



PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32

Lord, this month, please subdue any anger that is bubbling in _____. Take any issues of misunderstanding and pride and turn them into thankfulness and humility. May each day in this month allow _____ to see gratitude all around them. Gratitude for a good friend, a beautiful day, or an answered prayer. All thanks and honor to you Lord, Amen

To the people of First Church-

Thank you for supporting our Fry Pie Fundraiser. We made over \$1000



Thank you for your continual support and for praying for the students and families.

The staff of FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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STAND FIRM & HOLD FAST



November 2nd, 2025

*All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
Youth Sunday*

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.



NOVEMBER PRAYER PARTNER



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!



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!

Chronic Pain support group Chronic pain is an issue that affects many people. If you are interested in a support group, contact Julia McGrath or Audrey Taylor.

WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS Nov 5 MENU
Sloppy Joes Mac 'n' Cheese
Tossed Salad
Hot dog/Bun - Rolls Desserts

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Advent Festival
Sun, Nov 30
18 volunteers needed
Arrive at 3PM
No prep necessary
Fun is PROMISED



RICE MEAL PACKING EVENT
SAT, NOV 22
9AM - 12PM | GOEDDE GYM



See Cristi to join the fun!



VOLUNTEERS AND DESSERTS NEEDED
Meals continue through Nov 19
Sign up at entrances



And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1: 9 - 11

ORDER of WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Lillie Best

CALL TO WORSHIP Ella Pruden

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

People: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

People: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

People: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

People: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember our church families - this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

People: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

People: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are with us now, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

PRELUDE *Give Thanks* | arr. Fred Bock Scott Turner, Piano

+ OPENING PRAYER Ashlynn Shaffer

Sovereign of Creation, all that we have comes from you. We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and evermore. Amen.

+ HYMN #57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | UMH

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Elijah Pollock, Aiden Bockrath, and Dillon Staas

+ SONG *Praise*

+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE Vivian Laukhuf



LOVE INCREASING

2 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 4 & 11 - 12
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HONORING THE SAINTS
READING THE NAMES Addi Karl
BELL RINGER Noah Krites

OFFERTORY *10,000 Reasons*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nalla Shaffer

Leader: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors, places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes; all of these who have come before us also experienced temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

People: Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One, comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Pastor Christian Taylor

HOLY COMMUNION Maddy Laukhuf & Leah Krites

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *Come to the Table* | by Valerie Crescenz
Gloria Wendel, Accompanist

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

+ SPOKEN BEDICTION

POSTLUDE *from Toccata & Fugue in D Minor* | by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

 Place offerings in the tins coming through Pews, during Offering song.

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP	PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR	ACOLYTES HENRY AND ETIA SCHAFFNER	VIDEOGRAPHER DAVE THOMPSON	SCREEN CREATORS MARY ANN FALK
	DIR. OF MUSIC SCOTT TURNER	CHILDREN'S CHAT YOUTH	PROJECTION ELORA HOGAN	MELODY TAYLOR
	WORSHIP LEADER JEREMY LAUKHUF	GREETERS JEFF AND LAURA OSBURN	SOUND/AUDIO KYLE WENDEL	JEREMY LAUKHUF
	ANNOUNCER YOUTH			USHERS NEIL SHAFFER DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.