

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Gathering as God's people to be inspired to
live as the church, the Body of Christ*

+ Those who are able are invited to stand.

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal FWS-The Faith We Sing

You are invited to respond with the **Boldface** responses.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

God, you are wrapped in mystery, shrouded with light,
unseen, but ever with us.

Yet, you care for us--keeping us safe, protecting us,
and answering us when we call. You are the true
riches in our lives. Open our hearts to one another and
to the needs of the world, that we may share your
abundance, and find true life in your love.

Our hope is in you, source of goodness and life.

Thanks be to God! Welcome to Worship!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *UMH 658*
This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

**This is the day the Lord hath made; he calls the
hours his own. Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Don't be afraid in the night--God is watching over
us.

Don't worry as the day breaks--God is with us.

Don't be concerned in the middle of the day--God
takes care of us.

Don't fret as the day ends--God is still beside us.

In every moment, God is there.

Best of all, God is with us now!

+INVOCATION

God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to
those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto
you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to
hear, our minds to comprehend, and our spirits to
encounter the revelation you have for us this day.
Transform us with the truth of your love and grace,
in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life
for us.

Amen.

+ HYMN OF CELEBRATION *UMH 61*

Come, Thou Almighty King

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are
hidden from God. For that reason, let us confess our
sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Responsively*

How can we look at this world and not sing of your
praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world
is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all
that you do for us for granted. We treat the world
with callous indifference and with little regard to the
future. We insist on war as solutions for problems
rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on
people in need; the weak and downtrodden go
unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that
someone else will care for those in need. How
foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have
become!

**You have given to us all that we need. You have
blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who
came so that we might learn how you would
have us live, in honor and peace. Forgive us.
Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware
of all our blessings and our responsibilities.
Give us again a spirit of the joy of your
salvation. Help us be agents of peace and hope
to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus'
Name.**

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The
demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are
being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus
Christ. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is poured
out to you this day.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Unison*

**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.**

THE RESPONSE *Cyril and Felecia Johnston.*

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM,
CONFIRMATION OF FAITH OF NEW
MEMBERS

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
Andrew Paul McDowell Evan Carter McDowell

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME *Responsively*
Members of the household of God, I commend these
persons to your love and care. Do all in your power

to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME *UMH 147*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

1. **Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.** *Refrain*

WIGGLETIME

Following Wiggletime, the Children are invited to join the Leaders in Linger Hall for CHILDREN'S CHURCH.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Cyril and Felecia Johnston*

THE WORD

SERMON *Rev. Steven Meadows*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 178*

Hope of the World, vv. 1, 4, 5

+SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

+BENEDICTION *Pastor*

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are and everything you have.

Take hold of the life to which God calls you.

Go forth, rejoicing in God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
DURING WORSHIP
AFTER WIGGLETIME!
A CHURCH EXPERIENCE
FOR CHILDREN!
***NO CHILDREN'S
CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY &
ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS

MARK PETROSKY MEMORIAL

Hunger Walk

OCTOBER 1ST, 2022

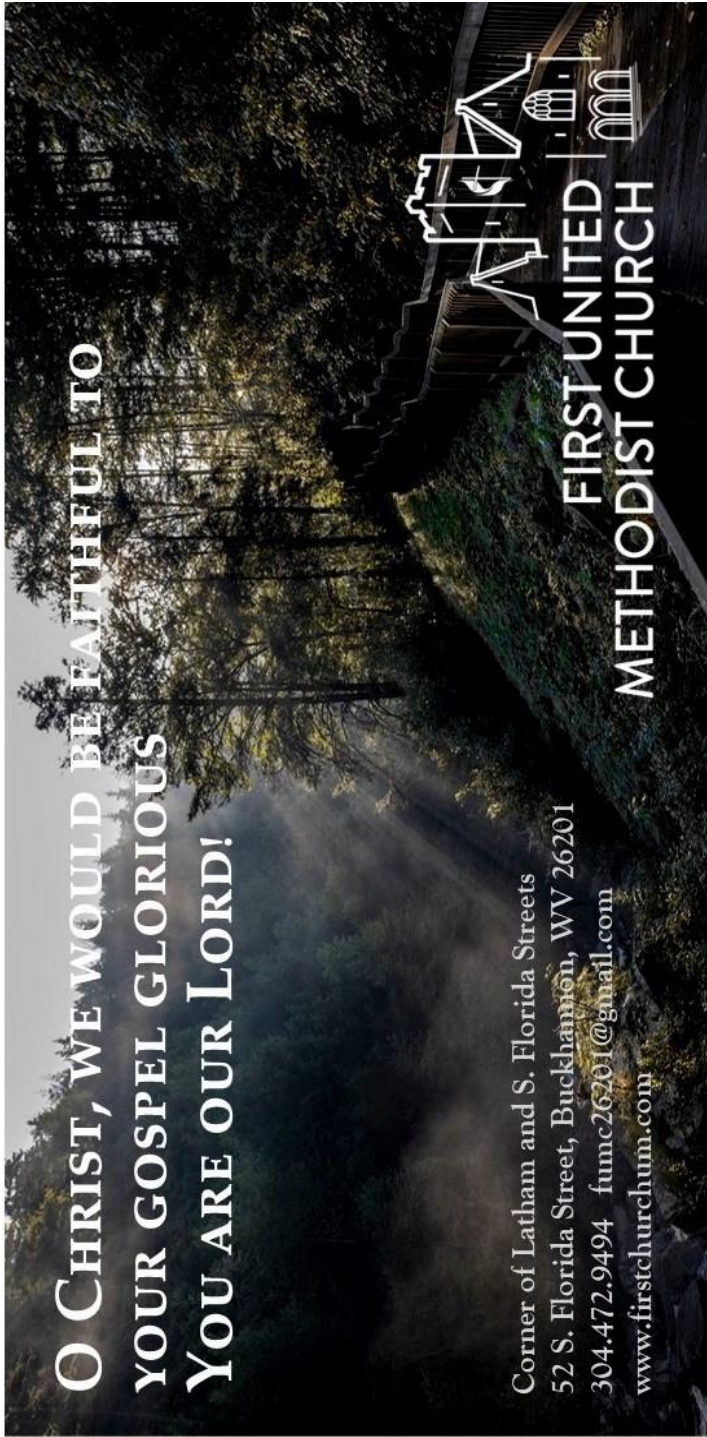
Wear orange to support Hunger Awareness and register at 8:30 AM at the Upshur Parish House!

Bring nonperishable food items or \$5 donation!

*Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, Oct. 14
Fellowship Hall, 5 to 7 PM*

Adults: \$10 Children under 12: \$5

*2 years and younger, FREE
Proceeds given to Crosslines*



O CHRIST, WE WOULD BE FAITHFUL TO
YOUR GOSPEL GLORIOUS
YOU ARE OUR LORD!

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