ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in Classical Style* YOUNG
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME Lay Reader
OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember: ℟

Leader: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember: ℟

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

All: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 89 *(all vs)* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70 MEINEKE
MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER Lay Reader & Congregation
*HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH # 549 (all vs) *Where Charity and Love Prevail* AZMON
OFFERTORY PRAYER Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC *I Love You, Lord / Sweet, Sweet Spirit / Alleluia* KARTSONAKIS
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95 OLD 100TH
SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Chancel Choir *Speak, O Lord* MCDONALD
* SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-46 Lay Reader
SERMON "Reformation" Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ Screen / Insert *A Lawyer Came Near* ASH GROVE
* BENEDICTION
* POSTLUDE *Rondeau* MOURET

* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Akira Obi / Josie Wilcher
Children's Church: Margo Whitaker
Counter & Lay Reader: Les Arent
Live Stream: Sandy Dempster
Media & Sound: Mike Crocker
Ushers: Thomas * & Cathy Schoonover

*help with offering



28: Bill Goodwin
29: Patsy Zoumberis
31: Will Weaver
November 3: Michael Massey

The Blessing Box is extremely low on donations! If you are able, please bring any of the following to the Church office this week: packaged crackers / tuna packets / breakfast bars / "Slim-jim type" beef sticks / bottled water / fruit cups / non-chocolate granola bars / beanie weenies. Thank you for caring for our neighbors in need! POC: John McIntyre, 478.954.9035.

A donation to the Church has been given **In Memory of Janice Dempster,** Sandy & Debbie's sister-in-law, by Bill and Gail Goodwin.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
POC: John McIntyre, 478.954.3095



UNITED METHODIST MEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 5PM
We will use Christopher's Place pavilion on the eastside of campus. Make plans to attend and invite a friend!!



LUNCHEON CELEBRATING VETERANS' DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
11AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL
We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. John Manning will share with us. Please RSVP to the office, 478.922.0211 or Shirley Hall, 478.951.3520.



Kidz for Christ's is collecting food items for the Little Angels Attic Thanksgiving giveaway. Please bring your donations by November 8 and place in the container in the Narthex.

Items needed: canned corn / canned green beans / canned sweet potatoes / cranberry sauce / boxed stuffing mix / boxed instant potatoes / boxed macaroni & cheese / gravy packets.

Thank you for your help with this project! God Bless You ~ Delisa, Edith, and Lessia

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 25, 2026
PASTOR ~ THE REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN
912.663.0734



Faith Moving † God's Love Transforming † Difference Making

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM † Worship ~ 10:00 AM

† We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.

† Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.

† Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

† Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will be dismissed for Children's Church following the Children's Moment. Children's Church meets in the Education Building Room 7. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

† Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

Office Hours: M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9-11am

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

> Deuteronomy 34:1-12 > Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
> 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 > Matthew 22:34-46

OCTOBER 18 ATTENDANCE: 60 in-person / 13 on-line