

First United Methodist Church

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October 18, 2026 — October 24, 2026

"21st Sunday after Pentecost" "Laity Sunday"

Usher/Greeter: Connie & Dan Kelsey Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Janet Helmbold Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert Fellowship: Ralph & Pixie Livingston
Monthly Noisy Offering: Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday (10/18) Ecumenical Progressive Dinner starts at 4 PM (salads here at 5:30 PM)
Monday (10/19) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (10/20) Administrative Council 10 AM
Wednesday (10/21)
Thursday (10/22)
Friday (10/23)

October 25, 2026 — October 31, 2026

"Reformation Sunday"

Usher/Greeter: Sharon Feichtenbiner Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday (10/25) Ecumenical Festival of Lessons & Carols Choir Practice 1 PM
at the Presbyterian Church
Monday (10/26) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (10/27)
Wednesday (10/28)
Thursday (10/29)
Friday (10/30)
Saturday (10/31) Trunk or Treat 4:30-5:30 PM, Refreshments available

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

10/18/26 Exo 33:12-23; Ps 99; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 22:15-22
10/25/26 Deut 34:1-12; Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; Acts 10:44-48; Matt 22:34-46

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Ralph Livingston, Gayle Tufnell, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Gordie & Susan Barry, Martha Weeks, Mary Prater, Louise Burson, Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Katie Putnam, Connie Meade's family, Vic & Sharon's son Ron, Patti Smith, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family Concerns, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, and unspoken joys/concerns.



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**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



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WORSHIP 11 AM

PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth by Conrad Kocher

***WELCOME FRIENDS SONG**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 99

***PRAISE CHORUS:** FWS 2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: A Pastor with no laity is like a shepherd who has no sheep. That pastor would have no purpose, and likely no job..

P: Laity without a pastor are like sheep with no shepherd. Left alone, they would quickly fall away from the flock, each wandering in its own direction, lost and unprotected.

L: The sheep and the shepherd work together. The sheep can feel safe and secure, trusting the shepherd to watch over them, and keep them near food and water and away from danger. In turn, the shepherd can rest in the knowledge that the sheep will produce the wool needed to keep the shepherd warm with the wool they grow to be made into the cloth for the shepherd’s clothing. The sheep can also provide food for the shepherd’s family so that they will not be hungry.

P: Thank You, O God, for being our shepherd and caring for us. Thank You also for giving us the means to work with our shepherd to serve others, both within the flock and far away from it. Remind us that the shepherd is a leader we can safely follow, and that together as a team we can accomplish Your work far better than any of us can do alone.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

YOUTH TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 170 O How I Love Jesus

***EPISTLE READING**

1 Thesselonians 1:1-10

SERMON: Chosen

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Open My Eyes by Clara H. Scott

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

FAVORITE HYMN Congregation’s Choice

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 98 To God Be the Glory

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** UMH 672 God Be With You till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE: Who Is On the Lord’s Side arr. R. J. Hughes

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

October Mission Noisy Offering—Thanksgiving Baskets

This noisy offering provides local families with basic necessities and a nutritious meal for Thanksgiving.

God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

*** DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)**

*** PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**