

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – *A Hearing Assistance system and large print materials are available. See an usher.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: Come and celebrate, people of God!

People: Sing and shout your praise!

Leader: For our God comes to us:

People: triumphant and victorious, yet gentle and humble of heart.

Leader: He comes bringing peace,

People: offering hope and freedom to all who despair. Let's worship God together!

***HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32: 1-12

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." ²Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." ⁶So the next day the people

rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. ⁷Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' ⁹"I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." ¹¹But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**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.**

***BLESSING THE OFFERING**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (said in unison)**

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see
and all we don't see; Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all
creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God,
Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the**

Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

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***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 71

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.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* (sing twice)

UMH 393

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-9

MESSAGE *"Worry?"*

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, I Lift Your Name* FWS 2088**

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE



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☞ Announcements ☞

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING – today after the service

PUMPKIN CARVING – today at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

CHURCH FAMILY DINNER - Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Olive Garden at 5:00 p.m. Please let Jean know if you will attend.

CHURCH CONFERENCE – Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethesda UMC

FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Monthly requests include spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, soups, pancake mix, instant potatoes, fruit cups, and toilet paper.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAMILY SUPPORT – Requests include: corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, rice, beans, and feminine hygiene products.

PRAYER CHAIN – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423.

SOCIAL HOUR – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.

Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
Liturgist: Lori Nelson

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www.stjohnsfruitland.org



FALL BAZAAR 2026 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Come and stay as long as you can each day.

Many hands make light work.

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| Thursday, Oct 22 | Wash sweet potatoes (starts at 9:00 am) |
| Friday, Oct 23 | Cook/process sweet potatoes (8:30 am) |
| Tuesday, Oct 27 | Wash/peel/cut soup vegetables (8:30 am)
Bring your favorite knife if you have one. |
| Wednesday, Oct 28 | Cook/skin/pick chicken and wash/process
celery for chicken salad (starts 8:30 am) |
| Thursday, Oct 29 | Make sweet potato pies/biscuits
Set-up tables (starts 8:30 am)
Full day of work |
| Friday, Oct 30 | BAZAAR – DOORS OPEN 9:00 am
Hours: 9:00 to 2:00/3:00 pm or until sold
out and everything is cleaned up. PLEASE
arrive at 7:00 am |

Questions:

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| Melissa | 443-944-2609 (prefers texts, but voicemail OK) |
| Lori | 443-754-1951 |
| Cathy | 410-749-7629 (home); 443-359-1923 (cell) |

Cash donations to offset the cost of ingredients are most appreciated. Please give your donation directly to Jennifer, our treasurer. Do not put it in the collection plate.