

## WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME  
HERE.

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WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO. MATTHEW 6:21  
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(\* ) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT  
TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

### MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### A TIME OF REFLECTION

**\*OPENING HYMN: #25 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST** (ALL VERSES)

ISAAC WATTS, 1719; ALT.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

**LORI MAYER, LAY READER**

LEADER: LET US COME TOGETHER AS ONE BODY BEFORE GOD.

**ALL: AS WE WORSHIP, MAY THE LORD KNIT US TOGETHER IN LOVE.**

LEADER: IN THE COMPANY OF ALL THE FAITHFUL PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE.

**ALL: MAY WE GROW IN THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: LIVING LORD, WE PRAISE YOU THAT AS YOU ASK UNITY OF US AND FORBEARANCE  
FOR ONE ANOTHER'S FAULTS, YOU OFFER US GUIDANCE FOR THE TASK. YOU GOVERN US  
WITH YOUR PEACE AND LEAD US WITH YOUR FORGIVING LOVE. AS YOU LIVE WITHIN US, LET  
OUR LIVES EVER MORE FULLY REFLECT YOUR GOODNESS AND GRACE. AMEN.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)**

**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.**

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATORREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

### ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: MATTHEW 6:19-21**

**SERMON: "MONEY!"**

**REV. DICK HOTCHKIN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**\*HYMN: #521 IN SOLITUDE** (ALL VERSES)

RUTH DUCK, 1983

### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.  
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.  
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.  
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.  
WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR  
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #503 O SAVIOR, LET ME WALK WITH YOU** (ALL VERSES)

WASHINGTON GLADDEN, 1879; ALT.

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*UNISON RESPONSE:**

**AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN,  
MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.**

### POSTLUDE

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

LAY READER: LORI MAYER

ALTAR GUILD: CINDY STRALEY

USHERS: NANCY AND ASHLEY WEDGE    GREETERS: RON BORKE AND TRISH McLAREN

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: MARY MINNICK, JAY & MARILYN KETTLER

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY    NOVEMBER 17    10:00 AM    WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENT

- ❖ FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR **DECEMBER 22 AND 29**. YOU MAY SIGN-UP IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATES: DECEMBER 8, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON; DECEMBER 20, OPEN HOUSE 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.
- ❖ WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE **LAY READERS**. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP ONE OR MORE SUNDAYS A MONTH.
- ❖ POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. YOU MAY PURCHASE ONE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE. COST IS \$21/EACH. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1.**
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER: DRESSINGS (GREAT VALUE OR STOVE TOP), GRAVY (CANNED), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES (BOXED OR POUCHES), ANY CANNED FRUIT OR VEGETABLES. DEADLINE FOR DONATION IS **NOVEMBER 25**. YOU MAY USE THE DONATED SHOPPING BAGS.
- ❖ PLEASE PLAN TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NOVEMBER 24 WORSHIP SERVICE. SEE YOU THERE!
- ❖ PLEASE SEE NANCY WEDGE FOR GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS: DISH CLOTHS FOR \$2.50 AND/OR CORN BROOMS FOR \$20 EACH. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH.
- ❖ THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH PLANS TO MEET FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT THE 19<sup>TH</sup> HOLE AT 11:30 AM. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! CONTACT BOBBI ZUBI FOR MORE INFORMATION 989-657-9996.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

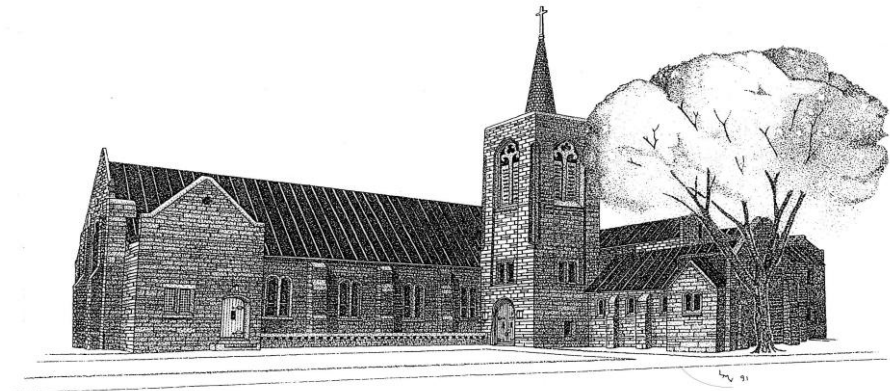
A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 17, 2024

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,  
we welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
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