

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers
"Here I Am, Lord" – Daniel L. Schutte

Welcome and Announcements Susan Roberts
*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Susan Roberts
*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Opening Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH #569

Call to Prayer

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

*Hymn of Worship "This Is My Song" UMH #437

Prayer of Dedication Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Aria" – Cynthia Dobrinski Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers
*Doxology UMH #95

Special Music Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers
"I've Got Peace Like a River" – arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Prayer for Illumination Rev. John P. Bolin
Scripture Acts 8: 26-40 (MEV) 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 "Everyday Evangelism" Rev. John P. Bolin

*Hymn of Discipleship "My Hope Is Built" UMH #368

* Benediction

*Congregational Response "Make Me a Servant" TFWS #2176
Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

*Postlude "Let All Things Now Living" – arr. Darcy Stanley 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	Shot Taylor
Joe Swofford	Johnny Mack Swofford
Scott Tollison	Mrs. JoAnn McMillan
Donald Martin	Nedra Walker

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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

Bruce Sumner, M.D. – NHC of Laurens, 379 Pinehaven St. Ext., Rm. 112, Laurens, SC 29360

Thank You!

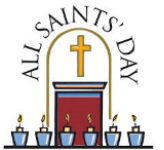
A special "Thank You" to the Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers for providing the beautiful handbell music during the worship service this morning.

The Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers are:

Randy Hillmann	Barbara Brown	Joanne Thomason
Kelly Hillmann	Dianne Sutton	Donna Whitlock
Gabriel Hillmann	Annette Elwood	Hope Deason
Paula Moss, Director		

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will be observing All Saints' Sunday on **Nov. 1, 2026**.
If you would like to honor a loved one who has passed away, please take a moment to write their name on the slip of paper provided this Sunday (Oct. 18th) or next Sunday (Oct. 25th).



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 October: Uli Fenzl, Gayle Hocker

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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.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to All Saints' Sunday on Nov. 1st, we will observe Communion on Sunday, November 8th.



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.



October 2026

October 16	House of Pizza, Laurens
October 23	Eats & Sweets, Laurens (On the Square)
October 30	Alcove, Greenwood

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026



Welcome!

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

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Rev. John P. Bolin
Pastor



ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 18, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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

Morning Glories (Women's Bible study) meeting every Wednesday at 10:30am in the Conference Room. They are using Jesus in Me book by Ann Graham Lotz. There will be a video each week followed by discussion.

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

CHICKEN STEW FUNDRAISER

Next **Saturday, October 24th** we will be making Chicken Stew beginning at 6am. Please sign-up on the sheet if you would like to help.

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



HALLOWEEN CANDY NEEDED

We will be handing out Halloween candy outside in front of the church on **Sat., Oct. 31st**. If you would like to donate candy, please bring to the church by **Thurs., Oct. 29th**. If you would like to help hand out candy, please join us at the church between **5pm and 5:30pm on Oct. 31st**.

