

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

*Apostles Creed

**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

*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.*

Prayer of Yearning,

Gracious God,

Help us become your bold acolytes,

lighting the way of your truth for all to see.

Help us choose honorable paths through the
green pastures and still waters amid the darkest
valleys of our lives.

For you are greater than our fears
and you know how to bring us peace.

As you laid down your life for us,
may we strive to live for others.

We choose you this day,
for no other name under heaven

Inspires us to greater joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's promises are sure.

The promise of forgiveness, grace, and love are true.

In Christ's love and grace

we are forgiven and made new.

Children's Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

The Gift of Love

Hopson

Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson

I John 3:13-24

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In Action and Truth

Ellen Horseman

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer

Chancel Choir

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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.

*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581

*Benediction

You are witnesses of God's love and grace,

We are witnesses of God's love.

You are witnesses of Christ's life.

We are witnesses of Christ's life.

You are witnesses of the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are witnesses of the life and love in the Spirit.

Go forth as witnesses of the blessings of our God.

*Congregational Choral Response

Be present at our table, Lord;

be here and everywhere adored;

thy creatures bless, and grant that we

may feast in paradise with thee.

*Postlude

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Liturgist: Rebecca Roark

**Prayers for...**

*Prayers for...  
the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestinians in Gaza.  
our men and women serving in harm's way.  
the neighbors served by our community ministries.  
victims and victim communities of mass shootings.  
those whose lives were reshaped by Hurricane Helene  
and Hurricane Milton  
the peaceful transfer of power between the Biden  
administration and the Trump administration.*

**our church family...** Ed & Bonnie House,  
Bob Wunnenberg, Rhonda Shirey, Wanda Shambley,  
Mattie Upton, Dot Everett, John Christie, Dick Taylor

**hospice...** Bill Morrison, Camille Helms

**extended family...** Jean Beaver, John Cash,  
James Louviere, Daniel Godwin, Lanae Gaston,  
Lloyd Ryan, Steve Chambliss, Samantha Milner,  
Roberta Ross-Fisher, Dot Bearden, Billy Atkins,  
Rusty Johnson, Sue Paysen, Rick Powell

**homebound or assisted living ...** Elizabeth Taylor,  
Danny Barnes, Joyce Mann, Sarah Shirey, Gloria Bounds,  
Joyce Richardson, Ruth Dempsey, Billy Joe Black,  
Lou Slaughter, Pat Beasley

**military...** Buck Lucas

**We are delighted** to welcome our Lay Leader, Ellen  
Horseman to the pulpit today. Ellen has served as our  
Lay Leader since 2021 and will complete her term in  
December. Thank you, Ellen, for your faithful service.

**Friends on a Mission** are collecting girls leggings and  
boys pants for Camden Elementary School though the  
end of November. There is a donation box outside the  
office. Their meeting is this Wednesday at 5:30pm. All  
women are welcome!

**Volunteer sign-up sheets** for 2025 are in the Common  
Room on the second floor.

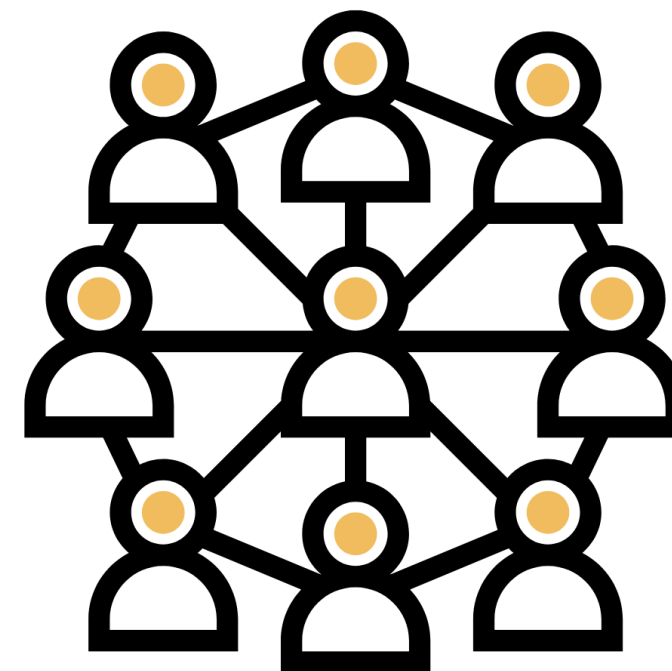
**This Week at Church**

- Sunday, November 17, 2024**  
9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:00pm Grief Group  
5:00pm Youth—Dobbins
- Monday, November 18, 2024**  
9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women  
4:45pm Sue's Table  
6:00pm Monday Bible Study
- Tuesday, November 19, 2023**  
8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry
- Wednesday, November 20, 2023**  
8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00 noon Bible Study  
5:30pm Friends on a Mission  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Choir
- Thursday, November 21, 2023**  
8:30am Preschool
- Friday, November 22, 2023**  
9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women

**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on  
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service  
is available on our YouTube channel -  
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**Building Community**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 17, 2024**

**Open Hearts, Open Minds  
Open Doors**