

Upcoming Events:

- 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

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Nominating Committee
November 16th will be hosted by Worship Team**

| <i>ATTENDANCE</i> | | | | | | |
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| <i>WEEK</i> | <i>8:30</i> | <i>10:30</i> | <i>IN- PERSON</i> | <i>VIDEO</i> | <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>STEWARDSHIP</i> |
| <i>Oct 12</i> | <i>41</i> | <i>78</i> | <i>119</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>145</i> | <i>\$6,082</i> |
| <i>Oct 19</i> | <i>40</i> | <i>77</i> | <i>117</i> | <i>39</i> | <i>156</i> | <i>\$4,778</i> |
| <i>Oct 26</i> | <i>44</i> | <i>84</i> | <i>128</i> | <i>37</i> | <i>165</i> | <i>\$9,820</i> |
| <i>Nov 02</i> | <i>46</i> | <i>83</i> | <i>129</i> | | <i>129</i> | <i>\$8,791</i> |
| Weekly needed: \$7,175 | | | | | | |
| YTD Received: \$113,861 | | | YTD Needed: \$128,827 | | | |
| Treasurer is getting nervous, please give generously | | | | | | |

**Today's Flowers In Honor Of
Veterans & Marine Corps (From Lori Ford)
John Balster (By Mike Balster)**



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November 09, 2025 **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 10:30 am

PRELUDE "You Are Mine" David Haas

INTROIT Lord, I Lift Your Name on High TFWS #2088

CALL TO WORSHIP*
Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.
The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.
Yet God is with us.
All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.
God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.
Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.

OPENING HYMN* Standing on the Promises No. 374

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
Most Holy and Powerful God, we take courage today that you will provide all we need to keep your presence at the center of our work for your glory. We need you today to shake the heavens and the earth. Shake the trees and the dry land. Shake the hearts and souls, pockets, wallets, and pocketbooks of all of us here and those around us. Shake us so that our earthly treasures and heavenly investments would be released freely to carry out your purposes. All we have needed, you have provided. Now, may we provide all you need for this community to be whole. As we bring our gifts to you, instill in our souls the fact that our silver is yours and our gold is yours, no matter how much or how little we have. For we are blessed to be a blessing! We thank you and we praise you. In the mighty name of Jesus, amen!

ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT

ADVENT I: WISDOM

ADVENT SONG *Come, O Come Emmanuel* (wisdom verse) No. 211

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

God of wisdom, Lord Christ.
Hear us, we pray.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT Rev. Wesley Thompson

**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 Spirit of the Living God No. 393

Response Spirit of the Living God No. 393

CHOIR ANTHEM Believe On Jesus Smith/McVey

SCRIPTURE 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

HYMN Sing with all the Saints in Glory No. 702

SERMON Stand **Firm and Hold Tight**

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission "Your Great Name" Nordhoff/Neale

Offertory "Your Great Name" Nordhoff/Neale

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN* When We All Get to Heaven No. 701

BENEDICTION*

Hear again the promise God made to his people long ago:
**Do not be discouraged! Be strong and courageous. Keep working, for I am with you.
My Spirit remains with you and is living among you. So do not be afraid!**

RESPONSE* Lord, I Lift Your Name on High TFWS #2088

POSTLUDE "We Shall Behold Him" Dottie Rambo

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

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

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 15-16

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to be with him: I beg you, my friends, **2** not to be so easily confused in your thinking or upset by the claim that the Day of the Lord has come. Perhaps it is thought that we said this while prophesying or preaching, or that we wrote it in a letter. **3** Do not let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until the final Rebellion takes place and the Wicked One appears, who is destined to hell. **4** He will oppose every so-called god or object of worship and will put himself above them all. He will even go in and sit down in God's Temple and claim to be God. **5** Don't you remember? I told you all this while I was with you. **15** So then, our friends, stand firm and hold on to those truths which we taught you, both in our preaching and in our letter.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE CARDS AND WORDS OF
ENCOURGMENT
FROM JIM AND ANN WILSON**