

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

PRELUDE/GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 89 1

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen. *All pray in silence.* If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 364

Because He Lives

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hear Our Prayer

By Richard Kingsmore

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY, 95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Garry Day

PSALTER, 819

Psalm 99

April Butler

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Linda Day

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

*GLORIA PATRI, 70 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.

Charles Ferguson

Buddy Butler

SERMON

“Mirror, Mirror”

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

Charles Ferguson

*Congregation standing, as able

Our United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 11:30 a.m. This is the first day of Native American Heritage Month, so our program will be on UMC and UMF missions with Native Americans. We will have soup and sandwiches for lunch. We would like to invite all the women to join us. On Saturday, November 4, the Hiwassee District UWF Annual Meeting will be at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, TN. If you would like to attend, please call Flora Grindstaff at 706-632-5979.



United
Women
in Faith



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and gift suggestions lists are available in the Narthex. Filled shoeboxes, along with \$10.00 each for shipping, are due back at First UMC on Sunday, November 12.

The **Community Meal** is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 194 free “to go” meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact volunteers at 423-241-2282.

We will receive our Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children next Sunday.



First UMC will be giving out candy at the **Halloween Safe Zone** on October 28. If you would like to donate some individually wrapped candy, please bring it to the church office tomorrow or Thursday.

Shopping List for Thanksgiving Food Bags: Week of October 22, box of Stove Top stuffing or bag of Pepperidge Farm stuffing; Week of October 29, package of Idahoan mashed potatoes and a can or package mix of gravy. Cash donations will go towards IGA gift certificates so families can buy meat or a special dessert. Make checks out to FUMC and put Missions-Thanksgiving on the memo line. It's not too late to bring canned green beans, corn or jellied cranberry sauce but October 29 is the last day to bring your food items. Thanksgiving bags will be assembled on Sunday, November 12, following worship. Completed bags will be distributed to local recipients on Tuesday, November 14.



Scan here to give: when you scan this image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will connect you to the mobile version of the FUMCC web page—a quick and easy way to access it. You can also donate securely online at fumc-copperhill.org.

Our Vanco giving page can also be accessed at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home>

Church Leadership

Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants

Ushers Shirley Starling, Charlie Stemmann
Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *Randy Loudermilk, Marti Lane, Donna Ratzlaff, Juline Mixon, Billie Ash (temporary address: c/o Laura Ash, 1600 North Oak Street, Unit 825, Arlington, VA 22209), Kathy Panchyshyn, Elaine Minor, Jerry Panchyshyn, Tonya Callihan (knee surgery), +T.J. Thompson (recovering from knee surgery), Sally Patterson, Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: ^Shirley Sheffer (cancer diagnosis), ^Elaine Crowe

Others in our prayers: Noah West (student of Chloe Cook), the people of Israel, the Stamey family, Ron Keeler (uncle of Ron Wray), Barbara Keppler (covid), Deanna Sharell (covid), Melvin Wilcox, JoAnn Whitlow, stroke (niece of Loretta Loudermilk), Brenda Turner, surgery (sister in law of Joy Turner), Norma Bean, Richard Wagner (heart surgery), Tiffany Deaver, Stewart Haslam (rare cancer), ^Don Loudermilk (brother in law of Loretta), Major Andy Lai (stationed in Taiwan, son-in-law of Rick and Tonya Callihan), +Lee Womac (Copperhill Postmaster—motorcycle accident), McKinley Majors (requested by Tonya Callihan), Emily Martin Bryant (niece of Joy Turner), Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, Hannah Geren, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine, victims of natural disasters worldwide

**new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice*

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Birthdays

23 Neila Pace 25 Brittany Knight, Ed Massengale

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

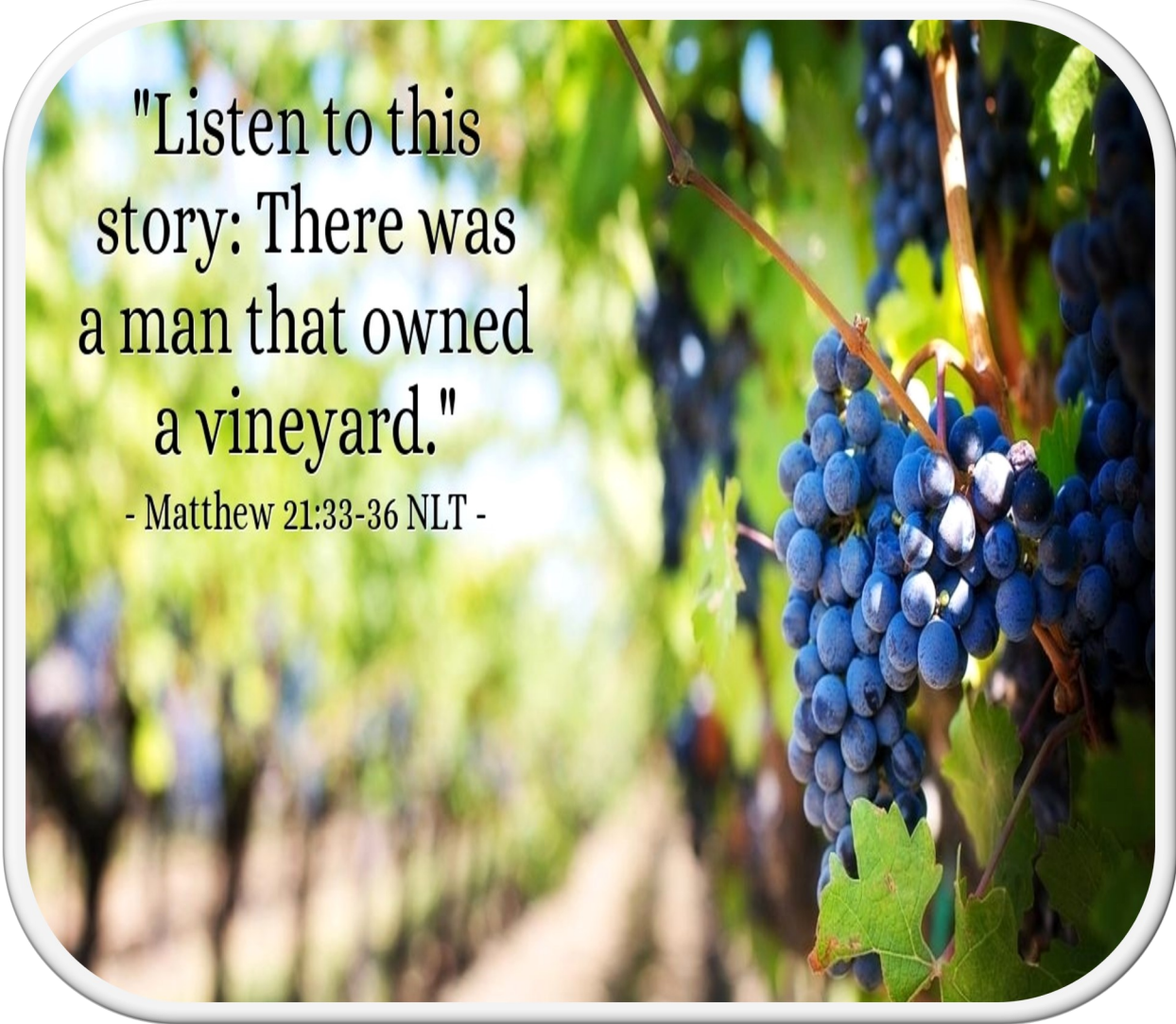
Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables**, etc. *Thanks to all who contribute - the recipients are always grateful.*



Calendar

Today	Monday
10:00 am Sunday School	4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"
11:00 am Worship	Wednesday
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice

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"Listen to this story: There was a man that owned a vineyard."

- Matthew 21:33-36 NLT -

Everyone Welcome!