

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" – arr. Matt Hyzer Emily Wallace

Welcome and Announcements

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Don Hocker

*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

Call to Prayer

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

*Hymn of Worship "Children of the Heavenly Father" UMH #141

Prayer of Dedication Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Cleansing Fountain" – arr. Lani Smith Emily Wallace

*Doxology UMH #95

Prayer for Illumination Rev. John P. Bolin

Scripture 2 Kings 7: 1-19 (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 "Opening the Windows of Heaven" Rev. John P. Bolin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Service of Word and Table II UMH #12

Communion Meditation Emily Wallace

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" – arr. Charity Putnam

*Hymn of Discipleship "We'll Understand It Better By and By" UMH #525

* 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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Charge Conference – Sun., Oct. 11 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: Don Hocker

Ushers: Buck Crabtree, Sam Howell

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 this Sun., Oct. 4, 2026.



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 2	Trotters, Clinton
October 9	Arnolds, Laurens (On the Square)
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 4, 2026



Welcome!

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



Rev. John P. Bolin
Pastor



ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 4, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Morning Glories (Women's Bible study) will resume meeting on every Wednesday beginning this **Wed., 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