ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

November 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-sixth 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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Left Side (facing front, closest to fellowship hall): Worship the Lord with gladness!

Right Side: Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know this! The Lord is God.

Left Side: Know this! We belong to the Lord who made us.

Right Side Know this! We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

Left side: Come into the holy courts with praise.

Right Side: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever. God's faithfulness is for all generations.

— based on NRSV and Presbyterian Book of Common Worship.

HYMN *We Gather Together* **UMH 131**

SCRIPTURE READING **Ephesians 1:15–23 (NIV)**

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord
Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped
giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep
asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious
Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so

that you may know him better. [18] I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, [19] and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength [20] he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, [21] far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. [22] And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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 UMH 888**

***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 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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs 1–3) **UMH 62**

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 100**

[1]Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. [2]Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. [3]Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. [4]Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. [5]For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

MESSAGE **" The Last Word"**

***HYMN** *Open My Eyes* **UMH 454**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

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

EXTINGUISHING ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
Liturgist: Cathy Grim

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.

Ephesians 1:18



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECORATING OF THE SANCTUARY for Advent *November 22* after the church service.
NOVEMBER 23 — ONE Board meeting at 6:30 pm via ZOOM. See Linda Stark for the link.
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!
FRUITLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL — The FIS 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.

Connect with us on the web:
www.stjohnsfruitland.org

	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.