

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “Grace Greater than Our Sin” UMH 365

✠ SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8*

SERMON “Trouble in Paradise”

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP “Amazing Grace” UMH 378
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ COMMUNION

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With the bread which is broken, we will go forth to bring healing to the brokenness of our world. With the cup of grace poured into us, we will go out to share hope and justice with our siblings. With the life which is planted in us, we will go forth to serve all the forgotten of our communities.

✠ POSTLUDE Jo Anne Biser, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

*The lovely flowers on the altar are given to
the Glory of God.*

SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn
Organist.....Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Sandy Turner, Margie Rabon,
and Elizabeth Gibson

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

Jo Anne Biser, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

People: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

Leader: All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

People: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Christians Join to Sing

UMH 158

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we are constantly bombarded with temptations and enticements. When we yield, when we fail, who will help us? You, Lord, have come to our aid. You teach us, counsel us, and guide us in the ways we should go. We rejoice in your unfailing love. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Heavenly Father, We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed to love you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.

People: Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name. Amen

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

"Behold the Lamb" arr. by Mark Hayes

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Praise God"

UMH# 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

The Office will be Closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

The WUMC Preschool will resume classes Tuesday, September 3. Please keep our preschool in your prayers as we begin a new school year.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume Wednesday, September 4. More info to come!

United Women in Faith will meet Monday, September 9th beginning at 6:00 in the parlor.

Handbell Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 11th beginning at 6:00 in the handbell room.

Flu Clinic Wednesday, October 2nd from 1:00-4:00 in the fellowship hall. Contact Pat Ray for more information.

Prayer Concerns: Lewellyn David, Carolyn Nix, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Robert & Cynthia Page, Alan Pait, John Turner, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Jim Rabon, Dan Biser, Thetus Sessions, Melinda Cook, Margaret Hicks, Bob & Alma Deans, Wayne Overcash, Jan Avant.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Ongoing ministries:

Adult Sunday School: Meet in classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m. at Dale's Seafood

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

Food Bank: distributes food on the First and Third Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Handbell Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Ministries to resume in September:

Boy Scouts [ages 11-18]

Cub Scouts [ages 6-10]

<i>2024 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$262,331.00</i>
<i>As of 08/25, Needed</i>	<i>\$176,575.00</i>
<i>As of 08/25, Received</i>	<i>\$135,255.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,045.00</i>
<i>Received on 08/25</i>	<i>\$7,095.00</i>
<i>Attendance 08/25</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>40</i>