✞ **PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD** "Praise God" UMH 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

✞ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Take my Life, and Let It Be" UMH 399

✞ **SCRIPTURE READING** ***Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8***

SERMON "Do justice, Love kindness, Walk humbly" Rev. Howard James

✞ **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** "Marching to Zion" UMH 733
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✞ **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

✞ **BENEDICTION**

✞ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
We go now into the world as we have been reminded: To do justice where there is oppression, to love kindness where there is hardness of heart, and to walk humbly with our God through every step of the road ahead. And may the God of mercy go before us, to guide our feet, and keep us in His peace now and forevermore. Amen.

✞**POSTLUDE** "Voluntary" A. Hesse Nan Leggett, Organist
✞ Please stand if you are able.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God.

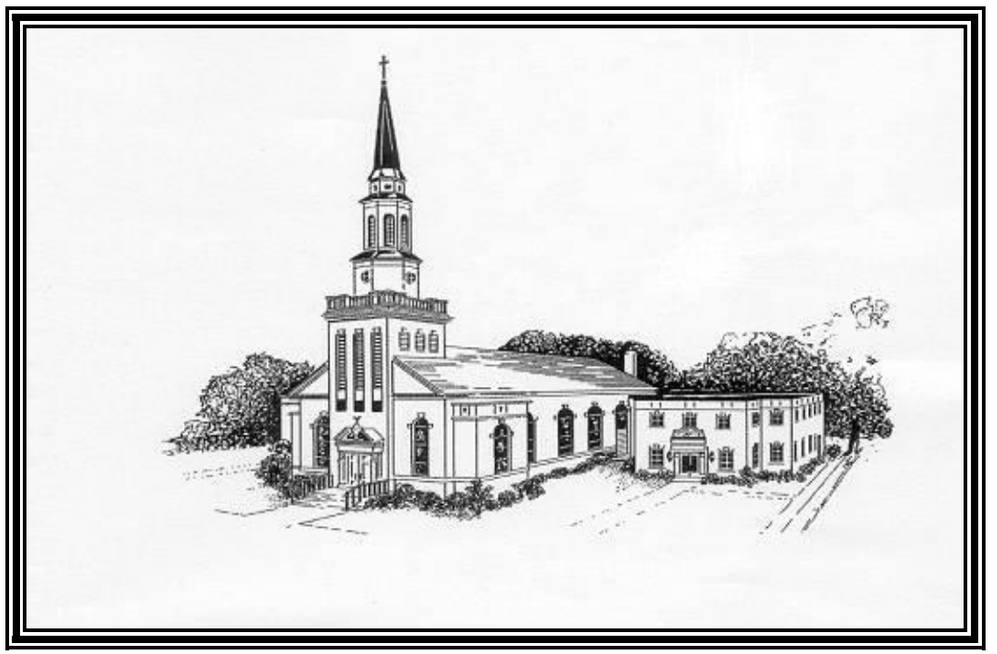
SERVING THIS MORNING

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

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November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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 worshiping 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 "Cantus" G. Martin Nan Leggett, 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: With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

People: Shall we bring him all that we own— our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property? Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

Leader: No, that's not what God is looking for. God has told you what is good, and what he expects of you:

People: To do justice. To love mercy. To walk humbly before him. Let us worship our God who loves us all. Amen!

✞ HYMN OF PRAISE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

✞UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the true leader of the church, we choose to stand together as your church – to shift our focus from our differences and divides, and support each other as we seek to be your disciples; For you have called us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly together as we follow you. We ask for your Spirit's help with this, as we leave our own ways and choose to follow you, for the sake of your glory, our love for each other, and the future and freedom of all those still living in poverty. In your precious name which unites us all, we pray. Amen.

✞ STATEMENT OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (UHM 883)

We are not alone, we live in God's world: who has created and is creating who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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: Merciful God, we look around us and within us, and we see how deeply we have fallen short. Like the prophet Micah, we confess that our communities are fractured, trust is easily broken, and we often seek our own gain rather than walking in your ways. Forgive us we pray for our impatience, our broken promises, and the times we have placed our trust in human strength rather than in you.

People: Lord, we acknowledge that we have sinned against you. Though we sit in darkness because of our failures, we choose not to despair, for you are our light. We wait upon you, the God of our salvation, trusting that you will hear our cry. Amen.

✞ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 Whiteville Rotary Club requests our help as they take on the challenge of helping pack over 10,000 meals to send to different parts of the world. They are looking for volunteers to help pack meal kits and they are accepting donations for supplies needed to make this mission a success. There is a sign up sheet with more information in the church office.
You can also text Nick Logan @ 910-212-8355

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Throughout the month of November our preschool will be taking up non-perishable canned goods for our food pantry. We welcome our church family to join us and donate as you feel led. There will be a box at the church office for donations.

Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted here at Whiteville UMC. Service will be Sunday, November 22. Help us get the word out to family, friends, and neighbors.

2026 Church Budget	***$394,528.00***
As of 11/08, Needed	***$243,222.00***
As of 11/08, Received	***$186,843.00***
Needed Each Sunday	***$5,664.00***
Received on 11/08	***$6,696.00***
Attendance 11/08	***30***

Prayer Concerns: Wayne & Linda Overcash, Hannah Stegall, Ethel Jones, Dee Watts, Chuck Wheeler, Sue Hawks, Lewellyn David, Jan Avant, Dick & Janice Simms, Butch & Sharon Dutton, Sabra Allen, John Turner, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Peggy & Ralph Huffman.

Prayers of Support for our ongoing ministries: WUMC Preschool & Staff, Scouts, Food Pantry.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names.

Ongoing ministries:

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

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

Handbell Rehearsals: On Hiatus

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

Boy Scouts [ages 11-18] Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts [ages 6-10] Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Whiteville Juniorettes Club: 1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: TBA

Preschool [ages 2-4]: Monday-Friday 8:15-11:30

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

Food Bank: distributes food on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

United Women of Faith: 1st Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @1:30 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 (support group for widows and widowers)