ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-fifth 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. Please see an usher.*

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

Leader: Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you. We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.

People: Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Leader: Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you. We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.

People: Gracious is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Leader: Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you. We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.

People: Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised! We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God. Amen.

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HYMN *Immortal, Invisible* (vs 1–3) **UMH 103**

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 90:1–10 (NIV)**

[1]Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
[2]Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.[3]You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." [4]A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.[5]Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they

are like the new grass of the morning: [6]In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. [7]We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. [8]You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. [9]All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. [10]Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

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**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be 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 *In the Garden* **UMH 314**

SCRIPTURE **Judges 4:1–9, 22 (NIV)**

[1]Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. [2]So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. [3]Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help. [4]Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was

leading[a] Israel at that time. 5 She held court under the Palm of
Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of
Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their
disputes decided. 6 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from
Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of
Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of
Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. 7 I will
lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots
and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your
hands.’” 8 Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if
you don’t go with me, I won’t go.” 9 “Certainly I will go with you,”
said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the
honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the
hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.
10 There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten
thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also
went up with him… 22 Just then Barak came by in pursuit of
Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. “Come,” she said, “I will
show you the man you’re looking for.” So he went in with her,
and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—
dead.

MESSAGE **“How Many Shopping Days Left?”**

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace* (v1–3) **UMH 378**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* **UMH 349**

EXTINGUISHING ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
Liturgist: Buddy Pennewell
ASL Interpreter: Lynn Kohler

Homecoming Sunday

Lord,
you have been
our dwelling place
throughout all
generations

Psalm 90:1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE & LUNCHEON—Today. Covered dish luncheon following the service.
BOOK STUDY—This Advent, Pastor Shannon will lead a book study on "A Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel. We have ordered 10 books and will set the dates and times based on interest. Please email or text Pastor if you are interested. Thank you in advance!
CHURCH DINNER at Dayton's on *November 18* at 4:00 pm.
RUITLAND BAPTIST CHURCH TURKEY DRIVE — Deadline for the collection of funds for the Turkey Drive is *November 20*.
DECORATING OF THE SANCTUARY for Advent *November 22* after the church service.
FRUITLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL — All items for the FIS meal bags are due today. The bags will be packed on *November 22*.
YOUTH NIGHT AT SOUTHBOUND ALLEY *November 25* at 6 pm. All ages! Will include dinner. Please rsvp to pastorslharris@gmail.com.
FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK — Monthly requests include canned soups, canned meats, canned fruits, boxed juices, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, and size 3–4 diapers.
PRAYER CHAIN — Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423.
SOCIAL HOUR — See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.

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	Tithely Giving is now available through our website to provide another way for you to support the work of St. John's. Just click the "GIVE" button on the homepage, or use this QR with your phone camera.

POINSETTIAS 2026 ORDER FORM

This year we will be ordering poinsettias from Parkside High School's Horticultural Classes. They have requested that we order early so they can reserve our poinsettias for December. Available colors are Aurora Red and Jack Frost (white).

All plants are 8" pots and cost $12 each. Please specify RED or WHITE when ordering.

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____

For any questions or to place an order, contact Linda Stark at 410-726-2635 or Landjstark@comcast.net
Orders can also be mailed to: 208 Hunters Way,
Salisbury, MD 21804

Orders and payment must be received no later than Sunday, November 22. Make checks payable to St. John's UMC.

____ I would like to donate my poinsettias.

____ I will pick up my poinsettias.