

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 10/29: 5th Sunday Breakfast, play practice, Blessing of the Animals
- ◆ 11/2: Circle of Faith (10:00)
- ◆ 11/4: Play Practice (10:00-12:00)
- ◆ 11/5: All Saints Sunday (10:30)  
Coffee Minute (11:30)
- ◆ 11/12: Play Practice, Committed to Christ meeting (11:30)
- ◆ 11/14: Finance (6:00), Trustees (7:00)
- ◆ 11/18: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet
- ◆ 11/19: Thanksgiving Potluck (11:30)
- ◆ 11/21: Church Council (6:00)

The Circle of Faith will meet Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

There will be a Habitat for Humanity build on November 16, 17, & 18 in the Bristol area. You can sign up in the narthex for any or all of the dates, or contact Pastor Gary.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of October, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper, peanut butter & laundry detergent. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Katie Walker

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Travis Buchanan  
Family of David Burleson  
Catherine Cartus  
John & Michelle Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Family of Lauren Dake  
Jackie Denny  
Jenny Durban  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Marvin Feagins & family  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Pam Hagen  
Mendy Hall  
Jacob Haun  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Sharon Herzer  
Cindy Holmes  
Scott Huff  
Keith & Jean Jones  
Joyce Josie  
Karl Kapoor  
Deni Kiehl  
Tammy Kosa  
Linda Kostreva  
Aubrey Lee  
Karen Martin  
Bonnie Marrs  
Bob & Wanda May  
Family of David McElveen  
Dan McGuire  
Kent & Midge Merrill  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peebles  
Bobby Seay  
Steven Schmidt  
John & Susan Trotter  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Arr. Gilbert Martin

### First Things First

### Call to Worship

From Psalm 103

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;

**People: tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations;

**People: declare God's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Leader: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"

**People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

### Invocation

### Hymn of Praise

"Ye Servants of God"

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### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, we walk with joy and gratitude, knowing that You are always with us.

**People: As we go, we see others who do not have that assurance.**

Leader: We hear Your call to go and tell,

**People: but we are busy, or intimidated, or frightened to speak.**

Leader: Forgive us when we withhold words of encouragement and hope;

People: when we fail to offer Your forgiveness and peace;

Leader: when we speak with anger rather than patience;

People: when our words cause division rather than unity.

Leader: Forgive us when we hide our witness.

People: Strengthen us to be Your faithful disciples, sharing with everyone the love and redemption we find in Jesus our Savior.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God knows us totally and loves us anyway. Seek God's courage, follow where God leads, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Psalm 71:15-19

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Mighty to Save" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Discipleship Testimony

New Testament Reading Acts 1:1-11

Anthem "Go Ye Into the world"

Sermon "Be a Witness" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Invitation to Discipleship

Reflection "Pass It On"

Hymn of Commitment "Lord, Speak to Me" #463, v. 1, 3, & 4

Benediction

Benediction Response

O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Committed to Christ

Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 10/30 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

TODAY at 4:00 at Powell Square Park, we will have a Blessing of the Animals. Everyone from the whole community is invited.

- All animals need to be vaccinated
- Dogs must be on a leash with a snug collar or harness
- Cats and other pets must be in an enclosed carrier

For everyone's safety, you may wish to just bring a photo of your animal. Also, the Jr. High youth group will be collecting used blankets for the animal shelter.

Clare's Closet is accepting donations of slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or hoodies) for the upcoming season of giving. All donations may be taken to the box located in the connector. As always, your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Distributions will begin in October.

*Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.*