



FIRST United
methodist CHURCH
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Food Pantry
October is
CANNED VEGGIES
month

Green beans, carrots,
kidney beans, corn, peas,
baked beans



WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS **Oct 29 MENU**
Lasagna Garlic Bread
Mixed Vegetables Casserole
Tossed Salad Hot dog/Bun - Rolls Desserts

OCTOBER PRAYER

PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10: 23-25

WHAT TO DO!
Dear God, This school year, please draw two good friends to _____. We know that where three or more are gathered together, there you are. Let _____ and their friends feel your presence in their lives so they may have the strength to overcome challenges and guidance in making wise decisions. Glory and praise to you alone, Amen

FROM HUNGER TO HOPE
FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY & CONTEST!
MEAL PACKING EVENT
Nov 22 | 9AM - NOON | Goedde Gym
Raising \$7,000 for supplies & Shipping

Bring Your Families
Decorate the bank and turn it in on Nov 9 for a contest. Win a family fun pack!
One bank per family

\$50 per family donation suggestion
Use this bank to collect your change

SIGN UP BY SCANNING CODE OR OUTSIDE TERESA'S DOOR



October 26th, 2025

Our Mission is to Embrace, Equip, and Empower People to Know and Follow Christ.
Thanks for joining us today! Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ. Please see the Welcome table - located inside the Jefferson St. entrance - or scan the QR code below to help accommodate your visit with us today.



Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10

ORDER of WORSHIP

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jamie Ramos

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Jamie Ramos

Leader: We come before the Lord, not to bend God to our will,

People: But to be shaped by God's love and grace.

Leader: Our prayers, our songs, our worship, they mean nothing if they do not lead us closer to God's heart.

People: So we come in humility, ready to listen, ready to turn.

Leader: God calls us to repentance, not in shame, but in mercy.

People: God meets us here, ready to forgive, ready to renew.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to encounter the living Christ among us.

People: We come as God's children; welcomed, accepted, and loved.

ALL: Together, with Jesus Christ our Lord, we turn toward God in worship and love. Amen.

PRELUDE *Help Us Accept Each Other* | by John Ness Beck

+ OPENING PRAYER Jamie Ramos

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us the strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus, we pray, amen.

+ HYMN #534 *Be Still, My Soul* | UMH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Jamie Ramos

Leader: Lord God in heaven, we confess that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Leader: Forgive us, O God, where we fail to see your Spirit's work in others, in those who have lived before us.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Leader: Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Pastor Christian Taylor

Leader: Hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than our comparisons, God's Spirit is at work in every generation, and Christ's faithfulness is stronger than our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven - set free from the need to measure ourselves against others, and invited to live faithfully in the grace of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ SONG *Gratitude*

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Julie Burenga
Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade*

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* | arr. Mark Hayes
Gloria Wendel, Accompanist

+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE Pastor Christian Taylor

HUMBLE Faith

+ LUKE 18: 9 - 14
CHOOSING FAITH



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Christian Taylor
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING SONG *The Love of God*  *Place offerings in the tins coming through Pews, during Offering song.*
Children return from AWE

+ DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH

+ SPOKEN BEDICTION *To God be the Glory* | arr. Victor Johnson

POSTLUDE *You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace. Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.*

YOUTH

Youth groups and classes are a place where young people can grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and have a lot of fun along the way. We're excited to offer a dynamic and engaging program designed specifically for students in grades 6-12.

Scan the **QR CODE** to find out all of our Youth Sunday School, Classes, and More!



KIDS

Each Sunday the children can engage in worship, scripture memorization, bible stories, games, and crafts in both large and small group settings all designed to help them grow in their faith and understanding of our amazing and awesome God. Scan the **QR CODE** to check out all that we offer!



**AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons.*

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP	LEAD PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR	ACOLYTES LILIAN LAUKHUF	VIDEOGRAPHER KURT MASSILLO	SCREEN CREATORS MARY ANN FALK
	DIR. OF MUSIC SCOTT TURNER	ANNOUNCER JAMIE RAMOS	PROJECTION NOAH KRITES	MELODY TAYLOR
	WORSHIP LEADER JEREMY LAUKHUF		SOUND/AUDIO KENT SMELSER	JEREMY LAUKHUF
				USHERS NEIL SHAFFER DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.