



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort, all who need friendship.

All who are lonely and need companionship.

all who want sheltering love, all who sin

and need a Savior, and whosoever will

—We open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C.

10:15 AM Summer Sunday Worship October 12, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Boyd Law
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Susan Michelle Jepsen**

L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

C: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

L: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

C: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

L: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

C: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

All: We are here to worship with all that we are

***HYMN # 405 “SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Dear god, we give you praise for the opportunity
To know you as the only true master of our lives
In this world, where other masters are competing for our money,
Clamoring for our time, and creating chaos
In our lives. Keep the eyes of our hearts looking to Jesus
for our provision and protection. Prevent us, we pray, from
looking for our own bank Balance or any other source of supply
for our security. May we have an undivided heart that looks to Jesus,
The author and finisher of our faith. In his name we pray, amen.

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881**

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, died, 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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT - LaVona Grissinger

Scripture Reading Susan Michelle Jepsen

Luke 16: 1-13 NRSV

**The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God**

Song of Preparation: Choir

Message: Being an Honest Steward, Pastor Fernando

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

Unshakable and merciful God, we ask that You receive these gifts, given not from abundance alone but from hearts that still dare to trust. Let them be signs of your presence in broken places, tools of healing, hope, and grace in a hurting world. Amen.

***HYMN # 399 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernando

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich-,(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Tinslee (awaiting transplant), Alyssa Volkers, Karen (Paul’s Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan Zambo, - cancer, Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Tim Cavanagh (waiting for heart surgery). Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), The Lars Colgan family. Elijah- Cancer (LaVonna & Bob Grandson)

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, July Law Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.
Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those

Grieving their loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October

16-Marcile Fowler

17 -Molly and Jeff Adersen (1981)

CALENDAR

Monday, October 13

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, October 14

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 15

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 16

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Office Open

Friday, October 17
9:00 am to 12:00 am Office Open

Sunday, October 19
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools
10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	October 12	October 19
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Susan Michelle	Kim Gonsalves
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miler
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	Julie & Derek Osborn	Barth & Kathy Prins
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 71

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

Administrative Council & Trustees: Will be meeting next Sunday after Church & Trustees will meet Before service.

Church Conference: Is on Oct 24th please Submit your Reports by Monday 13th.

Trunk or Treat : Will be October 26th @ Church from 5-7PM. We are all Invited to Decorate our Vehicles and hand out Candy to the Children In our community. Donations are welcome please drop it in the office. for any question contact the Aut-Reach Commit


Blessing Basket – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant This month. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Prayer Group – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

Confirmation Class: One confirmation Class will be in November if your children, or grandchildren are ready talk to Pastor Fernando or Kriz Yingling



Pulled Pork Sandwich Fundraiser

Sunday, October 19th

Carryout 4:00 - 5:30
Savanna First United Methodist Church

Pull up to the backdoor of the church and we will deliver your order to your car

Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cheesy potatoes & dessert

Tickets

Adult - \$10.00 Children 10 & under \$5.00

Advanced Sales Only

To purchase tickets call Mary Irons - 815-541-8487

Proceeds go towards Women in Faith mission projects

🎃 **Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed!** 🧛
Sunday, October 26 | Savanna Methodist Church | 5:00–7:00 PM
We’re looking for church members to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to the children in our community!



Prize awarded for the Best Decorated Vehicle!
We’re also accepting donations of individually wrapped Halloween candy to have on hand in case someone runs out. Leave donations in the office. Let’s make this a fun and safe evening for all the kids in Savanna!

🌭 **Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served!**



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October 12th ,2025
Sunday, 10:15 am

Vision Statement

“Reaching out to all people and inviting them to experience the Love of God through Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.”

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