



Give Thanks NOVEMBER 2025



Our Mission: United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

Our Vision: Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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Sunday, November 9, 2025 – Hymn Sing Sunday

Thank you to everyone who submitted hymn suggestions for today's worship!

Prelude

Gathering—Inhale the bounty of God's peace. Splendor is a gift of the presence of God. Serenity is the treasure that comes from God's Spirit. Through the love of God, we find our rest. Now exhale all that resists the blessings of God. Justice and kindness ring from the heart of God.~

***Hymns** *I Surrender All*, 474 *You Are My All in All*, 427 *What a Friend*, 473

Prayer—Divine Foundation, even as tumultuous winds shake us and the floor beneath us quakes, you firmly hold us. As the world around us rattles, you erase fear from our hearts. Whether on earth or in heaven, your loving Spirit endures. It pervades the limitless reaches of your creation. Lift us during times of trembling, enduring Spirit, and still us during moments of uncertainty. We lift up this prayer and the prayers of our hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Choir

Exploring Together

Stewardship Bingo, Kaylee Gephart-Kile

Scripture

Psalms 145:1-10 (NRSVUE)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵ They will recount the glorious^[a] splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate. ⁶ They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Hymns *Here I Am, Lord, 55* *On Eagles Wings, 43* *How Great Thou Art, 51*

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Through the work of our hearts and hands, we are called to deliver the justice and kindness of God. Courage is our guide, as we discern which gifts to share. May the wisdom of God our Creator shine on our pathways along the way.~

November Benevolence—God's Bounty

Ministry Moment

Poptabs for Ronald McDonald, Jackie Keller

***Doxology**

We Give Thanks—Holy, Steadfast Love, as we abide together in your realm, you bring stillness to our hurried world. Even as the world quakes and our anxiety builds, your peace blesses our souls. Help us share this serenity with our companions on the road. Bless the gifts we return to you this day, that they may bring unity to your realm and hope for a harmonious universe. Amen.~

Hymns *Revive Us Again, 463* *Prayer of St. Francis, 587* *Let There Be Peace, 614*

Benediction—May the God of strength fill our hearts with hope, as we face a quaking world. May the Christ of love fill our hearts with faith, as we wonder what's next. May

the Spirit of peace fill our hearts with tranquility, as we seek eternal comfort. May God's splendor illuminate the road ahead, as we seek the joy of heaven. Amen.~

Postlude

~Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 245).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- Sunday, 9 am – Choir Practice
- Sunday, during worship – Hymn Sing Sunday
- Sunday, 3 pm – Southeast Association Fall Meeting at St. John's UCC, Southport
- Monday, 6:30 pm – Young Adult Book Study (Zoom)
- Tuesday – Pastor Sarah, makeup day off; no 2 Minute Tuesday
- Wednesday, 5:30 pm – Worship Team (Zoom)
- Sunday, November 16, after worship – 3rd Sunday Lunch at The Depot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STEWARDSHIP BINGO**—The Zion UCC Council invites you to join them now through November 23 for *Stewardship Bingo*. Be on the lookout for ways you can serve God and the church as you live your faith. Prizes are available as you fill your bingo cards. A second prize can be won for a cover-all.
- **HYMN SING SUNDAY**—While Pastor Sarah is at the Global Ministries Board Meeting on Sunday, November 9, are having a Hymn Sing in worship! Thank you to all who are helping with worship leadership this weekend!

SERVE

- **ANGEL TREE**—We are excited to once again partner with Hands of Hope to make sure kids in foster care in Marion County experience the joy of the Christmas season. Pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in November to purchase a gift or two. We have added two more kids to the tree because we already ran out of tags! That means we will be serving 8 kids this year. If you take a tag, please make sure that you fill out the tracking sheet by the tree with your name and tag numbers. Drop off your unwrapped gifts in the sanctuary by November 30. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing the love and joy of Christ with these kids.
- **NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE**—The holiday season is right around the corner, and we want to help make sure our neighbors have food to eat. Help us fill the chancel with non-perishable food donations. Bring your donations now through November 23.
- **NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE**—In addition to supporting our food drive, you can

also make monetary donations to God's Bounty so they can purchase exactly what they need and keep up with the expenses of running the pantry.

ENRICH

- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—The Young Adults will continue their book study on *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* by Brene Brown. They'll meet the next two Mondays at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
- **3rd SUNDAY LUNCH**—Join us November 16 after worship at The Depot for a delicious meal together. RSVP to Becky if you plan to attend.
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS GAME DAY**—Join the Golden Friends on Thursday, November 20 at 2 pm for a fun afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. All are welcome to join us no matter your age. Family and friends are always welcome!
- **THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION & LUNCH**—We will give thanks for the bounty of our lives on Sunday, November 23. In worship we will have a special service of song and praise. After worship you're invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Party and Pie Celebration. Bring in your favorite pie and open your hearts to warm fellowship as we enjoy Olive Garden Soup and Breadsticks.
- **HANGING OF THE GREENS**—It is almost time to deck the halls of our sanctuary! Help prepare our worship space on Monday, November 24, at 6 pm, as we get ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Pizza and treats will be provided.
- **CHRISTMAS IN WANAMAKER**—Our Fundraising Team will again have a booth at Christmas in Wanamaker on December 6 and will sell ornaments, potholders, and mini bread loaves. All are invited to walk in the parade as we invite our neighbors to join us for worship. Line up begins at 12 pm, with the parade at 1 pm. Sign up today!