

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

✝ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH 526

✝ **SCRIPTURE READING** *Genesis 12:1-13, 13:1-8*

SERMON “The Passover”

✝ **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHP** “My Hope Is Built” UMH 368
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

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

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Father, you set your people free from slavery to sin and death, by the blood of lamb of God. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Now we are sent out to help others find freedom from slavery to addiction, poverty, oppression, and illness, through the truth of your Word, and the power of your Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✝ **POSTLUDE** “Postlude in F” G.Bohm 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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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” setting by Rokey

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: When you set us free, O God, we are free indeed.

People: O God, we rejoice in your freedom. A freedom which transforms us and the world around us.

Leader: O God, we rejoice in your freedom. A freedom that invites us to intimacy with you.

People: O God, we rejoice in your freedom. A freedom that demands action.

Leader: O God, we rejoice in your freedom. A freedom that makes us different – like in Christ instead of the world.

People: O God, we rejoice in your freedom. A freedom that invites us out of the norm and into the extraordinary.

All: O God, we rejoice in your freedom.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Lord God of grace and liberty, on the night of Passover the sacrificed lamb became a sign of freedom and you freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In Jesus, you sacrificed your son as a gift, thereby freeing all humanity from sin and death. Help us live into this new life, teaching us to serve you in faithfulness as you have served us. To you we offer our gratefulness in the name of the one who turned slavery into new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: God, just as You rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, setting them free to worship and serve You, so You have also rescued us, setting us free from slavery to sin and selfishness, and inviting us into relationship with You and one another.

People: We praise You for the way of love modeled for us by Jesus Christ. Open our hearts and lives to your ongoing presence among us, so that we would grow in faithfulness and love, and bring honor to Your name. Amen.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Here I Am, Lord” arr. by Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God” UMH# 95

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.

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

Charge Conference will take place October 6th following Sunday morning worship service. Members are invited to stay after worship service for the conference.

United Women in Faith will meet October 7th in the church parlor, beginning at 6:00 pm. We will be putting together our Fall Remembrances for our shut-ins and members who are having difficulties in their lives.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 in the parlor.

Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th. More details are to come but please help us begin by inviting family and friends!

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! For questions or more information please contact Clare Bazley.

Prayer Concerns: Patricia Ray, Chalmers Waddell, 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.

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 09/22, Needed</i>	<i>\$196,755.00</i>
<i>As of 09/22, Received</i>	<i>\$149,756.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,045.00</i>
<i>Received on 09/22</i>	<i>\$2,336.00</i>
<i>Attendance 09/22</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>39</i>