

Always Give Thanks

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

Chosen

First
Church

11am Service - October 25, 2026

WE GATHER

Welcome

Pastor

Prelude

Aldersgate Bell Choir

"10,000 Reasons"

By Myrin and Redman

Arr. Peggy Bettcher

Centering Words

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

L: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

L: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

P: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

Opening Song

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

Vs. 1, 2, & 4 ALL

Vs. 3 Choir Only

Opening Prayer

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways
Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

Written by Mary Scifres on the Ministry Matters

WE PROCLAIM

The Message to Young Disciples

The New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Message in Music

Chancel Choir

"Reasons to Thank You"

Music & Words by Pepper Choplin with Dix Tune

WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Duane Carlisle

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE GO FORTH

Closing Song

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

The Benediction

Pastor Kory Pritchett

The Postlude

10,000 Reasons Reprise

Scott Hines, Piano

O Spirit of the Living God

Verse 1

O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Verse 2

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

Verse 3

Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

Verse 4

So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

Blessed Assurance

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,

praising my Savior all the day long.

Prayers

Concerns Shared

Margaret Swanson (Aunt of Rebecca Kaverman)	The family of Martha Alspaugh-Legler (Grandmother of Amanda Ferguson)
Randi Warner (Mother of Heidi Bagnell)	All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Pat Staver

Active Military

To add someone serving in the military, contact info@fumcwl.org.

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AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2026



First Sunday Brunch

The next First Sunday Brunch will be on Sunday, November 1. Join us for breakfast at 10:00 AM in the Activities Center. Church members are welcome to assist with brunch through donation of food items or helping with clean up. Please use the sign up link below if you are interested in assisting. Please bring food by 9:45 AM and ensure it is nut free.



Join Us for a Special Combined Worship & Charge Conference!

On Sunday, November 8, FUMC West Lafayette and Disciples Korean UMC will gather as one body! Please note the time change: worship begins at 12:00 PM, followed by a shared fellowship meal at 1:30 PM, and a Charge Conference with D.S. Rev. Tom Ream at 2:30 PM. See you there!



Singing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

This year Advent begins November 29. This season, we will celebrate with a worship theme titled Carols for the Coming Christ. Through familiar and new carols, we will consider their messages in fresh ways and join our voices to proclaim Christ's renewed creation of hope, peace, joy, and love for our world.



LUM Jubilee Christmas is Coming

Join First Church for LUM Jubilee Christmas on Saturday, December 12, 2026. Together, we will make Christmas brighter for children and families through gifts, food assistance, and warm hospitality. Volunteers are needed to host families, arrange toys, provide nut-free cookies, donate children's gifts, or contribute toward food and gift cards.



Ho Ho Ho Santa's on His Way

Celebrate the season at Breakfast with Santa! Bring the whole family for a joyful morning of breakfast, children's activities, holiday fellowship, and special photo opportunities with Santa. All ages are welcome to join the festive fun at First Church, Saturday December 5, 2026, 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

