

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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Please join us after the service for Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall

This week's activities:

Mon. 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
 Tue. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
 Tue. 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Rm #113
 Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
 Tue. 1:00pm Adult Bible Study, Criswell Hall
 Tue. 3:00pm Joy Circle, McMillen Room #
 Tue. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115
 Wed. 9:00am Church Work Morning, Criswell Hall
 Wed. 10:00am Mary, Martha, Easter Circle McMillen Room #113
 Thu. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
 Thu. 10:00am Holiday Craft Workshop, McMillen Room #113
 Thu. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
 Thu. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room,
 Thu. 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 Thu. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Criswell Hall
 Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band
 Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Nov. 1 Youth Program 3PM Adults, 4PM Youth, 5PM Fried Chicken?
 Fri. Nov. 7 Holiday Boutique, 9AM-7PM
 Sat. Nov. 8 Holiday Boutique, 9AM-2PM
 Sun. Nov. 9 Holiday Boutique, After services
 Sat. Nov. 15 Angel Tree, 10:00AM
 Sat. Nov. 15 Turtle & Tortoise Rescue, Carpool from church at 10:45
 Sun. Nov. 16 & 23 Noisy Offering (spare change for Turkeys)
 Sat. Nov. 1-30 See's Candy Fundraiser
 Sat. Nov. 29 Hanging of the Greens 10:00am
 Sun. Nov. 30 Advent Crafts Workshop After 2nd Service
 Sat. Dec. 6 Youth Program, Progressive Dinner
 Sun. Dec. 7 Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert 3:00PM
 Thu. Dec. 11 Children's Center Christmas Program
 Sat. Dec. 13 Christmas Extravaganza 3-5PM
 Mon. Dec. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen
 Tues. Dec. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11AM carpool from church



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Hope, Joy & Love Rising



October 26, 2025

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 am

PRELUDE

“In Christ Alone, My Hope is Found”

Getty/Townend

INTROIT

The Lily of the Valley

TFWS #2062

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God of rain and harvest,

God of the humble and the hopeful,

You draw us in to be renewed by Your presence.

We come as those who long for Your restoration,

yet confess we often look for it in our own strength.

We come as people blessed and broken,

hungry for the mercy that lifts the lowly.

Open our eyes to see Your restoring work in our midst.

Open our hearts to be part of it.

In this worship, let our praise rise,

let our hope deepen and let our love overflow.

OPENING HYMN*

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 361

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God, You yourself remind us through Your holy people

that all our religious practices, even the eucharistic sacrifice,

are not worth anything if we use them to bend You our way.

God, may we come to You in humility and repentance,

ready to encounter You in love and to turn toward You.

Accept us as Your sons and daughters, together with Jesus Christ,

your Son and our Lord for ever.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children. May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer Spirit of the Living God No. 393

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Response Spirit of the Living God No. 393

CHOIR ANTHEM Offering Balocke

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14

HYMN Just As I Am, Without One Plea vs 1,3,5 No.357

SERMON Mercy

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission

Offertory "Surely the Presence" Lanny Wolfe

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN* And Can It Be that I Should Gain No. 363

BENEDICTION*

What greater joy can we know that to go home justified because of our humility before God who redeems? Let us leave this place to live as we came in – openly and desiring to praise God and witness to a saving love. May we go in humble grace. In Christ's name. Amen.

RESPONSE* The Lily of the Valley TFWS #2062

POSTLUDE "Be Strong in the Lord" Johnson/Fettke

***Please stand as able**
Bold - Congregational Reading

Assisting in today's service Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,
Liturgist: Michelle Richardson, Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Organ: Brad Bettencourt,
Choir Director: Tricia Stewart, Sound Tech: Adrian Paredes

Luke 18:9-14

9 Jesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. **10** "Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. **12** I fast two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.' **13** But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!' **14** I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

CAROLYN RUSSELL

First United Methodist Church wants to take this moment to xpress our heartfelt gratitude to you and your hard work and dedication to our Children's Moment and Sunday School for so many years.

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Staff Parish
November 2nd will be hosted by Finance

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
<i>Sep 28</i>	34	61	95	21	116	\$1,770
<i>Oct 05</i>	52	59	111	29	140	\$10,918
<i>Oct 12</i>	41	78	119	16	135	\$6,082
<i>Oct 19</i>	40	77	117		117	\$4,778
Weekly needed: \$7,175						
YTD Received: \$95,250			YTD Needed: \$114,513			
Treasurer is getting nervous, please give generously						

Today's Flowers Honor
Carolyn Russell (from Rohla Family)
Harper & Family (from Frank & Patty Williams)