

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

October 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

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: Be still!

People: **We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.**

Leader: Be still and know...

People: **we come to discern the Word which can set us free.**

Leader: Be still and know that God is

People: **our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.**

written by Thom Shuman; posted on Lectionary Liturgies

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ²all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." ⁵And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. ⁹Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom

because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹²For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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 *Lord, Whose Love Through* (vs 1-3)

UMH 581

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 34-46

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” ⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴²“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, ⁴⁴“‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’” ⁴⁵If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

MESSAGE Disappointment?

***HYMN** *I Need Thee Every Hour* (vs 1,2,4) UMH 397

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

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

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE



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☞ Announcements ☞

BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct 27	Wash/peel/cut soup vegetables (8:30 am)
Wednesday, Oct 28	Chicken pickin' and celery (8:30 am)
Thursday, Oct 29	Make sweet potato pies/biscuits AND set-up tables (8:30 am)
Friday, Oct 30	BAZAAR – DOORS OPEN 9:00 am PLEASE arrive at 7:00 am

Questions:

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

REMINDER: Next Sunday will be the monthly Mission Collection during Communion.

FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Requests include spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, soups, pancake mix, instant potatoes, fruit cups, and toilet paper. Please see special request on back.

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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SPECIAL REQUEST FROM FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOR THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

It is anticipated that Fruitland Baptist will again serve approximately 1100 Thanksgiving dinners this year and will need all the support possible to be successful.

Requests include:

- Financial donations to purchase 50 turkeys and 25 hams and paper products
- 50 - #10 cans of corn
- 30 - #10 cans of sweet potatoes/yams
- Cornbread
- Rolls
- Stuffing
- Mashed potatoes
- Pies