



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 9, 2025 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

– We Gather –

PRELUDE

Adagio Op. 2, No. 1
Alicia Luttrell

Beethoven

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Dr. Darren McClellan

Please take this time to sign the attendance pad located in your pew, or scan the CONNECT QR code located on the back of this bulletin.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily McGough

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

With the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints (v. 1,2,5,6)

UMH 711

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. Amen

❖**PASSING OF THE PEACE** *As forgiven and reconciled people, let us pass the Peace of Christ with one another.*

Today's Acolyte: George Wolf

❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit* **Bold Print** – *Congregation Reads Aloud*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, by your Spirit may your Word be proclaimed, that we may know good news in our hearts and minds and bear witness to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed. Quiet in us any voice but your own, that we might hear your Word to us today. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 145:8-21

UMH 857-858

Please join the choir in the sung response when indicated by the red R.

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

When We Are Living (v. 1-2)

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

After the children's moment, children may leave with our staff to go to the nursery. Following the service parents can meet their children in The Landing.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, ¹ in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³ Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts."

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

♪ACT OF PRAISE

Give Me Jesus
Chancel Choir

arr. Manor

❖NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God

chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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SERMON

"Be Strong, Stand Firm, Hold Fast"

Rev. Jennifer Porto

— *WE RESPOND* —

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **universal*

♪❖GLORIA PATRI 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Chancel Choir

arr. Sanborn

♪❖DOXOLOGY

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.

— *WE GO FORTH* —

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖HYMN OF INVITATION

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

The Ash Grove

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WELCOME

We want to thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. If you have questions about church activities, church membership, or the Christian faith, we would love to speak with you.



Are you visiting today? If so, please scan this QR code to complete a CONNECT card, or contact a staff member to assist you.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received 11/2/25 \$12,697



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ONLINE GIVING

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

November 9, 2025

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
5:30pm Youth

Monday Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)
Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

Tuesday Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP)

Wednesday Handbell Practice, 5:00pm
Choir Practice, 6:00pm
Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (FP)

Thursday Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)
Trivia Night, 7:00pm (206 State St.)

Friday Office Closed

FP-Fellowship Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WP-Wisteria Parlor
B-Basement, DW-Dumas Wesley, 126 Mobile Street

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS can still be found scattered around campus. Please consider supporting our 2025 ministry plan by completing a card and turning it in to the church office. You may also complete a card online by visiting our website www.apumc.com.

THE JOSEPH PROJECT UPDATES

Volunteers—We're expecting a surge of clients during the approaching holiday season, and could use some extra hands, especially on Thursdays from 9:30am to noon. The upcoming dates are November 20, and December 4 and 18.

Thanksgiving Food—A signup for food donations can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or a link to a sign up genius can be found in your newsletter. There is also a link in the newsletter to donate money for turkeys and additional food. Thank you to those who have already donated. Because of your generosity, we're over halfway to our goal of 100 of each item!

Christmas Cards—A table is set up in the Fellowship Hall hallway for Christmas card orders, or you may use the link in your upcoming newsletter to order online. The deadline for preaddressed envelopes is Dec. 7.

For more information about any of these things, please contact Stephanie Alexander at skalexander@bellsouth.net.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Bob Cook, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Jake Elder, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, Marcia Golson, Curt Graf (Curtis Graf's father), Jim Harter, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Jody Thompson (Pam Bostick's brother-in-law), Louise Thomson, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*new concern this week)

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Hymns and Responses for November 9, 2025

For All the Saints

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1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

When We Are Living

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1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.
2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Psalter Reading from Psalm 145:8-21

Psalm 145:8-21

RESPONSE (*Easter & General*)

Ps. 85:7
Adapt. from Leisentritt's *Gesangbuch*



Let us see your kind-ness, Lord; grant us your sal - va-tion.

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- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The Lord is good to all,
his compassion is over all his creation.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you!
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations. **R**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand,
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ All the Lord's ways are just,
all the Lord's doings are kind.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call,
to all who call upon the Lord in truth.
- ¹⁹ The Lord fulfills the desire of all the faithful,
and hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ All who love the Lord, the Lord preserves.
All the wicked the Lord destroys.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name for ever and ever. **R**