



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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

10:15 AM November 23, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen**

L: From the journey of life to hope and a future,
our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.
C: **We join together in worship and praise, to show
love and faith for a true and faithful God.**
L : So, let us rejoice dear friends, in the God of our
hope and our salvation!
C: **We rejoice in you, O God. For all that you have done,
all that you are, and all that you have promised.**
**ALL : Let us worship together now, in praise and with
Thanksgiving!**

***HYMN -TFWS # 2036 “Give Thanks”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Good and gracious God, thank you for being the faithful
God that you are. Thank you for always providing our
needs. Thank you for always watching over us.
You are in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights.
Though the year has been trying, we still have much to
be thankful for. So may our worship today echo our
gratitude and our steadfast love and faith in you.
In Christ 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**

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Grade , Children

- 1. Annika Law**
- 2. Blaine Johnson**
- 3. Faith Gonzales**
- 4. Priscila de Castro**

Scripture Reading Molly Andersen

Colossians 1:11-14 NRSVUE

Luke 17:15-17 NRSVUE

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

Song of Preparation : Thank you by Isabel de Castro

**Message: Gratitude as Lifestyle
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 our salvation, we are grateful that
we can bring our fears, uncertainty, and suffering
to you in relationship, leaning on your strength
to carry us through. In this season of Thanksgiving,**

**we offer up our gifts to you in a spirit of gratitude
and hope. We trust that you will use them and
us to bring healing and restoration to our world.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

***HYMN # Count Your Blessings**

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 (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.
Christa Jachino- Battling breast cancer (daughter-in-law of Linda & John Jachino)
Kris Dornbush, sister of Kim Stuart has a blood clot in her spinal cord and
is paralyzed from the waist down. She is in rehab at Shirley Ryan Rehab in Chicago

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

25 – Carmen Holcomb
25 – Martha White
28 – Priscila de Castro

CALENDAR

Monday, November 24

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, November 25

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, November 26

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, November 27

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 30
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools 10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS		
	November 23	November 30
Acolyte	Kurt Hoffman	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Linda Jachino
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Lori Miller
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Mary Irons
Coffee Hour	Cavanagh	Ester Losh
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 62+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.

KIDS KARDS Following the service today .Will be making Christmas cards and have tacos for lunch. Everyone invited and all materials provided.

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.

United Women of Faith Tuesday December 2nd Christmas Party – carpooling from the Church –Going to Rastrelli’s - Call Mary for information 815-541-8487

Soul Sisters December 4th Soul Sisters’ Christmas Get-together

*Lunch at Sunshine Café at 12 noon and then...

*”Festival of Trees” at the Savanna Museum

--*Raffles for prizes: vote for your favorite trees—*

*Classy Closet will be open for your used clothing

FUTURE EVENTS

Dec. 7 - Hanging of Green
Community Christmas Concert
2:00 P.M. refreshments afterwards

A Freewill offering will be taken
Dec. 14 - Children's Christmas Program
Soup lunch hosted by UWF
Community Christmas Program
Dec. 24 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

CHRISTMAS READING PLAN



Christmas Reading Plan

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 1st - Luke 1• December 2nd - Luke 2• December 3rd - Luke 3• December 4th - Luke 4• December 5th - Luke 5• December 6th - Luke 6• December 7th - Luke 7• December 8th - Luke 8• December 9th - Luke 9• Deceeber 10th - Luke 10• December 11th - Luke 11• December 12th - Luke 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 13th - Luke 13• December 14th - Luke 14• December 15th - Luke 15• December 16th - Luke 16• December 17th - Luke 17• December 18th - Luke 18• December 19th - Luke 19• December 20th - Luke 20• December 21st - Luke 21• December 22nd - Luke 22• December 23rd- Luke 23• December 24th - Luke 24 |
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Methodist Church
November 23, 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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