

✝ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD                      “Praise God”                      UMH 95

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION                      “It Is Well with My Soul”                      UMH 377

✝ SCRIPTURE READING                      *Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17*

SERMON                      “Movin on up”                      Rev. Howard James

✝ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP                      “Nearer, My God, to Thee”                      UMC 528  
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✝ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
As we go from here, hear again the promises of God, made long ago to our ancestor Jacob, and still true for us today: *I am the Lord your God, the God of Abraham and Isaac. Know that I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised.* Let’s go from here in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us.

✝POSTLUDE                      “Piece for Organ” J. Knecht                      Nan Leggett, Organist  
✝ Please stand if you are able

*The Flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of our  
Mother, Jaquelyn Talton Mullis on her birthday.*

*With Love,  
Jim and Margie Rabon*

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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September 21, 2025  
Fifteenth 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** “Aria” N. Rawsthorne 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: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**People: That we may share God’s love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord! Amen!**

**✝ HYMN OF PRAISE** “I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH 419

**✝ UNISON OPENING PRAYER**  
Holy Father, we gather in Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the faithful love You have shown toward Your people, for the many blessings You have given to us. Your promises are eternal, and they are backed by the honour of Your name. Thank you for Your faithful presence among us, even when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal Yourself to us. Open our eyes to see You here among us; open our ears to hear Your Word. For surely, You are with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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: We hear the call to trust in God always, but honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves, and we forget the wisdom of scripture, which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves. With God’s help, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull. Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.

**People: Though fear should beset us; though danger cause us to close up our doors; though troubles assail and lead us away from the ways of grace; only one thing is necessary: just turn back to God’s promise of grace. Remember that God is reaching out with loving arms, and let yourself be held. Only ask for forgiveness, and it is ours: know that in this moment we have asked and in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.**

**✝ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE** Piano Selection

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER**

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
“God is So Good” arr. by Douglas Wagner  
Chancel Choir

**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.

**A Flu Shot Clinic** will be held in our fellowship hall on Wednesday, September 24 from 12:00-4:00. Please call the office or Ms. Pat Ray to secure a time, and we ask that you please bring your insurance card the day of the clinic.

**Homecoming** is scheduled for Sunday, October 19. Please be much in prayer for that special service and help us make it an extra special day by inviting friends and family to attend.

*The rosebud on the altar is in  
celebration of the birth of  
Henry James Rabon.*

*Henry is the son of Ben and Rebecca  
Rabon  
&  
The grandson of Jim and Margie  
Rabon.*

**Prayer Concerns:** Sharon Dutton, The family of Jerry Hawks, Sabra Allen, Dick & Janice Simms, Thetus Sessions, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Dan Biser, Jan Avant.

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

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

**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:** Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** @ 10:00 a.m. in the parlor

**Preschool [ages 2-4]** Monday – Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

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

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

**United Women of Faith:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

**Caregivers Support Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @1:00 p.m. in the parlor

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

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 09/14, Needed</i>	<i>\$214,970.00</i>
<i>As of 09/14, Received</i>	<i>\$173,084.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 09/14</i>	<i>\$2,805.00</i>
<i>Attendance 09/14</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>39</i>