

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
November 19, 2023 ~ 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fulfill our Mission to "make disciples for Jesus Christ"
by following our Pathway:

Living our faith. Nurturing families.
Serving our communities.

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Susan Finger
Nun danket alle Gott

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Boruff

ONE: From the eagles' perch, to the fishes' deep,

ALL: From the color drenched leaves, to the rain drenched street

ONE: With our lips, with our hearts, with our hands,
with our feet;

ALL: We sing out, "ALLELUIA!" We laugh out, "HOSANNA!" We shout out, "THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!"

ONE: For all that was. For all that is. For all that will be.

ALL: Alleluia! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

ONE: For all that we were. For all that we could be!

ALL: Alleluia! Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

ONE: So, together we sing.

ALL: Together we say, may it always be so.

ONE: Together we shout...

ALL: AMEN!

***HYMN**

"We Gather Together" #131

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

INVITATION TO KIDS WORSHIP

Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade are invited to
First Kids.

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP BY TRANSFER

Lorina Smith

INTRODUCTION

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of household of God, I commend Lori Smith
to your love and care. Do you promise to keep her in
your prayers, minister beside her and nurture her in
her faith? If so, respond: **We will.**

Do you renew your covenant with God to faithfully
participate alongside Lori by participating in the
ministries of this church through your prayers, your
presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?
If so, respond: **With God's help we will.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

OFFERING TO GOD

Rev. Boruff

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*The choir this morning includes those who have sung in the
Sanctuary Choir, Wesley Choral, King's Men, or Joyful
Sound currently or anytime in the past.*

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; Praise him above,
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TIME FOR PRAYER

Mary Mendel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

OLD TESTAMENT

Mary Mendel

2 Kings 5:6-16 (MSG)

⁶ Naaman delivered the letter to the king of Israel. The
letter read, "When you get this letter, you'll know that
I've personally sent my servant Naaman to you; heal
him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read
the letter, he was terribly upset, ripping his robe to
pieces. He said, "Am I a god with the power to bring
death or life that I get orders to heal this man from his
disease? What's going on here? That king's trying to pick
a fight, that's what!" ⁸ Elisha the man of God heard what
had happened, that the king of Israel was so distressed

that he'd ripped his robe to shreds. He sent word to
the king, "Why are you so upset, ripping your robe
like this? Send him to me so he'll learn that there's a
prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman with his horses and
chariots arrived in style and stopped at Elisha's door.
¹⁰ Elisha sent out a servant to meet him with this
message: "Go to the River Jordan and immerse
yourself seven times. Your skin will be healed and
you'll be as good as new." ¹¹⁻¹² Naaman lost his
temper. He spun around saying, "I thought he'd
personally come out and meet me, call on the name
of God, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and
get rid of the disease. The Damascus rivers, Abana
and Pharpar, are cleaner by far than any of the rivers
in Israel. Why not bathe in them? I'd at least get
clean." He stomped off, mad as a hornet. ¹³ But his
servants caught up with him and said, "Father, if the
prophet had asked you to do something hard and
heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this
simple 'wash and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he did it. He went
down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven
times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin
was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. He
was as good as new. ¹⁵ He then went back to the Holy
Man, he and his entourage, stood before him, and
said, "I now know beyond a shadow of a doubt that
there is no God anywhere on earth other than the
God of Israel. In gratitude let me give you a gift."
¹⁶ "As God lives," Elisha replied, "the God whom I
serve, I'll take nothing from you." Naaman tried his
best to get him to take something, but he wouldn't do
it.

This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

***HYMN**

"Now Thank We All Our God" #102

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and
voices, who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest
heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven
adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

SERMON

Naaman's Thanksgiving Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #92

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love,

brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild;
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
 to the world so freely given,
 for that great, great love of thine,
 peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 this our hymn of grateful praise.

RESPONSE

O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died
 and lives again for our salvation;
**For our hope in him and for the joy of serving
 him, we thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all
 your goodness to us.**

MUSIC OF SENDING

To God Be The Glory Susan Finger

***BENEDICTION**

**Please stand as you are able*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs &
 ministries throughout the week!

Weekly Prayer Requests

- Pray for the children & staff at Gateway Childcare Administrators

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** All guests have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Center. We are glad you are here today. Let us know how we can help you.
- **FOOD AT FIRST:** 97 guests were served at Food @First last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **BLANKETS:** Collecting new blankets thru Nov. 26
- **ANGEL TREE:** Details in the Narthex; assist Gateway families for Christmas.
- **30 DAYS OF THANKSGIVING:** "We give because we have received God's abundant gifts." Take flyers from Welcome Center and return your items to the church office.
- **GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION** — Dec. 2 @ 4 -6 p.m. in fellowship Hall. **ALL AGES** are encouraged to register with Ally Hall by Nov. 26. Form a team and bring extra decorations to add to the basic items provided.

Weekly Schedule

Sun 11/19			
9:00 am	Trustees' mtg	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 11/20			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Big Book Study	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Tues 11/21			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal		Downtown
5:30 pm	Gateway Board Meeting	East/West	Downtown
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Youth Area	Downtown
Wed 11/22			
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
Thurs 11/23 Thanksgiving Day-Church Office Closed			
Fri 11/24 Church Office Closed			
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 11/25			
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South	Downtown
Sun 11/26			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First	Narthex	Downtown

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Bonnie Belangee, Ryan Falkenberry, Jeff Dyer

Greeters: Jim and Marilyn Ault, Pat Walker

Fellowship Time: Keith and Beth McFall

First United Methodist Staff:

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First United Methodist

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