

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Emily Wallace
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" – arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship See Insert Randy Hillmann

Welcome and Announcements Randy Hillmann

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Randy Hillmann

*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Opening Hymn "Only Trust Him" UMH #337

Call to Prayer

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

*Hymn of Worship "Depth of Mercy" UMH #355

Prayer of Dedication Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesus Paid It All" – arr. Brent Erdstrom Emily Wallace

*Doxology UMH #95

Prayer for Illumination Rev. John P. Bolin

Scripture Rev. John P. Bolin

Matthew 7: 7 (MEV)

John 10: 9 (MEV)

Revelation 3: 20 (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 "Opening the Door of Opportunity" Rev. John P. Bolin

*Hymn of Discipleship "Leave It There" UMH #522

* 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 Emily Wallace

"The Church's One Foundation" – arr. Stevn Scott

*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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Sun., Sept. 27th

immediately following the worship service in the Conference Room.

Church Council – Sun., Oct. 4th immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.



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**.



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: Randy Hillmann

Ushers: Sam Howell, Jim Moore

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 25 Jarvis River, Laurens

October 2026

October 2 Trotters, Clinton
October 9 House of Pizza, Laurens
October 16 Arnolds, Laurens (On the Square)
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, September 27, 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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BECOMING • OBEDIENT • LOVING • DISCIPLES

Rev. John P. Bolin
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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.

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.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Philippians 4: 1-9)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

People: *Today we choose to rejoice.
Today we choose to worship and give thanks.*

Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: *Today we choose God's peace;
today we place our trust in God.*

Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.
Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

ALL: *We come to worship God who alone is excellent
and worthy of praise!*