ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

November 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-fourth 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: Are you awake? Are you alert?

People: God is coming into our lives in a new way

Leader: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

People: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

People: The Holy Spirit is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Come, let us worship and work in the reign of God.

People: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

HYMN *Rock of Ages* **UMH 361**

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NIV)**

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the

Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 25:1–13 (NIV)**

MESSAGE **"Grieving with Hope"**

***HYMN** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **UMH 133**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *To God Be the Glory* (vs 1) **UMH 98**

EXTINGUISHING ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE & LUNCHEON—November 15. Service begins at 10 am; covered dish luncheon begins at11:15 am.
FRUITLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL — All items for the FIS meal bags are due by November 15. The bags will be packed on November 22.
FRUITLAND BAPTIST CHURCH TURKEY DRIVE — Deadline for the collection of funds for the Turkey Drive is November 20.
MISSIONS MEETING: Following today's service.
FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK — Monthly requests include canned soups, canned meats, canned fruits, boxed juices, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, and size 3–4 diapers.
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.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13b

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