



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.”

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

10:15 AM

November 16, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Tyson Speer

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

DeeAnn Kramer

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Men: The old order is gone,

All: everything is new!

Leader: Illness, disease, and crying and mourning,

Women: shall be as a distant memory!

Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated!

Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

Hallelujah! Amen.

***HYMN # 374 “Standing on the Promises of God ”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God’s love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God’s love and power. **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: Pastor Fernando

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 NRSV

Deeann Kramer

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 NRSV Pastor Fernando

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Song of Preparation by Vivian Eaton

Message: Focus on the Promises and be thankful.

Joys and Concern

PASTORAL PRAYER

T HE 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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison).**

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer. and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer, and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN # 140 “ Great is Thy Faithfulness ”**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Pastor Fernando

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich-,(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Tinslee (recuperating from transplant), Alyssa Volkers, Karen (Paul’s Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan & Sharon Zambo, both have cancer, Mia (Paula’s co-worker), 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 Free! Praise God!** (LaVonna & Bob Grandson) Christa Jachino- Battling breast cancer (daughter-in-law of Linda & John Jachino)

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

November

21 – Faith Gonzalez

CALENDAR

Monday, November 17

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, November 18

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, November 19

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, November 20

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Office Open

Friday, November 21

9:00 am to 12:00 am Office Open

Sunday, November 23

8:30 am – Prayer Meeting

9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools

10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	November 16	November 23
Acolyte	Tyson Speer	Kurt Hoffman
Liturgist	Deeann Kramer	Molly Andersen
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon Gullinger	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	Mayer Family	
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 64+2 Dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry
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.

JOY will meet on Wednesday, November 19th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have Turkey and dressing sandwiches, cranberry salad, brownies, and cake for dessert. The program is still in the works. Anyone over 60 years old is invited to share this free dinner and fellowship. Please make reservations by calling the church at 815-273-2345 before noon on Monday, November 17th. Rides are available in town only.

Blessing Basket – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant This month we are asking for donations of paper products, paper towels, facial tissues, and toilet paper. You can leave your donations in the Food Pantry box in the narthex. 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.

Administrative Council -Sunday November 23, after service.

FUTURE EVENTS

Dec. 7 - Hanging of Green
Dec. 17 - Children's Christmas Program
Soup lunch hosted by UWF
Community Christmas Program

Dec. 23 Christmas Eve Service

This is choir schedule for Dec 7 concert
Sunday, 11/23 noon Presbyterian church
Sunday 11/30 noon Presbyterian
Sunday, 12/7 1:00 Methodist



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Methodist Church
November 16, 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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