

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Emily Wallace

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" – arr. Robert Thygerson

*Call to Worship Psalm 34 (UMH #769) Susan Roberts

Welcome and Announcements Susan Roberts

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Susan Roberts

*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Opening Hymn *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"* UMH #549

Call to Prayer

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

*Hymn of Worship *"Seek Ye First"* UMH #405

Prayer of Dedication Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"Peaceful Interlude #9"* – Mark Hayes Emily Wallace

*Doxology UMH #95

Prayer for Illumination Rev. John P. Bolin

Scripture Rev. John P. Bolin

Luke 15: 8-10 (MEV)

Luke 16: 10 (MEV)

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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 *"Finding the Pennies from Heaven"* Rev. John P. Bolin

*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 *"Little Song"* – Carl Simeone 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

Betty Burnside – c/o Timothy Burnside, 569 Saddle Ridge Dr., Bethlehem, GA 30620-2042

Bruce Sumarel, M.D. – NHC of Laurens, 379 Pinehaven St. Ext., Laurens, SC 29360

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Sun., Sept. 27th immediately following the worship service in the Conference Room. All SPRC members are asked to attend.



Church Council – Sun., Oct. 4th immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary. All Church members are asked to attend.

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: Susan Roberts

Ushers: Sam Howell, Robby Templeton

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.



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 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



CONNECT WITH US

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

*West Main Street
Laurens, South Carolina*

Sunday, September 20, 2026



Welcome!

At First United Methodist Church
we challenge each other to be **BOLD**,
to step out in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

BOLD
BECOMING • OBEDIENT • LOVING • DISCIPLES

*Rev. John P. Bolin
Pastor*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Apple Picking trip to Hendersonville – Wed., Sept. 23 – Leaving at 9am in the Church Office side parking lot.

Morning Glories (Women’s Bible study) will resume meeting on every Wednesday beginning **October 7th** at 10:30am in the Conference Room using **Jesus in Me** book by Ann Graham Lotz. There will be a video each week followed by discussion. There is a book available (but is not necessary to purchase) for \$10. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Gayle Hocker by this **Sun., Sept. 20**.

Charge Conference 2026 – Sun., Oct. 11th at 11:45am in the Sanctuary.

Kingdom Krafters – Sat., Oct. 17th – 10am – 12pm in the Fellowship Hall (this is Squealin’ on the Square weekend – park on Church Office Side) We will be making Soup Mix for the Food Bank and pumpkin crafts.

Mark Your Calendars Continued

Straight Street Trivia – Tues., Oct. 20 (starts at 5:30pm with hot dog supper and to play trivia at 6:00pm).

Peeling Potatoes at Straight Street – Fri., Oct. 23rd at 7pm (includes a hot dog supper).

Chicken Stew Making – Sat., Oct. 24th at 6am in the Fellowship Hall.

All Saints Sunday 2026 – Sun., Nov. 1st at 10:30am

Holiday Craft Show Vendor Set-Up – Fri., Nov. 13th

Holiday Craft Show – Sat., Nov. 14th (Early set-up for Vendors at 8:30am) – Officially starts from 10am to 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Decorate Church for Advent – Date and Time TBD.

Hanging of the Greens – 1st Sunday of Advent – Sun., Nov. 29th at 10:30am