Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Pastor Tina Bacon I Supply Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick I Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller I Church Musician

Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

24th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist:* Lois Thurnherr

Leader: Are you ready to worship?

People: We believe that we are.

Leader: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.

People: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

Leader: The Lord comes to you this day.

People: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise.

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *"Seek Ye First"* *Gray #447*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars.

Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: In the deepest darkness, in the times when all seems lost, we are not lost to God. God calls us to be ready for God's new kingdom. In all this God is with us.

People: Praise be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

APPRECIATION FOR VETERANS



OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5:18-24

ANTIPHONAL PSALM Psalm 78:1-7

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

***HYMN** *"Because He Lives"* Screens only

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON "The Scariest Sound in the World"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *"God of Our Fathers"* Gray #419 vs. 1,2,4

*__GIFTS and OFFERINGS__ *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



*__DOXOLOGY__

*__BENEDICTION__

*__CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING__ *God Be with You*
Gray #840 vs.1

__POSTLUDE__

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.
For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Pat Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Phil Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Sophia Rappl Raso, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: $2,355
Offering collection from November 1, 2026: $3,321
Current: $3,271 Benevolent: $5
Special Benevolent: $45
Attendance on Sunday, November 1, 2026: 38



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is **children's appreciation for Veterans** during worship.
- **Orders for poinsettias** must be placed by **Thursday, November 12th.** Order sheets are on the table across from the sanctuary. The flowers will be placed in the church for the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 20th) and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.
- **Fall Food Drive continues through November 15th.** Faith is collecting non-perishable food items. There will be a box in the hallway for your donations.
- **Intro to Meditation: Peace** classes began October 12th and will continue through November 16th on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board outside Church office.
- **Board Meeting** on November 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 22nd – **Stewardship dedication of Pledges/Turkey soup luncheon/Hat and glove drive begins.**
- **Churchill Memorial Methodist Church will be hosting a community pre-Thanksgiving worship service at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th.** And if anyone is interested in joining their choir for the service, rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays 11/11 and 11/18 from 6:45 to 8 p.m. For more info, contact Churchill at 716-941-5142 or their music director, Mark Vona, at mrmrv88@yahoo.com.
- Sunday, November 29th – **Communion/1st Sunday of Advent.**

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