

11:00 a.m. Service

The Work of the People for October 22, 2023
Gathering For Praise

Welcome and Announcements

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Choral Call to Worship	'We Are Members of Christ's Body'	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	'Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus'	UMH 325
*Psalter Reading	Psalm 121	UMH 844

*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

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Children's Disciple Moment Brady Gilbert
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Anthem Wounded Alleluias Craig Courtney

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 121 (The Message)	Kyle Thompson
*Hymn of Preparation	'We'll Understand it By and By'	UMH 525
Message	Why God?	Rev. Christine Matthews

Responding to God's Word

*The Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles Creed	UMH 881
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*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.*
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Offertory	'Adagio in G Minor'	Remo Giazotto
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Doxology		UMH 94
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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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Going Forth to Serve God's World

*Hymn of Sending	'Stand By Me'	UMH 512
Reception of New Members	Ashley, Shane, and Jude Turner	UMH 48

Sending Forth

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

Stewardship & Attendance Report

One Fund Monthly Goal 2023	\$47,808	Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Actual MTD	\$23,862	10.1	-	-	-
Deposits week ended	\$8,355	10.8	24	234	81
Building Project Fund as of September	\$1,352,344	10.15	TBD	202	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

Worshipping 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!

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Offertory

'Hope Now'

R.Gregg

Doxology

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*Song of Sending

'We'll Understand It Better By and By'

Gaither Gospel version

Sending Forth

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

Psalm 100 Band Director: Bryan Catron

Trail Guide

Sunday: October 22, 2023

Message: Why God?

Scripture: Psalm 121

The Message

1-2 I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from GOD, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains. 3-4 He won't let you stumble, your Guardian God won't fall asleep. Not on your life! Israel's Guardian will never doze or sleep. 5-6 GOD's your Guardian, right at your side to protect you—Shielding you from sunstroke, sheltering you from moonstroke. 7-8 GOD guards you from every evil, he guards your very life. He guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always.

May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words. Amen.

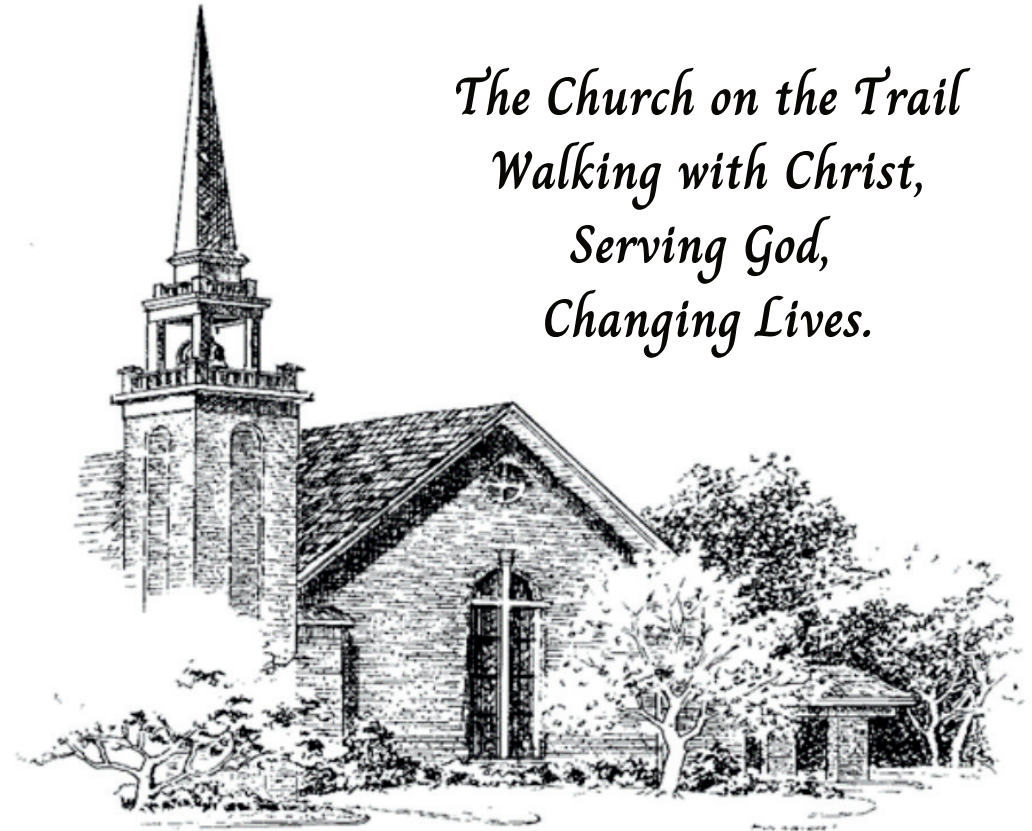
Trail Blazes (thoughts and ideas to guide you)

Next Steps on the Journey

- What are some faith questions that you have in general? What are some faith questions that you would like to ask God?
- How do you understand the suffering in this life?
- What is your understanding of the will of God?
- Have you experienced the presence of God/Christ with you in your suffering? How?
- What do you believe about God's role in our suffering?
- How could you be a source of consolation and comfort for those who are experiencing suffering?

Prayer for the Week

Why, O God, are our lives full of trouble and hard times? Where are you when life isn't fair and is so hard? Oh God, incline your ear to hear our cries. Thanks be to God—you are right here beside us through it all. We are not alone. You are with us every step of the way. Amen.



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

October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost

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8:45 a.m. Service

The Work of the People for October 15, 2023 Gathering For Praise

***Song of Welcome** You are Worthy of My Praise D.Ruis

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***Song of Praise** You Never Let Go M.Redman

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Scripture Reading Psalm 121

***Song of Preparation** 'God is in the Story' J. Pardo

Message Why God? Rev. Christine Matthews

Upcoming Events & Announcements

TODAY'S MEETINGS 10/22

- **UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)** will meet today, 10/22 from 5:00-6:30pm. They will start a Bible study on Luke have supper.
- **TRUMPETS** will practice today, 10/22, at 5pm in the Chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TRUNK OR TREAT: October 29, 5:30pm

All children are welcome to attend. Please direct all questions to Meghan Guth.

TRUMC ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7pm in the sanctuary.

The Charge Conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the Church Council. The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the Church Council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the local church leadership for the upcoming year, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

GROWTH GROUPS will take place this fall through November 17 and will meet weekly to discuss the scripture, sermon and Trail Guide questions. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the bell tower entrance and online at www.trmethodist.net

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