

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Halle, Hallelujah” arr. by Augustus Toplady

Chancel Choir

✝ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God”

UMH 95

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS 2129

✝ SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

SERMON

“What God wants.”

Rev. Howard James

✝ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMC 428

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✝ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let us go forth from this place with renewed inspiration to do the work of God. We will seek good, not evil, love goodness, and establish justice. This the greatest offering we can make; letting justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. We go in peace, with love for our neighbors. AMEN!

✝POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” setting by C. Callahan

Nan Leggett, Organist

✝ Please stand if you are able.

The 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

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Rev. Howard James

November 9, 2025

Twenty-Second 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 “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. J. Evanovich 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: Are you awake? Are you alert?

People: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

People: We need God to guide our steps and show us a new way.

Leader: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

People: We need a new vision. We want to see with God’s eyes.

Leader: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

People: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMC 203

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, You spoke through your prophet Amos, "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." Open our eyes to the injustices in the world and give us the courage to speak out against oppression. Encourage us to advocate for the vulnerable, and to work for a more just and equitable society. Fill us with your righteousness, that we may live lives of integrity and be examples to the world of your loving grace. Help your church to be a consistent and persistent force for good, striving to do what is right even when it is difficult. Grant us the wisdom to know your will in matters of justice, and the courage to obey. In other words...teach us how to love each other. 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: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We have been called your own, and yet we fail to see the world the way you do. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

People: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. People of God, all of us together have received God’s mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

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