

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "O Rest in the Lord" – Felix Mendelssohn Emily Wallace

Call to Worship Psalm 139 (UMH #854 – 855) Susan Roberts

Welcome and Announcements Susan Roberts

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Susan Roberts

*Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Opening Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH #419

Call to Prayer

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

*Hymn of Worship "Sanctuary" TFWS #2164

Prayer of Dedication Rev. John P. Bolin

Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" Emily Wallace

(in the style of Scott Joplin) – arr. by Emily Crocker

*Doxology UMH #95

Special Music Dale Wallace, Soloist

"He Who Began a Good Work in You" – John Mohr

Prayer for Illumination Rev. John P. Bolin

Scripture Jeremiah 1: 4-12 (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 "What does God say about You?" Rev. John P. Bolin

*Hymn of Discipleship "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

* Benediction

*Congregational Response "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 4) UMH #557

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;

but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*Postlude "Rondo" – W.A. Mozart 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

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

HANDBELL PRACTICE RESUMES SOON

The Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers will resume practice for the fall beginning on Wed., September 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Handbell Room (room next to the Conference Room). All current JTHR members and anyone who would be interested in joining the handbell choir are asked to join us for our first meeting on Sept. 9th.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING

How Can We Help? Every day, Epworth provides hope and healing for children, youth, and families who have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect, or loss. Through compassionate care and supportive services, lives are transformed and brighter futures become possible. On Sun., Sept. 13th, our congregation will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Thank you for prayerfully considering your support of this important ministry. To learn more about Epworth, visit www.epworthsc.org.

Thank You!

A special "Thank You" to Dale Wallace for providing the solo during the worship service this morning.

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, Jim Moore

Nursery Helpers for August: Teresa Crabtree, Joanne Thomason

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CHICKEN STEW COMING SOON!

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.

Also, 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**".



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. For September, we will have Communion on the second Sunday (**Sept. 13th**).



FRI. LUNCH BUNCH

** Meet at local restaurants at **11:30am**.
For out-of-town restaurants, please call
Jane Stroud or Sissy Taylor to carpool.



August 2026

August 28 El Mescal, Laurens – (formerly Scurry's Café)

September 2026

September 4	Wilson's Curb Market, Clinton
September 11	Lazy Ponds (14507 Hwy. 221 S, Waterloo)
September 18	Dempsey's, Clinton
September 25	Jarvis River, Laurens

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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First United Methodist Church

West Main Street
Laurens, South Carolina

Sunday, August 30, 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