

August 31, 2026
Traditional Service
Fellowship Worship #2



Prelude: O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth - Mendelssohn

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The light shines out of the darkness

People: The darkness cannot overcome it.

Leader: You are the salt of the earth

People: Let us not lose our flavor!

***Opening Prayer: O God, you call us to be salt and light for the world. Shine upon us that we may reflect you in our words and actions. Season us with your Spirit that we may be the salt of the earth that others may know your love and grace today. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH 585 - This Little Light of Mine

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20 (8:45 Rob Moss, 11:15 Jerry Gordon)

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Anthem 11:15: Seek Ye First - Larson

Sermon: You are Salt and Light

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering:

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Offertory: Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit - Burleigh
Michael Bromley, solo

***Doxology:** UMH 94

***Apostles' Creed:** UMH 881

***Closing Hymn:** UMH 540 - I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

***Benediction**

Postlude: Gloria in Excelsis - Vivaldi

Announcements:

Building Bridges starts back up Wednesday, September 16 from 5:45 – 7:00 PM.

ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers needed. No Spanish required! Contact Margie Hernandez for more information: margie@braddockstreetumc.org.

The Backpack Ministry provides weekend food for children in need. DONATIONS NEEDED: Mac and cheese, (individual), Fruit cups, (individual), Cereal bars, Vegetables, (individual or canned), Pasta, (individual or canned), Cheese and PB crackers. Please drop off at the church office.

The UWF Pecan Fundraiser begins September 6 and continues to October 11. Orders can be placed in the Fellowship Hall Gathering Space. There are three varieties: Mammoth Pecan Halves, Southern Praline Pecans, and Milk Chocolate Pecan Halves. The price is \$16 per bag, \$15 per bag if you buy 2 or more bags. Contact Megan Pugh at (540) 533-8120 or mpugh08@gmail.com by October 11.

Mission Moment

“Family Promise Winchester Area is a nonprofit organization rooted in the values of empathy, compassion, humility, community, service, and love. We are committed to serving families with children or who are expecting a child, and who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Our work focuses on helping families remain safely housed or move quickly into stable, long-term housing, and we remain grounded in strong partnerships with local faith communities” - Sandi Webster, BSUMC's Kitchen Manager works with them.