

### Greeters

8:45 Office - Rachel Tarr  
Narthex - Allan Tarr  
Portico - Judy Leonard  
11:00 Office - Karen Woodlief  
Narthex - Wanda Sandels  
Portico - Lynn McKibbin



Nov. 28: Shirley Willingham  
Nov. 29: Bonnie Wells  
Nov. 30: Joseph Lowery

### LIJ Kids LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

Happy Thanksgiving!

### FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Save us, Lord, so that we too may be a blessing.  
Wash away our guilt, so that we may forgive.  
Heal us, so that we may alleviate pain. Fill us  
with hope and courage, so that we may offer a  
despairing world the light of your justice and  
love. Amen.



Month of December Sunday Worship will be held at 10:00

Dec. 3: 10:00 Children's Program  
Dec. 6: 5:00 Mission Dinner, UMCOR Buckets  
Dec. 7: 11:00 Joy Circle  
Dec. 10: 10:00 Worship  
Dec. 17: 9:00 Christmas Pot Luck Breakfast  
Dec. 17: 10:00 Cantata  
Dec. 20: 4:00 Church Wide Mission - Caroling  
Dec. 24: 10:00 Worship  
Dec. 24: 5:00 Worship  
Dec. 25 thru Jan.2: Church Office Closed for Staff Holiday  
Dec. 31: 10:00 Worship

### Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome.



The Claddagh Circle would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. We collected 63 boxes!

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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Dr. John Brantley  
November 26, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green

### The Worship of God

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### The Chiming of the Hour

\* **Prelude** "Now Thank We All Our God"  
*arr. by Mark Hayes*  
Piano - 4 Hands  
Susan Gooch & Gabrielle Cornett

\* **Call To Worship**  
"We Thy People Praise Thee"  
*by Franz Joseph Haydn*

† **The Greeting**  
Leader: Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.  
**People: Praise God with lives of compassion.**  
Leader: Sing with acts of kindness.  
**People: Glorify God with acts of mercy.**  
Leader: Praise God with works of justice.  
**People: Praise God with overflowing love.**

#### † The Invocation

† **The Hymn of Praise** "O Worship the King"

UMH 73  
vs. 1,3,5

† **The Affirmation of Faith      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.**

† **The Gloria Patri**

**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, Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The 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**

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”      UMH 61

***You Are Welcome Here***

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music**

“Come Share the Lord”

*arr. by Mark Hayes*

† **The Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**The Anthem**

“Christus Paradox”

*arr. by Alfred V. Fedak*

**The Scripture**

Matthew 25:31-46

NRSV

**Sermon**

“Sheep or Goats”

Pastor

**The Closing Hymn** ”Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

UMH 66

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“He Who Began a Good Work in You”

TFWS 2163

He who began a good work in you,  
he who began a good work in you-  
will be faithful to complete it,  
will be faithful to complete it,  
He who started the work  
will be faithful to complete it in you.

**The Postlude** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*by Charles Callahan*

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*  
\* 11:00 am Service Only  
# 8:45 am Service Only

*UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*  
*TFWS-The Faith We Sing*

**Matthew 25:31-46**

**The Judgment of the Nations**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;’ <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’ <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’ <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;’ <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”