



November 17, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | 26th Sunday after Pentecost

[GATHERING](#)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Shannon Webb

PRELUDE

James Stanley and Elaine Bultena

Morning Has Broken / Joel Rainey

CALL TO WORSHIP (BETH MERRILL NEAL) † Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God.

AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89 (VERSES 1-2) †

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | United Methodist Hymnal

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89 (VERSES 3-4) †

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | United Methodist Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Natasha Murray

SONG

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me— the Bible tells me so.

CHILDRENS TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

VOCAL SOLO

Shannon Webb

Let the Seraphim / George Frideric Handel

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

From generation to generation, you are the Lord. For the faithful of the ages, we give you thanks and praise:

For the disciples and apostles of the early church, who, in Jesus' name, baptized and taught.

For the saints and mystics of the medieval church, who gave their lives in Jesus' service.

For the scholars and theologians of the Reformation, who clung to Jesus' grace alone.

For the pilgrims and preachers of a young America, who lit fires of passion for a life in Jesus.

For the missionaries and activists of the modern church, who worked for justice in Jesus' name in every place on earth.

For the founders of this very church, whose faith laid the foundation for our ministry.

For our own work, worship and ministry; for the gifts we now give and the commitments we now make; that in Jesus' name we may shine with your light and love for all people.

As we look to a new year, we give thanks for the whole history of your church and are grateful for the privilege of taking up the mantle of ministry.

From generation to generation, you are the Lord, and we are your people! Amen

HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation | United Methodist Hymnal

[PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD](#)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ian Beard

1 Samuel 1:4-20 | Pew Bible, Old Testament Page 238

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

APOSTLES' CREED †

Christian, what do you believe?

**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.**

GLORIA PATRI 70 †

**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.**

[RESPONSE TO THE WORD](#)

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

God so Loved the World | John Stainer

DOXOLOGY 94 †

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | United Methodist Hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

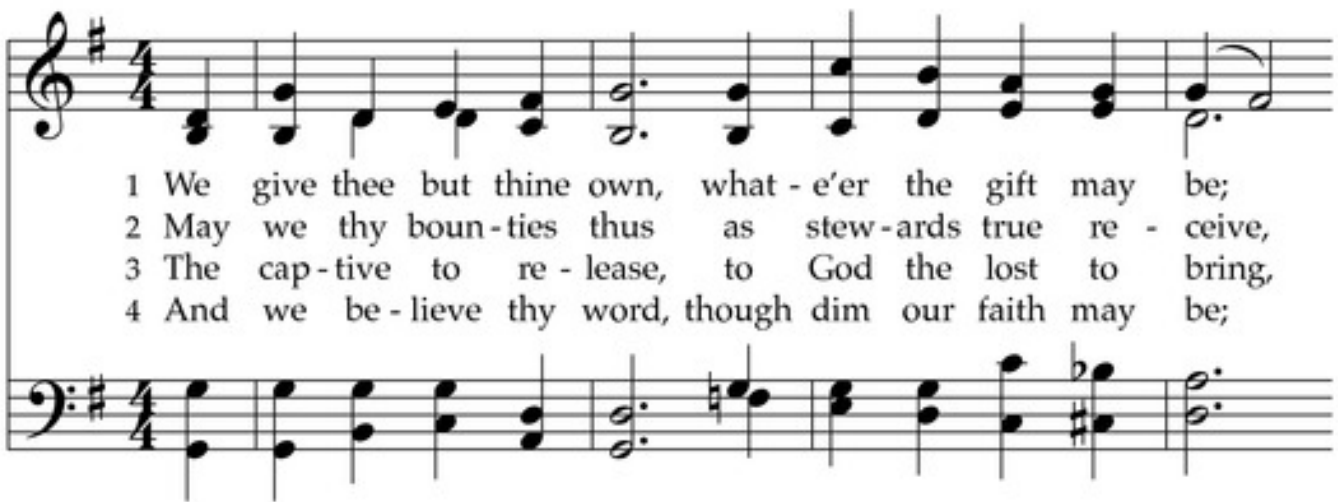
[SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD](#)

PRAYER FOR HOPE †

God of Heaven and Earth, in this season, I commit to seeking justice, sowing seeds of unity, acting with kindness, and loving my neighbors even when we disagree. I release myself from anger, cruelty, violence, and despair. I allow hope to fill my mind, my body, and my spirit. I allow your love to guide me. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN †

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. David C. Freeman,
Rev. Natasha Murray, Rev. Haley Jones Wells, Rev. Brittany Richardson
Watson

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, James Stanley, Shannon Webb,
Elaine Bultena

Liturgist: Ian Beard

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone, Mike Cole

Altar Guild: Debbie Boyd

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Bradley B. Jordan
given by Michele Love and Helen Herr. You are missed.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

DC Mom, Laura Webb, Pat Lile, Kaye Hoover, Darlene Kurtz, Jim Deer,

Congratulations

To Kaye and Paul Hoover on the birth of their great-granddaughter Hazel
Fay Hughes, on November 6th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Koinonia Lunch
12:00 pm First Arts Sunday (First Cup)
2:30 pm Charge Conference (Cokesbury)
5:00 pm Friendsgiving (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, November 18, 2024

9:00 am Flower Girls
1:00 pm Community Café
3:00 pm Washington Elem. Basketball

6:30 pm Adult Into to Taiko Drumming

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study

9:00 am Staff Meeting (Rm 204)

10:30 am Worship Planning

1:00 pm Community Café

3:00 pm First Arts (Gym)

5:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Comm Mtg

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

9:30 am CDC chapel

1:00 pm Community Café

3:00 pm Washington Elem. Basketball

5:30 pm Center St Ringers

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 21, 2024

4:45 pm Youngish Adult Happy Hour BCW Main Street