



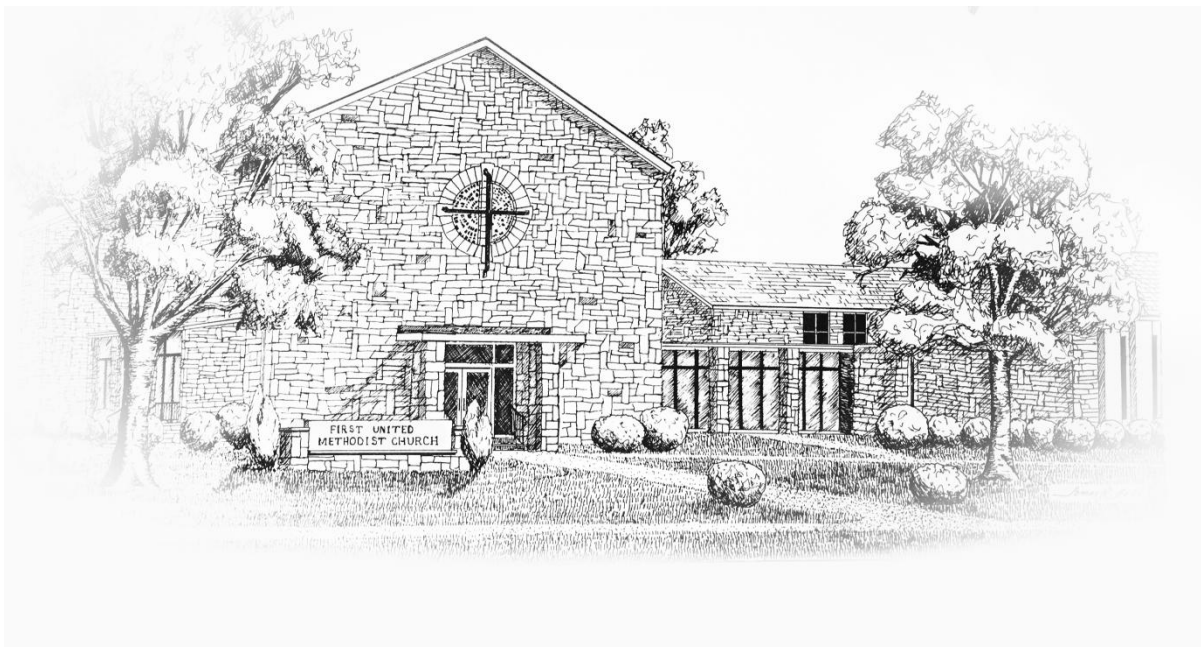
First United Methodist Church Graham, NC

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*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025*



Our Mission

To make disciples for Jesus Christ through love and service

Our Vision

A loving and diverse community meeting the real needs of our neighbors through spirit-filled worship, intergenerational discipleship, and caring service

Come, Let Us Worship the Lord

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Gathering

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Quiet Hour

Niedermeyer

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world
or still waiting for a sign,

**let us worship the Lord,
encouraging one another in hope.**

Whether we are confident
in what the future will bring
or carry more questions than answers,

**let us worship the Lord,
strengthening one another in faith.**

When the world is fractured and falling,
let us worship the Lord who will make all things new.

†OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built

*(UMH #368)**

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock I stand
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

†SHARING THE PEACE

Please greet your neighbor and pass the Connect pads to register your attendance.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we
may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

Roger Jones

¹⁷ Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth:
past events won't be remembered;
they won't come to mind.
¹⁸ Be glad and rejoice forever
in what I'm creating,
because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy
and her people as a source of gladness.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people.
No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again.
²⁰ No more will babies live only a few days,
or the old fail to live out their days.
The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person,
and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed.
²¹ They will build houses and live in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They won't build for others to live in,
nor plant for others to eat.

Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;
my chosen will make full use of their handiwork.
²³ They won't labor in vain,
nor bear children to a world of horrors,
because they will be people blessed by the Lord,
they along with their descendants.
²⁴ Before they call, I will answer;
while they are still speaking, I will hear.
²⁵ Wolf and lamb will graze together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
but the snake—its food will be dust.
They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain, says the
Lord.

SHARING FAITH WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Chris Fulkerson

Childcare is available for children ages 5 and under in Room 121. Red drawstring "Worship Kid Kits" with children's bulletins are available in the entrance area each week for children to use throughout worship.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS Helen Howard, Sandy Davis

PASTOR:

As members of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to
strengthen its ministries?

MEMBER:

I will.

PASTOR:

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers,
your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

MEMBER:

I will.

CONGREGATION:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service,
and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Krogstad

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall Descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well!

†SECOND SCRIPTURE READING [Luke 21:5-19](#)

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SERMON

"Hope Beneath the Ruins"

Pastor Duane

Response

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(UMH #895)*

**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.**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(UMH #881)*

**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.**

†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.**

Sending Forth

RESPOND TO THE WORD

The altar is always open if you would like to pray. Feel free to stay as long as you desire. If people remain in prayer after the dismissal, those who must leave are asked to move quietly and reverently toward the back of the sanctuary.

†CLOSING HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have

(UMH #413)*

1. A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare
a strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

†THE BLESSING

†CHORAL RESPONSE (Choir and Congregation)

(TFWS #2150)*

**In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today. Amen.**

†CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

†POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

Purcell

†Please stand if you are able.
*Songbooks are located in pew rack