FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Living and Loving like Christ

Traditional Order of Worship
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour (11am)
Prelude (8am) / Processional (11am)
"It Is Well with My Soul"
Philip P. Bliss; arr. Raluca Bojor

Bringing in the Light
Greeting and Announcements
Choral Introit (11am) "Lord, We Praise You" Otis Skillings
Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH 600
Affirmation of Faith
Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada UMH 883
Gloria Patri
Congregational Care
The Lord's Prayer
Offertory Hymn "Soon and Very Soon" UMH 706
Consecration of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Offertory Prayer
Offertory "Alleluia! Give Thanks"
Donald Fishel; arr. Lesley Morrison
Choral Anthem (11am) "In Gratitude We Come" David Lantz III
Scripture Luke 21:5-19
Sermon Lanita Monroe
Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" UMH 514
Benediction
Choral Benediction (11am)
"May The Road Rise To Meet You"
(Gaelic Benediction) Lee Turner

Taking the Light into the World
Music for Going Forth (8am) "Angel of Music" Andrew Lloyd Webber
Billie Mitchell, guest pianist
Music for Going Forth (11am) "Stand By Me" Charles A. Tindley; arr. Matthew Zisi

Traditional Worship Today

Sylvia Schneider, pianist

Special thanks to Billie Mitchell for sharing her gift of music in today's worship.

The flowers on the altar today were given to the glory of God by
Ed Froehlich in memory of Mary Ellen Froehlich.

Opportunities/Announcements

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due back today. Please place them on the tables in front of the altar for blessing. If you forgot yours today, drop them off at the church office no later than Wednesday, November 19.

New Small Group Study led by Bev Talbott will begin November 19 at 1:30 pm in Room 3. There is no homework! The class will study the book *The Blessed Life: Unlocking the Rewards of Generous Living* by Robert Morris. If you would like to purchase a book, it is available on Amazon, or if you would like for the church to purchase it and you reimburse the church, please note that on the sign-up sheet., which is located in the Narthex.

Consecration Sunday: We are making plans for next year and how we are called to be the best stewards of God's gifts to us as individuals and as a congregation. "My Plan for Ministry-2026" [dark teal] cards are now available in the Narthex for your plan of stewardship for the coming year. On Sunday, November 23, at all three worship services, we will consecrate our 2026 plans. We would like to have your estimate of giving card returned on that morning. If you will be out of town, you are invited to bring your information to the church office so we can include it with the others on Consecration Sunday.

It's Christmas Angel time. United Women in Faith is, once again, coordinating the Christmas Angel Program. Please stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday, November 23 and pick up an angel representing a girl or boy from Crab Orchard or Pine View Elementary Schools. You will have the option to shop for a want (toy) or a need (clothes). We will keep coats and shoes separate. Presents should be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 14. If you want to participate, but are unable to shop yourself, you can write a check to FFG UMW and someone will do the shopping for you. For more information, please call Karen Saunders at 401-603-84545.

Hanging of the Greens will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 24. Those interested in helping to beautify our church inside and out for the Christmas season are welcome to meet in the Choir Room at that time.

Advent Study: Please join Pastor Lanita Monroe for an Advent study based on Adam Hamilton's book *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*. This four-week study will be held in Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Mitten Tree: Please help us decorate with your gifts of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for local children. We provide hats and mittens for Pre-K and Kindergarten age children at Pine View and Crab Orchard elementary schools during their annual Christmas parties. Donations of all sizes are shared with Bread of Life, Avalon Center, and local ministries in need. The Mitten Tree will be in the Narthex Friday, November 28 through Sunday, December 7. You may contact Diana Graf with any questions at 847-530-3800.

Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Fairfield Glade Community of Churches, will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 25 at 4:30 p.m.

5th Sunday Special Combined Service / Brunch: The congregations from ALL THREE services are invited to meet together for ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 30, followed by a Potluck Brunch. We will have a mixture of music from our choir, traditional hymns, and our Praise team. This will be a time when friends from different worship services can reconnect, as well as make new friends. Make plans to join us for this special time of worship and fellowship! Sign-up sheets for the potluck are in the Narthex.

Handel's *Messiah* will be presented in our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 30, at 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to begin the Advent season. Make plans to attend!

The Compassionate Friends will be holding their Worldwide Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary. This service will unite family and friends around the globe as candles are lit for one hour to commemorate and honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon but are not forgotten. As candles are lit at 7:00 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. This special service is open to anyone who has lost a loved one. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Saferite at 931-287-0042.

Welcome to our guests!
Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship
for coffee and cookies.

Congregational Care

Cumberland Medical Center: Kurt Smith
Cumberland House Hospice: Derith Skipworth

Bledsoe County Nursing Home, Pikeville, TN: Dean Kanuckel
Dominion Senior Living: Sharon Meyer, Marilyn Orr
Holiday Lake Shore Commons, Wilmington, NC: JoAnn Mintz
Life Care Center of Crossville: Marilyn Bazley-Lowe
Morning Pointe of Lenoir City: Joy Morrison
NHC Place at Cool Springs, Franklin, TN: Tom Smith
Preserve: Peggy Orr, Kathie Sampson
Uplands Village: Mary Nell Benson, Wilma Roth

At home: Sue Armstrong, Sandra Ashmore, Phyllis Betz, Linda Bowman, Les Cecil, Richard Comshaw, Jeff Crosby, Karen DeVinney, C.C. Duff, Judy Flinn, George Foster, Larry Gagnon, Suzanne Gill, Karen Gundy, Janet Hadd, Dennis Jones, Shirley Justin, Donna Klippel, Fred Kirchner, Jim Kubacki, Bill Lapiska, Barb Leach, Diane Mallard, Lois McMorran, Barbara & Jim Mercer, Sid Miller, Gail Murray, Joe O'Neal, Pat Olsen, Carol Pontius, Carol Reis, Dawn Robb, Bob Roberts, Ron Roberts, Babs & Ed Sanders, Larry Schroth, Sharon Shallcross, Donna Slinkard, Nancy Dralle Smith, John Snyder, Phyllis Stone, Gary Storer, Betty Sweborg, Rodney Todd, Sue Torrey, Louie Weatherford

Please remember all of our homebound members in prayer. Also, please continue to keep the brave and proud people in your prayers where war continues to rage.

Recent Surgeries and Procedures: None known

Upcoming Surgeries and Procedures: None known

For Pastoral Care this week, please call:
Rev. Lanita Monroe (931) 200-1981
Rev. Connie Hall (931) 303-1449
Pastor Matt McClanahan (931) 210-8674

Small Groups, Bible Studies, Committee Meetings
Week of November 16

SUNDAY, 11/16/25
10:30am ..... Christian Characters SS Class

MONDAY, 11/17/25
8:00am ..... Men's Breakfast
9:30am ..... Chair Yoga
1:30pm ..... Bible Study Tech

TUESDAY, 11/18/25
9:00am ..... Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep
10:00am ..... Crafters Business Meeting
12:00pm ..... High Noon Sisters
12:00pm ..... Ladies Game Day
1:30pm ..... Susanna Wesley Circle

WEDNESDAY, 11/19/25
1:30pm ..... Small Group Study
4:00pm ..... Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 11/19/25—continued
4:00pm ..... Handbells Rehearsal
5:30pm ..... Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm ..... Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 11/20/25
9:00am ..... Men's Bible Study
9:30am ..... Chair Yoga
10:00am ..... Women's Book Club
2:00pm ..... Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

FRIDAY, 11/21/25
12:00pm ..... Ladies Game Day

SATURDAY, 11/22/25
9:30am ..... Messiah Choral Rehearsal

Sacred Encounters

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Contemporary Order of Worship
9:15 a.m.

NOTE: The Praise Band does sound checks prior to worship.
It may be loud at times, but please understand it is totally necessary.

Jammin' For Jesus!		
Greeting and Announcements		
Gathering		
"Because of Your Love"		Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown
"It Is Well with My Soul"		Horatio G. Spafford, Phillip P. Bliss
"You Are My All In All"		Dennis Jerrigan
Consecration of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes		
Congregational Care		
"Just As You Are"		Ryan Stevenson
"Give Thanks"		Henry Smith
Special Music	"Workin' Man"	Joel Parisien
Scripture	Luke 21:5-19	
Sermon		Lanita Monroe
Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion		
Time of Meditation	"It Is Well with My Soul"	
Closing Hymn	"My Savior"	Mark Faner
Benediction		
Amen!		

Sacred Encounters Worship Today

Thanks to our **Praise Band**:
David Odegaard (bass guitar), Annetta Deck (keys),
Wade England (drums), Luke Jeffers (guitar), Nancy Winn (vocals)

Volunteers Needed

The Worship Committee needs one or more volunteers who are willing to change the paraments in the sanctuary as needed, The paraments are the cloths that hang on the pulpit, the lectern, and on the altar. They need to be changed to reflect the seasons of the Christian year. If you are interested and want to learn more about this activity, please contact Penny Dagley at 847-553-7095.

Worship Services:

8:00am	Early Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:15am	Sacred Encounters—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)
11:00am	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)

(Images of those participating in streamed worship may be visible in the live stream.)
~ Nursery Care available during 9:15am and 11:00am services ~

Sunday Class:

10:30am	Christian Characters—Friendship Room

Next Week's Scripture:
Jeremiah 23:5-6; Luke 1:68-79

All Worship Services Today

Thanks to our **Audio/Video Media Team**:
8:00am: Hazel Robinson (audio)
9:15am, 11:00am: David Farley (video slides preparation)
9:15am: Jackson Prine (in-house audio), John Jeffers (streaming audio),
John Hamm (video projection), David Farley (streaming)
11:00am: Jackson Prine (in-house audio), John Jeffers (streaming audio),
Mary Runfeldt (video projection), Luke Jeffers (streaming)

Thanks also to our **Behind-the-Scenes Staff**
whose efforts help make Sunday worship possible:
Ruth Kmiec (bulletins), JoBeth Smith (hospitality), Ruth Nelson (nursery),
Scott Lybarger (facility), Martha Waldo (custodian), Jonny Miller (custodian)

Ways to Give:

ENVELOPE—Check, cash **ONLINE—www.ffgumc.org/give**

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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