THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost — Liturgical Color: White

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude	*"Holy Manna" – arr. Mark Hayes*	Emily Wallace
Welcome and Announcements		Robby Templeton
*Affirmation of Faith	UMH #881	Robby Templeton
*Gloria Patri		UMH #70
*Opening Hymn	*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*	UMH #139
Call to Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. John P. Bolin
*Hymn of Worship	*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*	UMH #375
Prayer of Dedication		Rev. John P. Bolin
Giving Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		Emily Wallace

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – arr. Bill Wolaver

*Doxology		UMH #95
Prayer for Illumination		Rev. John P. Bolin
Scripture	*Luke 5: 17-26 (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	*"Healing? Healing!"*	Rev. John P. Bolin
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Service of Word and Table II		UMH #12
Communion Meditation		Emily Wallace

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" – arr. Terry D. Wilson

*Hymn of Discipleship	*"He Touched Me"*	UMH #367
* Benediction		
*Congregational Response	*"Shalom to You"*	UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude	*"Amen" – arr. Mark Hayes*	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:

Calvin Culbertson	Jane Stroud
Shot Taylor	Joe Swofford
Johnny Mack Swofford	Scott Tollison
Mrs. JoAnn McMillan	Donald Martin
Nedra Walker	Jane Rogers

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Donald Martin – c/o Tabitha Reith, 15821 W. 127th Terrace, Olathe, KS 66062

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of: **Thelma Fridy Prince** **Given by:** Gene & Jean Madden

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Nursery Helpers for November: Teresa Crabtree, Joanne Thomason



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!!

Veterans Day
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE!



FOOD BANK
Tues. & Thurs. Noon-2PM
Please Consider Supporting by
Marking Your Donation "Food Bank"





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





During the months of **Nov. & Dec.**, we would like to give out loaves of bread in the food bank. Please leave your bread donations downstairs at the food bank or outside the church office.



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.



November 2026

November 6	Wilson's Curb Market, Clinton
November 13	Jarvis River, Laurens
November 20	Blue Ocean, Clinton (Opens at 1p.m.)
November 27	No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

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
Office Hrs.: M-Th. 8:30am-3pm
Phone #: 864-984-7696

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First United Methodist Church

West Main Street
Laurens, South Carolina

Sunday, November 8, 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

Holiday CRAFT SHOW

AND



BAKE SALE

First United Methodist Church
244 W. Main Street, Laurens, SC

Saturday, November 14, 2026
10:00am – 3:00pm

Crafts Baked Good Lunch Plates and More!!

Featuring Homemade Favorites:

- **Banana Pudding**
- **Bar-B-Q**
- **Baked Spaghetti**
- **Cakes**
- **Candy**
- **Chicken Pot Pies**
- **Chicken Stew**
- **Cookies**
- **Hot Dog & Burger Plates**
- **Pimento Cheese**
- **Sourdough Bread**
- **Vegetable Soup**

Shop Local Support Our Church Missions
Something for Everyone this Holiday Season!



ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 8, 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.

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.

Kingdom Krafters – Please join us for our next Kingdom Krafters on Sat., Nov. 21st from 10am – 12pm in the Conference Room. We will be making ceramic Christmas trees. The cost is $15.00. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the Church Office if you will be attending.

Decorate Church for Advent – Date and Time TBD.

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

Church-wide Christmas Party – Sat., Dec. 12 at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.