

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Gwen and Bobby Wilkins to the Glory of God and in memory of Bobby’s parents, George and Teal Wilkins.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

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Leading in Today’s Worship Service

Lead Pastor - Rev. Anita Sain
Associate Pastor - Rev. Erin Yow
Associate Pastor - Rev Steve Coss
Director of Music - Michael S. Brannon
Musicians - Chancel Choir;
Joshua Lee Dunn, drums; Quinn Sternberg, electric bass
Acolyte - Susan Slingluff
Cross Bearer - Gaye Currier
Reader - Joy Williams
Greeters and Ushers - Greg Turnage, Dr. Leslie Turnage,
Sissi Carroll, Grace Vineyard, Larry Appleby
Video and Sound Technicians - Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson

Giving

To support the ministries and missions of First United Methodist Church, place a gift in the offering plate, give online through the QR code below, send a check to the church, or give through regular bank drafts.

Thank you for your generosity.



2026 September Giving
Budgeted Funds - \$115,584
Received Funds - \$97,443

2026 YTD Giving
Budgeted Funds - \$1,040,250
Received Funds - \$960,480



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First United Methodist Church

October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



A warm welcome to all guests and newcomers. Please fill out the attendance register on your pew. All persons are welcome at First United Methodist Church, as Jesus Christ has welcomed us into the love and grace of God. Our mission is to change lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Order of Worship

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary	Adagietto	Gerald Near
✠Hymn 560	Help Us Accept Each Other	ACCEPTANCE

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.

Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

✠Please rise in body or in spirit.

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal 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.**

✠ Responsorial Hymn 71 GREATOR EX

**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.**

Prayer

The 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.

Anthem	I'll Fly Away	Brandon A. Boyd
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Invitation to Offering

Instrumental	Jesus and the Children	Austin C. Lovelace
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✠ Responsorial Hymn 95	Doxology	OLD 100th
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**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.**

Scripture Lessons Luke 7:36-50; Romans 8:1-2

Sermon Receiving Forgiveness Rev. Erin Yow

✠Hymn 393 Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
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✠Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Fanfare and Processional Lynn Trapp

Today's scripture comes from the Common English Bible translation. The CEB is a modern English translation of the Bible designed to be clear, natural, and easy to understand while remaining faithful to the meaning of the original biblical texts.

The closing voluntary is offered as the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.

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