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.

Breaking the Bread

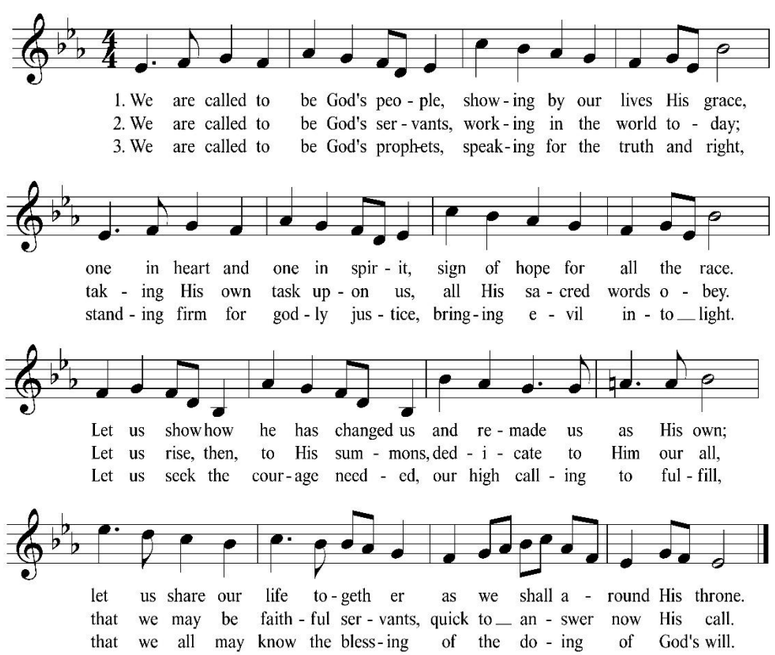
Giving the Bread and Cup

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** AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People



***Choral Benediction** *Amen* Burton

***Postlude** *Improvisation*

(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Kay Senter in memory of Jim Senter.

ACOLYTE Claire Wyke
CRUCIFER Sarah Altizer
COMMUNION SERVERS Tony Anderson, Carol Parson, Paula Waldron, and Cindy Stelzman
NOVEMBER USHERS Rusty Cantwell, captain; Susan Capps, Louis Galbreath, Dennis Rainwater, Ron Reel, and Ralph Stelzman
BANNER BEARER Dustin Santos

Church Financial Update

September month end revenue:	$85.582
September month end expenses:	$76,808
Net:	$8,774
Year to date revenue:	$643,905
Year to date expenses:	$666,357
Net total:	$(22,452)

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Piano Recital | Paul Ridgway | Thursday | November 12 | 7pm
Join us for an evening of beautiful piano music.

Thanksgiving Meal and Service | Wednesday | November 18 | 5pm
Adults $15 | Children $8
Dinner will begin at 5pm followed by a worship service at 6pm. Childcare with reservation starting at 5:45pm. Menu- Roasted Turkey Breast, Cornbread Dressing & Gravy, Brown Sugar Glazed Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Yeast Rolls, and a traditional holiday dessert bar. Reserve on the Church Center App or in the church office by November 16 at 4pm.

Charge Conference | Sunday | November 8 | 2pm | Sanctuary
The annual business meeting of the church. Church Council members officially approve the Pastor's salary and our 2027 Church officers. All church members are invited to attend.

GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP , TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Pink Pig | Joyful Hearts | Thursday| November 5 | 10am-11:30am
Come create a memory at the Pink Pig Pottery Studio on Main Street. You can make a flat Christmas ornament for $13 or a 3D Christmas ornament for $18. We will then walk over to Little Dutch for lunch. Projects and lunch are self-pay on the day of the event.

GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 will go to missions, helping to fund Camp in the Community, Rise Against Hunger, and more.

North Pole Breakfast | Saturday | December 5 | 8:30am-11am
Adults and Youth (age 12+) $12.50; Children (ages 2-11) $8.50; Baby (0-5 months) $5.50. Church attenders may register TODAY. Online Registration opens tomorrow! The event will fill up fast so reserve early.

WELCOME TO
First United Methodist Church

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November 1, 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 **GROW** **GO**

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
Liturgical Color: White

November 1, 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
Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.
May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.
In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.
May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

Prelude *Nimrod from Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

***Silent Processional**

***Hymn** UMH 711 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE
(verse 3-men only; verse 5 women only)

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881 Ralph Stelzman
The Apostles' Creed

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* MEINEKE

***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 Asa Majors

Prayer for Illumination Ralph Stelzman
O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Esther 4 & 5:1-8
The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

***Hymn** UMH 521 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

Sermon *Esther: At the Crossroads* Pastor Asa

Invitation to Communion

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 Daniel Burton
The King of Heaven His Table Spreads
Chancel Choir

*The King of Heaven His table spreads,
And blessings crown the board;
Not paradise with all its joys,
Could such delight afford.*

*Millions of souls, in glory now,
Were fed and feasted here;
And millions more, still on the way,
Around the board appear.*

*Yet is His house and heart so large,
That millions more may come;
Nor could the wide assembling world
O'er fill the spacious room.*

*All things are ready, come away,
Nor weak excuses frame;
Crowd to your places at the feast;
And bless the Founder's Name.*

-Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

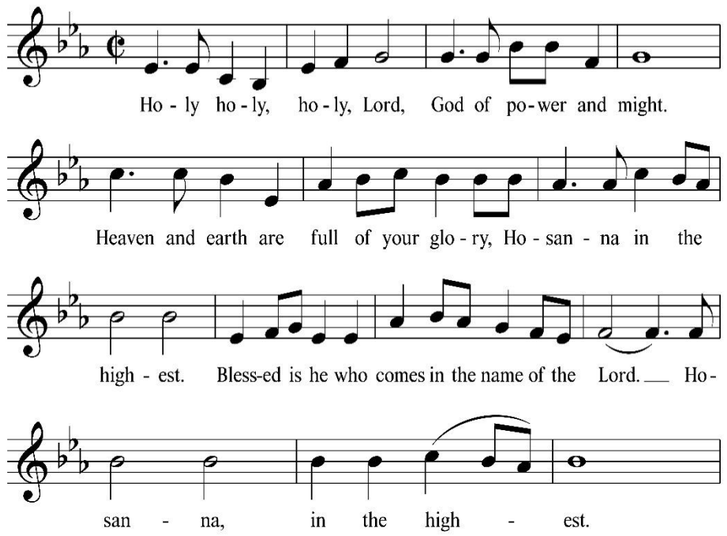
***Doxology** UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***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)*



Naming of the Honored Dead

Bob Andrew
Nancy Cox
Charles Goddard
Gail Newman
Jonathan Overley
Jean Pope

(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).

