

(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:) All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
(Sing as directed).



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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Instructions for Communion

All are invited to come to the table as you are able.
Please tell an usher if you would like to be served in the pew.
Gluten-free bread is served at the center station.
After being served, all are invited to kneel at the altar rail.
Prepackaged wafers and juice are also available at the side stations.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

- ***Hymn** UMH 188 Christ Is the World’s Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM
- ***Benediction**
- ***Choral Benediction** Amen Felix Mendelssohn
- ***Postlude** Improvisation
(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rich & Wendy McGowan in memory of our dads, Dick McGowan & Bob Hudak
ACOLYTE Bronson Galbreath
CRUCIFER Iyana Singh Massengill
COMMUNION SERVERS Becky and Ed Cunningham, Carrie Hoffmeister, Kaye Schwalb
USHERS John Cranford, capt., George Bryan, Bill Burkett, Steve Combs, Bill Compton, Stan Johnson

Pledge Update - As of September 30, 2026

2027 Pledge Campaign (in progress)
66 pledges received, totaling \$461,900
2026 Pledge Campaign
86 pledges received, totaling \$549,193



GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD
WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Church Office Closed | Thursday | October 8
Staff members will be enjoying a day with family during Fall Break.

Family Pumpkin Patch | Sunday | October 11 | 4pm-8pm
Join us for a fun family night at Ballinger Farm! We will have pizza and cook s’mores on the fire pits. \$12 (ages 3 & older). Reserve your spot

Flannel Fest Chili Cookoff | Sunday | October 18 | 5-7pm | Gym and Parking Lot
Everyone is invited! We have combined two of our favorite events to bring you one great night! Join us for Flannel Fest and a Chili Cookoff... on a Sunday night! Contestants- please sign up on the Church Center app or in the church office to enter the chili cookoff contest. Everyone, bring cash to vote for your favorite chili! All proceeds will go towards missions.



GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS
DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Wild and Wonderful | October 22 | 9am-12:30pm| Gym | \$20
Join us for our annual district Senior Adult event. Fan favorite Rev. Charles Maynard will be the storyteller.

Rez27 | January 22-24 | October 12 Early Bird Registration due | \$50 deposit
Resurrection is an annual weekend retreat filled with worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors.



GO TO SERVE THE WORLD
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Trunk or Treat| Saturday | October 31 | 6-8pm | Parking Lot
Bring in your candy donations now and Sign up on Church Center app or in the church office to volunteer in a variety of ways. You can- Decorate a trunk and hand out candy; decorate a table and hand out candy; set-up help from 3pm-5pm; candy runner- fill up buckets throughout the evening.

Candy Donations
Drop off individually wrapped candy by the main elevator for our Trunk or Treat.

Christmas in November Craft Fair| November 14 | College Square Mall
We request donations of homemade crafts, art, or baked goods. Please contact Denise Aludo to submit them. Proceeds go to missions and will help fund Camp in the Community, Rise Against Hunger, and more.

Food Pantry
We continue to provide food for families and individuals in our community that struggle with food insecurity. So far we have served over 70 people this year, many of whom were children. Thank you to everyone who helps make this possible through donated food and hands on help.
CURRENT NEEDS ARE:

1. Meat Proteins (*canned and single serving*)
2. Canned Beans
3. Canned Soups
4. Spaghetti Sauce (*we have plenty of canned tomatos*)
5. Canned Fruit
6. Pasta
7. 16 oz Jars of Peanut Butter (*we have plenty of single-serve*)
8. 12 oz Jars of Jelly

WELCOME TO
First United Methodist Church
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October 4, 2026

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.



WELCOME to **F**irst **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**hurch (FUMC). We would love to have you fill out your name and any information you feel comfortable sharing on the red attendance pad. If you need help with anything today, please contact one of our ushers, pastors, or security team members. We hope you will join us again as we *Gather, Grow, and Go* at FUMC.



GATHER



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

October 4, 2026

9:00am

Please remember to silence cell phones.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and devices for the hearing impaired are available for this morning’s service. Please see an usher.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

On this World Communion Sunday, Jesus gathers us from the north, south, east and west. All of humanity, politically diverse, ethnically diverse, with diverse gifts, Jesus centers us, here today into one body.

We come to the Lord’s table because of God’s Grace, and God’s mercy toward all of us. We have sinned, but because of Jesus, we know there is no greater love than His sacrifice. Thank you Jesus!

From every nation, tribe, language, and people, God is calling the Church to unity, peace, and love in Christ.

We come as one body, redeemed by one savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is not our table, but the Table of Jesus Christ, where everyone is welcome.

Christ our Lord invites us all to come.

Here we remember the life, death, and resurrection story, the empty grave, the encounter with Mary and his disciples, and the promise that Christ Jesus will come back again.

Today we receive grace for the journey.

In this place we join Christians throughout the world.

Today we remember, we are many people, yet one body in Jesus Christ.

Today we will worship our God who knits us together as one body in Jesus Christ.

With tremendous gratitude and reverence, today

We seek to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Hallelujah!

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

Choral Introit

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

Robert Wright

*Hymn UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful

HYMN TO JOY

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

The Apostles’ Creed

Melanie Hime

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Glory be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Asa

*Prayer for Illumination

Melanie Hime

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

*New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

*Gospel Lesson

John 17:20-23

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

And Yet

Pastor Asa

Invitation to Communion

*Communion Hymn UMH 620

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Scan here to give online:



Offertory Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

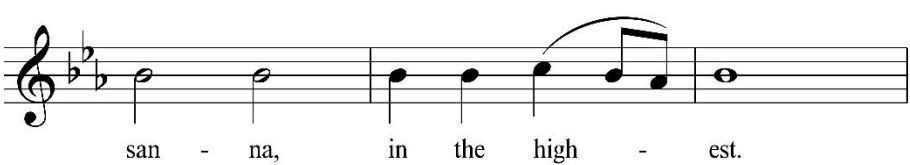
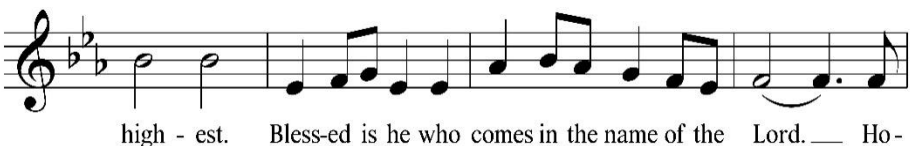
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:)

... as we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sing as directed.)



(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:) ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. (Sing as directed)

