pursued. May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live, that the glory of this house—the people called by your name—might truly shine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music Handbell Choir
"America the Beautiful" Samuel A. Ward/John A. Behnke

Scripture Reading Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Sermon "Take Courage" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

**Sending Forth

Postlude
"God Bless the U.S.A." Carol Stewart
Lee Greenwood



*The Altar flowers are given by Bob & Amy Schalle
in memory of Bob Schalle's mother, Eleonore Schalle.*

Scripture Reading – Haggai 1:15b-2:9 (NRSVUE)

The Future Glory of the Temple

In the second year of King Darius, **2**¹ in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: **2** “Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: **3** Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? **4** Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, **5** according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. **6** For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, **7** and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. **8** The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. **9** The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

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.

TAKE COURAGE



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 9, 2025 - Worship Team

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



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Tuesday 11	VETERANS DAY  Tuesday Bible Study Stephen Ministry Training Girl Scouts Leaders Magic Volleyball Practice	10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Parlor Library FH 15C FCC
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Sunday School Studies

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"Creating New Hope"
Scripture Lesson

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Isaiah 65: 17-25 (NIV)

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MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:00pm in CC 16A**. All men are invited to join us. Dinner will be served. We will have social time during the meal followed by a short Bible devotional. This month we hope to have a couple of local charitable groups offer us insight into their causes and need for our support. Our Garden of Sharing is now complete. We shared more than 2000 fresh vegetables to local food pantries, like FISH and Bridges of Hope. Please don't forget that you can still donate large items to be sold by the Garage sale group headed by Bob Whipp. Watch your email for more information. The email will come from ballcardkirk@gmail.com so look in your spam if you don't see anything by Saturday evening.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES: If you would like a box of pledge envelopes for 2026 they are on the table in the narthex. There are full boxes of 52 if you like to donate weekly or packs of 12 envelopes if you prefer to donate monthly.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Join us for an evening of thanks and giving on **Monday, Nov. 10, 6:00-8:00pm in FCC**. Please bring a dish to share that you are thankful for and your filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child so we can give to the drop off centers. The program will be crafts led by Betsy Murray; come and enjoy a night of FUN! If you need childcare, RSVP to Laurie Krakowiak at 937-694-8114 and if you have any questions, call the church office at 937-372-7601.

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ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS TREE: We will again be sharing Christmas joy with the children at St. Paul's after school program. The children will be able to visit a special shop to choose gifts to give to their families on Christmas. Please consider spreading God's love by choosing an ornament from the tree in the narthex starting **Sunday, Nov. 9**, and selecting a small gift (\$5-\$10) and returning gifts unwrapped by **Sunday, Nov. 30**.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet **Monday, Nov. 17 at 1:00pm in the Parlor**. DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1:00pm in the Parlor**.

DO YOU LIKE TO DECORATE?: We need volunteers to help put up the Christmas Decorations in the Narthex and Sanctuary, **10:00am-Noon on Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25**

SIGN UP FOR 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS: The flower calendar for 2026 is on the table in the narthex. Your gift of Altar flowers enhances the worship service and reflects the beauty of God's World. If you sign up for flowers we can order them or you can order them from your favorite florist. You will receive a reminder call prior to the date. If you have any questions please call the office or Joyce Smith (937) 372-6576 or Betsy Murray (937) 372-8376.



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