Sunday, November 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

601 North Cedar, Abilene, Kansas 67410

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND JOYS

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin to register your attendance and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (congregation response in **bold**)

We come to worship to offer ourselves willingly.

God has called us here!

We come to sing songs of praise and thanksgiving.

We will bless the Lord!

As a community, we listen for God's voice in our midst.

We will trust in God and become a blessing to others!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *O Worship the King* UMH 73

FAMILY TIME (children of all ages are invited to come forward)

SCRIPTURE READING Judges 5: 1-9

5 On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:
2 "When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves— praise the Lord!
3 "Hear this, you kings! Listen, you rulers! I, even I, will sing to the Lord; I will praise the Lord, the God of Israel, in song.
4 "When you, Lord, went out from Seir, when you marched from the land of Edom, the earth shook, the heavens poured, the clouds poured down water. **5** The mountains quaked before the Lord, the One of Sinai, before the Lord, the God of Israel.
6 "In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned; travelers took to winding paths. **7** Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel.
8 God chose new leaders when war came to the city gates, but not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel. **9** My heart is with Israel's princes, with the willing volunteers among the people.
Praise the Lord!

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

SERMON Pastor Libby Themis

RESPONSIVE HYMN *Standing on the Promises* UMH 374

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

***UNISON PRAYER**

Lord, you call us to do great works in your name. Even in the face of overwhelming and daunting struggles, you empower us to act with courage, strength, and resilience. We give you thanks that you equip us to hear you, to act, and to go forth in relationship with others. Through our worship, give us the confidence to say "yes" to serve your purposes. Give us the faith to believe that you will win the battles we face. And, in all that we say and do, may we return with songs of rejoicing and praise, for you are a good and loving God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***PRAYER RESPONSE** *The Family Prayer Song* *vs 1* FWS 2188

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth with courage, strength, and resilience to do God's work in partnership

***POSTLUDE**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:
Barb Emig, Virginia Donley, Steve Eckman (son of Betty), Ann Wyatt (Mother of Ray Wyatt), Sean Zernickow (son of Chuck & Sandy), Cade Roberts (friend of Jace Friesen) Eunice Gay, Al Jones, Hope Higgins, Colston (great-grandson of Ed and Velda Becker), Family of Joanne Barthels, Thomas Lovett (Grace Lovett's grandpa), Dalton Bunch, Bette Englehaupt, Myckie Spencer, Steve Crump, Jamie Linenberger's great nephew Atticus, Dorothy Veach, Marilyn Smalley, Race Proffitt (BIL Will & Molly Burton), Dorothy Lehman, Eli (Tandy B's cousin's son), Keith Emig, Bruce Pauley (husband of Kathy), Gisela Pauley (mother of Kathy), Pam Jackson, Richard Blanchard (Father of Leslie Hoffman), Leonard Schmitz (friend of Kent & Diane Wyatt), Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother)

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:
The Family of Kathrine Worthen, Sharon Darling, Rita Everson, Bob Dishman, Rachel Prichard, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

THOSE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME: Norris Marshall, Karen & Steve Crump, Dorothy Veach, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Charles Spidell, Hope Higgins, Jim Leyerzapf, Evelyn Carter, Barb and Carl Funston, Al Jones, Glen & Joan Dawson, Don & Mary Rickley, Phyllis Welton, Pam Jackson, Myckie Spencer, Dorothy Lehman.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:
If you have someone to add to this list, please include their name on the back of the attendance sheet.
Cory Donley, Colby Miller, Kayla Lee, Derek Lipson, Daelan McKnight, Patrick Senart

THOSE IN AUTHORITY: The World Leaders, the President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST
Is in loving memory of June Nold.

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22, to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season. We will begin at 3 pm so, if you are watching the Chiefs game you can join us afterward. ;-)

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES
Our youth will be putting together care packages to send to college students for finals on November 18. Please bring snack items like protein bars, popcorn, chips, etc. to help us provide for our college students.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WALK & TALK
The walking group is leaving from the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday for an approximately 45-minute walk. Contact Alex Hunter at (405) 837-6754 or Karlene Taylor at (316) 516-7755.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Join us on Sunday, November 15, at 9:30 am to fill our boxes. Your monetary donations help cover the cost of mailing our boxes, so please donate if you can. In November, we are collecting crafts, puzzles, binoculars, compasses, jump ropes, etc. No liquids (bubbles), please.

COMMUNITY MEAL
The Community Meal is served on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. We served 288 meals on September 28, including meals for CORE members. Our turn to prep and serve the meal is November 9th. November 23, churches committed to Community Meal will join to serve the Thanksgiving meal. Please contact Jacque Saffell at 785-342-6223 or Toni Schwarting at 785-479-6353 with questions or to volunteer**.**

BREAD MINISTRY
If you can support the Bread Ministry for first-time visitors, please bring loaves of homemade bread to the church on Sunday. All types & sizes of bread are appreciated: quick bread, yeast bread, artisan bread. Please wrap in Saran Wrap and/or baggies. We greatly appreciate your willingness to donate.

WE ARE ON THE RADIO AND STREAMING ONLINE
If you can't make it to church but would like to listen to our service live, tune in to KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. You can also stream the worship service at abilenefirstumc.org.

SPONSOR OUR RADIO BROADCAST
One way we reach those who are homebound or unable to attend worship in person is through the weekly radio broadcast of our 10:30 worship service. This costs about $70 each Sunday. We welcome any individual or family willing to sponsor a Sunday Service for $70. We will recognize you in the worship bulletin and on the radio for your sponsorship. You may dedicate your sponsorship in honor or memory of a loved one. Please contact the church office to pick a Sunday to sponsor.

SEEKING FIRST UMC VETERANS
Have you or someone in your family served in the military? Please write your name and the military branch on the back of the yellow attendance sheet and let us know.



OFFERING Needed each Sunday - $ 5,870.81 Last Sunday - $ 3,748.00

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 8
Happy Birthday, Terry Tietjens!
8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Class
10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

MONDAY, November 9 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
Happy Birthday, Lisa Ricker!
Happy Birthday, AnnMarie Schwarting!
Happy Birthday, Vance Riffel!
1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
6:30 p.m. Core Community
6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

TUESDAY, November 10 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
Happy Birthday, Mary Duey!
10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex
5:15 p.m. Lisa's Handbell Group - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, November 11 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
Happy Birthday, Kevin Haight!
Veterans Day
3:30 p.m. Power & Light
5:00 p.m. Missions & Outreach
5:15 p.m. Bell Choir- Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, November 12 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
4:30 p.m. Kids in Crisis

FRIDAY, November 13 OFFICE CLOSED
Happy Birthday, Janice Hoffman

SATURDAY, November 14
Happy Birthday, Tim Holm!

SUNDAY, November 15
Happy Birthday, Greg Dutt!
8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Class
10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. “UMH” stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); “FWS” stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and “WS” stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.
Vision: A church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Piano: Angie Hoerner
Liturgists: Jason Vinduska & Kent Wyatt
Slides/Sound/Livestream: Heather Heger & Molly Burton
Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Ellen Jones & Mary Jane Oard
10:30: Kent & Diane Wyatt

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