

11:00 a.m. Service

The Work of the People for November 26, 2023
Gathering For Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness!

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Leader: For the Lord is good;

People : God's steadfast love endures forever,

ALL : God's faithfulness is for all generations.

Choral Call to Worship

Gift of Christ

*Hymn of Praise

'Come Christians Join to Sing'

UMH 158

*Psalter Reading

Psalms 100

UMH 821

*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.

The Pastoral Prayer

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.

Children's Disciple Moment

The PrayerGround Table is for children 6 and younger to use during the sermon. Parents should sit near the table to assist.

Anthem

'I Will Awaken the Dawn!'

Hayden

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12 :2 (The Message)

Lisanne Cisson

*Hymn of Preparation

'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH 349

Message

Getting Your Head Straight for the Holidays

Rev. Brian Gilmer

Responding to God's Word

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

*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.*

Offertory

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Mickey Hess, Saxophone

Doxology

UMH 94

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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Going Forth to Serve God's World

*Hymn of Sending

'Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee'

UMH 89

Sending Forth

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal
Jann Howell, Choir Director/Pianist Ginger Greer, Music Assistant

*Please stand if you are able.

Stewardship & Attendance Report

One Fund Monthly Goal 2023	\$47,808	Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Actual MTD	\$31,187	11.5	33	233	89
Deposits week ended	\$8,966	11.12	32	205	76
Building Project Fund as of October	\$1,361,038	11.19	TBD	TBD	87

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
- Online at trmethodist.net
- Text-to-Give: Text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135 and continue with steps.



Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson, James White, Dee Hughes, Patrick O'Dell, Reggy O'Dell, Frances Lockaby, Barbara Floyd, Martha Foster, Mary Greene, Fred Dyal

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle

FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Lorretta Sigenow

OTHER REQUESTS

Israel & Gaza

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team: prayer@trmethodist.net

Connect with TRUMC

Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members. Or scan the QR code and fill out our contact form. We'd love to hear from you!

Follow us on Social Media!

  @TRMethodist



Song of Preparation

Breathe

Jonny Diaz

Message

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Goodness of God

J. Johnson, et al

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Song of Sending

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Sending Forth

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Psalm 100 Band Director: Bryan Catron

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*Song of Welcome Because of Your Love P.Baloche, B.Brown

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*Song of Praise Shout to the Lord D. Zschecht

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

TODAY'S MEETINGS 11/26

- UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) - No UMYF today.
- TRUMPETS - 11/26, 12/3, & 12/10 at 5pm in the Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BUDDY BEAR 2023 PROJECT

- Donate to Buddy Bears project on TR Methodist site's giving portal for a tax-deductible contribution.
- Alternatively, contribute with a credit card (non-tax deductible) through the GoFundMe link at ElfInGreenville.com.

ADVENT STUDY

Advent study "Experiencing Christmas" starts Tuesday, November 28th.

MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Tuesdays at 10 AM at the Woodlands

Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the parlor of the Family Life Center

MISSION CIRCLE will have a Christmas Celebration on 12/6 from 9:30a-11:30a in the Parlor.

FOREVER 55 - Save the Date for our Christmas Gathering on Friday, December 15th.

WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This group provides a caring, nonjudgemental and confidential one-to-one relationship between a trained church member and a person experiencing a difficult time or transition in his or her life. For more information, contact Patti Crenshaw at (864)380-8421 or patticrenshaw1@gmail.com

HELP LEAD WORSHIP

Acolytes/Bible Bearers; Scripture Readers; Greeters/Ushers:

Sign up online www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups

Trail Guide

Sunday: November 26, 2023

Message: Getting Your Head Straight for the Holiday

Hebrews 12 :2 (The Message)

12 1-3 Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

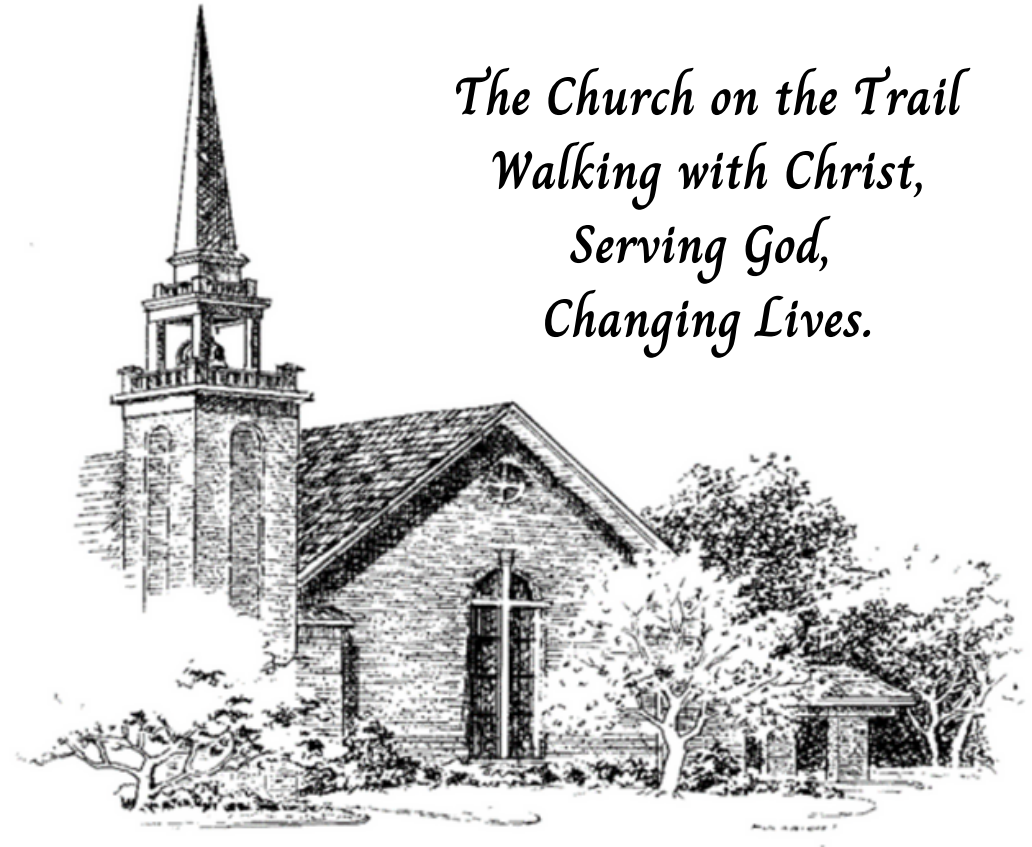
This is the Word of God, for the People of God . **Thanks be to God.**

Next Steps for the Journey

- What do you and your family do to prepare and get your head right for the Advent and Christmas season?
- What are some ways that you can slow down and not miss out on the blessing of this holy season?

Prayer for this Week's Walk

O Lord, as we prepare to celebrate and give thanks this year, may we find it in our hearts to be grateful no matter what. May we praise you for what we can do and praise you in spite of what we can't. May we thank you for what is and what isn't, for what is going well and for what is not. May we thank you for what brings us joy and even for that which brings us grief, for if our grief testifies to anything, it testifies to the depths of our love. Bless us and keep us, dear God, we pray, and turn our hearts ever and always toward your all encompassing light, you who are our creator and savior, our redeemer and friend. Amen.



*The Church on the Trail
Walking with Christ,
Serving God,
Changing Lives.*

November 26, 2023
26th Sunday after Pentecost

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Advent Activities

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10 AM The Woodlands

6:30 PM Parlor of the Family Life Center

Sunday, December 3 – The First Sunday of Advent: Hanging of the Greens Service

10 AM – ONE Service

4 PM – Churchwide Caroling Event – Meet in upper TRUMC parking Lot

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Check sign-up genius to participate, and bring homemade cookies .

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