

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "Rock of Ages" – arr. Bill Wolaver Emily Wallace

Welcome and Announcements Robby Templeton

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Robby Templeton

*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. John P. Bolin

*Hymn of Worship "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

Prayer of Dedication Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Take My Life and Let It Be" – arr. Brent Erdstrom Emily Wallace

*Doxology UMH #95

Prayer for Illumination Rev. John P. Bolin

Scripture Rev. John P. Bolin

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Congregational Response

Leader: This is the Word of God

People: For the People of God

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Sermon "The World Will Know" Rev. John P. Bolin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Service of Word and Table II UMH #12

Meditation Emily Wallace

"Amazing Grace/Chopin Etude" – arr. Mark Hayes

*Hymn of Discipleship "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

* Benediction

*Congregational Response (vs. 1, No Refrain) UMH #672

"God Be With You till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude "Prelude in G Minor" J.S. Bach Emily Wallace

*Please stand if you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the world, the church, the UMC, First UMC, all who hold leadership positions, and the following persons:



Jane Stroud

Joe Swofford

Scott Tollison

Donald Martin

Nedra Walker

Shot Taylor

Johnny Mack Swofford

Mrs. JoAnn McMillan

Jane Ann Cassell

Shannon Stroud

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Donald Martin – c/o Tabitha Reith, 15821 W. 127th Terrace, Olathe, KS 66062

Jane Rogers – 109 Wedgewood Dr., Laurens, SC 29360

CHICKEN STEW FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 24th** for a Chicken Stew fundraiser. We will need volunteers to help make the stew. If you can help make the stew, please sign-up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.



We are taking donations to help purchase the supplies needed to make the stew. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your envelope "**chicken stew supplies**".

PRE-ORDER AVAILABLE: A sign-up sheet is also on the bulletin board if you would like to pre-order your quart(s). The cost per quart is **\$12.00**.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING

Today our congregation will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Your gifts help provide care, hope, and healing for children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across S.C. To learn more about Epworth, visit www.epworthsc.org.



Staff Members

Pastor: Rev. John P. Bolin

Administrative Assistant: Karen Reeder

Financial Secretary: Lucy Crowder

Accompanist: Emily Wallace

Custodian: Lillie Philson

Ministers: All Members

Lay Liturgist: Robby Templeton

Ushers: Sam Howell, Allen Prince

Nursery Helpers for September: Vicky Culbertson, Sissy Taylor

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FOOD BANK
Tues. & Thurs. Noon-2PM
Please Consider Supporting by
Marking Your Donation "Food Bank"



FOOD DONATIONS
Please bring food donations for the Food Bank every 1st Sunday of the month. For September, we will have Communion on the second Sunday (**Sept. 13th**).



DEVOTIONS FOR FOOD BANK: We will be placing a monthly devotion, "*The Bread of Life: Devotions for Everyday Strength*", in the bags that we give out in the Food Bank. If you would like to write a devotion for one month, please let Susan Roberts or Karen Reeder know.

FRI. LUNCH BUNCH

** Meet at local restaurants at **11:30am**.
For out-of-town restaurants, please call Jane Stroud or Sissy Taylor to carpool.



September 2026

September 11	Lazy Ponds (14507 Hwy. 221 S, Waterloo)
September 18	Dempsey's, Clinton
September 25	Jarvis River, Laurens

Offering Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings
Place in offering plates as they come by,
Mail to: P.O. Box 203, Laurens, SC 29360
Or Text "BOLD" to 73256



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Worship: Sundays at 10:30am
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First United Methodist Church

*West Main Street
Laurens, South Carolina*

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Welcome!

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*Rev. John P. Bolin
Pastor*