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**\*If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to [zionlexpk@gmail.com](mailto:zionlexpk@gmail.com) by Wednesday.**



***“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”***

***Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025***

***Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor***  
***Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent***  
***LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop***



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## ***Reign of Christ Sunday***

***\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

***Prelude~ “Alpha and Omega”***

***Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings***

***\*Opening Hymn~ “Blessed Quietness” - #374 AAHH***

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650 AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination: Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit, free us from the power of darkness and show us the inheritance of the saints of light. Amen.***

***\*The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6: Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD,***

## ***Ready to Join?***

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.*

*What are our membership vows?*

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mark your Calendar**

***The Unified Board meeting is on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm via Teams only. We will be voting on the 2026 Budget. All members are invited to attend.***

***Poinsettias are available for purchase at \$8 each until December 7<sup>th</sup>. To order, write "poinsettia" on your offering envelope. Starting November 23<sup>rd</sup>, you can fill out a form to dedicate your poinsettia "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special. The flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 13<sup>th</sup> and will be available for pickup after the Christmas Eve service. Names will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin and E-news.***

***Hanging of the Greens. Join us after worship on November 30<sup>th</sup> for the Hanging of the Greens. Together, we will decorate the sanctuary and reflect on the meaning behind our decorations through songs and scripture. Parents and grandparents, please bring your children and youth to help out this Sunday! Light refreshments will be served.***

***Annual Christmas Jingle is on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 pm at First Saints-St. George's Campus. Tickets are \$60. Last day to purchase a ticket is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sis. Kim Scriber or. Sis. Karen Camp.***

***Outreach ministry requests that, starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month beginning this November, members bring the following items: tuna fish, salmon, chicken, corned beef, mayonnaise, and/or relish. Please place these items in the box located in the social hall.***

*when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."*

***\*Psalm Reading~ Psalm 46:1-11, Psalter #780 UMH; Sung Response (R): "Be still and know that I am God. The Lord of Hosts is with us."***

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.*
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
though the mountains be toppled into the  
depths of the sea;***
- 3 though its waters rage and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.***
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.*
- 6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms totter;  
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.***
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. R*
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
who has wrought desolations in the earth;*
- 9 who makes war to cease to the end of the earth,  
breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire!*
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth!*
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge. R***

**\*Second Reading:** Colossians 1:11-20: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Song of Preparation~** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

**\*Gospel Reading:** Luke 23:33-43: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same

sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

**Proclamation~** Dr. Cummings

**Affirmation of Faith~** 881 UMH

**Prayers of the People:** Response - Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Prayer of confession, assurance, and pardon~** pg. 8 UMH  
**Thanksgiving & Communion~** pg. 9-11 UMH

**Post Communion Prayer:** *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction~** Dr. Cummings