Sunday, November 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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**)

Skeptics, new believers, and faithful alike;

You are welcome in this place!

Rich, poor, and all who are in between;

You are welcome in this place!

Workers, travelers, preachers, and doubters;

Gather around for you are welcome in this place!

ALL: We are the church, so let us worship God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *Take My Life and Let It Be* UMH 399

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

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30) *Bless This House* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16: 13-15, 40

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. **14** One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. **15** Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

40 Paul and Silas left the prison and made their way to Lydia's house where they encourage brothers and sisters. Then they left Philippi.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

SERMON Pastor Libby Themis

RESPONSIVE HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour* *vs 1-3,5,4* UMH 397

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

***UNISON PRAYER**

Gracious and most loving God, we pray that this would be a safe space for us to gather, pray, find encouragement, and hear your Word proclaimed. Be with us as we build community, build your church, baptize new believers, encourage the faithful, and strive to do your work in the world. Remind us again and again that we are enough not because of what we have but because of who you are. Empower us to offer radical hospitality that all may meet you in this place. We lift this up in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**	*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*	UMH 404

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Our vision is to lead with Open Hearts, embrace new possibilities with Open Minds, and create opportunities through Open Doors. Together, we nurture belonging, encourage growth, and celebrate each person's unique strengths.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:
Margaret Bryant (MIL of Elizabeth Gugler Bryant), Susie Smith (Eunice Gay's daughter), Joyce Taylor (Terry Taylor's mother), Barb Emig, Virginia Donley, Ann Wyatt (Mother of Ray Wyatt), Sean Zernickow (son of Chuck & Sandy), Cade Roberts (friend of Jace Friesen) Eunice Gay, Al Jones, Hope Higgins, 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 Anonymous.

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 support our college students.

CRAFT MAKE & TAKE
Join us in Wright Hall on December 5 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for a drop-in Christmas craft activity! Create a handmade card, ornament, or gift tag to take home.

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.

OUT OF THE OFFICE
Clark will be out of the office on November 18th & 19th, and Sunday the 22nd.

OFFERING Needed each Sunday - $ 5,870.81 Last Sunday - $ 1,626.11



CHURCH CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, November 16 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
6:30 p.m. Church Council - 200
6:30 p.m. Core Community
6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

TUESDAY, November 17 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
Happy Birthday, Diana Stout!
10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex
5:15 p.m. Lisa's Handbell Group - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, November 18 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
Happy Birthday, Kevin Bailey!
3:30 p.m. Power & Light
5:00 p.m. Missions & Outreach
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 7:00 Bell Quartet

THURSDAY, November 19 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON
6:30 p.m. SPPRC - 200

FRIDAY, November 20 OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, November 21
Happy Birthday, Karlene Taylor!

SUNDAY, November 22
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: Jamie Linenberger & Bette Engelhaupt
Slides/Sound/Livestream: Linda Kolacny & Leslie Hoffman
Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Kevin & Ann Bailey
10:30: Will & Molly Burton

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