

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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

✝ SCRIPTURE READING *1 Kings 17:1-24*

SERMON “A wing and a prayer” Rev. Howard James

✝ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHP “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” UMH 616
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✝ COMMUNION

✝ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Elijah was sent to someone in need—to serve, and to be served. As we go out into the world to do the same, let us be a blessing to others, just as we are being blessed. May the Love of God, the peace of Christ, and the power of the Spirit go with us. Amen.

✝ POSTLUDE “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” setting by W. Held Nan Leggett, 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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November 3, 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 "Pastorale on KREMSER" setting by R. Powell

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: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

People: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion, by the power of God, Elijah provided bread and oil for the widow and her household. By faith in God, the widow provided food and water for Elijah. Give us hearts to love one another, so that in providing and in receiving, we too, might experience the unimaginable power of God, through the one who has provided life itself, your Son, Jesus Christ. 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: Lord, we have failed:

...to share the Good News

...to love each other as you command

...to take up our cross and follow you

...to believe you can do miracles in and through us

People: So, what we need to know is that you do indeed forgive us, and still love us. God of comfort, let your grace shower us and end the drought of fear and doubt in our lives, so we can believe the good news which comes to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

"Sing Them Over Again to Me" arr. by Gilbert Martin

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 United Women in Faith will hold their November meeting Monday, Nov. 4 beginning at 6:00pm in the parlor.

Church Yard Sale: Our church will hold a yard sale Saturday, November 16. We are now accepting donations for the yard sale. Donations may be taken to the classroom across from the fellowship hall bathrooms. Because of preschool please do not put items in the fellowship hall or on the stage. No large furniture or clothing. Please make sure items are gently used and could be a blessing to someone!

Disaster Relief: Our yard sale has become a fundraiser for Disaster Relief to be donated to a specific UMC in the Swannanoa area. We hope to assist them with helping parishioners know of fellowship and support during the Holiday season. For questions or more information please contact Clare Bazley.

Poinsettia Order forms are included in the bulletin today. This year poinsettias will be sold on a first come, first serve basis as we have a limited number and we will be unable to reorder. Please have all orders turned in no later than November 24th.

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, December 1. Everyone is invited to stay after worship service to help decorate the sanctuary and then enjoy lunch in the fellowship hall.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped make our Homecoming this year successful. Everything was wonderful and enjoyed by all that attended. -Carol Worrell

Prayer Concerns: Mary Hutchins, Judy Curtis, Carolyn Nix, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Robert & Cynthia Page, Alan Pait, John Turner, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Jim Rabon, Dan Biser, Thetus Sessions, Bob & Alma Deans, 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.

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| <i>2024 Church Budget</i> | <i>\$262,331.00</i> |
| <i>As of 10/27, Needed</i> | <i>\$221,980.00</i> |
| <i>As of 10/27, Received</i> | <i>\$175,446.00</i> |
| <i>Needed Each Sunday</i> | <i>\$5,045.00</i> |
| <i>Received on 10/27</i> | <i>\$1,255.00</i> |
| <i>Attendance 10/27</i> | <i>30</i> |
| <i>Online Views</i> | <i>30</i> |



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out this form and return it with your money to the church office by Nov. 24th. The poinsettias are \$8.50 a piece. You may place this form and your money in the collection plate if you wish. **Please place your check or cash in a collection envelope and indicate "Poinsettias".**

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