

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Dianne Sutton

Call to Worshipful Work

Leader: We confess that our own sight is often clouded by worry, doubt, and our own limited perspective.

People: Lord, clear away our blindness, and grant us new vision that we might see your great possibilities all around us.

Welcome and Announcements

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH #881

Robby Templeton

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*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

*Opening Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

Call to Prayer

Prayer

Gracious God, you are the giver of Holy sight. We pray that you would empower us by your Holy Spirit to open our eyes to new opportunities, remove feelings of being stuck, and replace doubt with faith. Help us we pray to focus on the possibilities so that we might Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously, in Jesus' name. Amen

*Hymn of Worship

"Amazing Grace"

UMH #378

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Dianne Sutton

*Doxology

UMH #95

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. John P. Bolin

Scripture

Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43 (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

"Perspective"

Rev. John P. Bolin

2026 Charge Conference: *Seeing the Possibilities*

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

A Video Message from Bishop Fairley

Worshipful Work Reports

- Ministry Area Reports (Church Council, UMM, UMW, UMYF, etc.)
- Pastor's Celebration Reports
 - Ministry completed and upcoming possibilities
 - Baptisms & Professions of Faith - 3
 - Approve Candidates for Ordained Ministry*
 - Approve Lay Servants*
- Other worshipful work reports

Administrative Items

- The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development *
- Ministerial Support *
- Accountable Reimbursement *
- Trustees Report
- Review Parsonage Form, Date of last parsonage walk through:
- Other items as needed

Apportionments

- Amount paid in 2025: 75%
- Amount expected to pay in 2026: 75%
 - If not 100%, reason? Church is facing financial hardship due to church split, will try to increase apportionment in 2027.
- Celebrate 100% paid for prior year

District Lay Leader Report

Receive All Report to Record

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

Closing Remarks and Prayer

**These items require a vote of the Charge Conference.*

Thank You!

A special thank you to Dianne Sutton for filling in at the piano this morning for Emily Wallace.

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 October: Uli Fenzl, Gayle Hocker

Staff Emails

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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

Offering Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Place in offering plates as they come by,

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Or Text "BOLD" to 73256



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Seeing the Possibilities



Charge Conference 2026

Greenwood District
Reverend Christopher Lollis
District Superintendent



ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 11, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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.

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

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.**



FOOD BANK

Tues. & Thurs. Noon-2PM
Please Consider Supporting by
Marking Your Donation “Food Bank”



FOOD DONATIONS REMINDER:

Please bring food donations for the Food Bank each month on the 1st Sunday (Communion Sunday).



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