

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost, Thanksgiving Sunday
November 19, 2017 11:00 am
“*God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24)

Prelude “Cantable” (Eliot) Sandy Griese
Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**
L: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?
P: With songs of praise and thanksgiving!
L: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?
P: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are wide open!
L: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.
P: Let us praise and give thanks to God who has redeemed us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” **UMH 158**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)
“Awesome God, You created the world and blessed all that is in it. Be with us this day as we gather to worship and honor You. Challenge us to be faithful disciples of Yours and prepare us to be witnesses to Your power and love as we use the gifts You have blessed us with. Amen.”

*** Passing of the Peace**

Anthem “A Song of Thanksgiving” (arr. M. Helman) Handbell Choir

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” **UMH 133**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)
“Gracious Lord, we thank You for the many gifts You have given to each of us-- gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging, giving and serving. Continue to guide us and lead us in pathways of service and away from trails of fear and anxiety. Open our hearts to receive Your transforming grace that we may serve You gladly and gratefully. Amen.”

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Epistle Lesson **1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11** Rick Bailey
Gospel Reading **Matthew 25: 14-30**
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Faith** “Grace Greater than Our Sin” **UMH 365**

Message “Well Done, Faithful Servant!” Rev. Wayne Chung
A wealthy landowner gives a huge amount of money to three of his servants. Later on, two are commended while one is not. Why? Our view of God determines our attitudes and behaviors. *“Continue building each other up in faith as you seek to be ready for Christ's return.”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love
Offertory “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (arr. A.L. Page) Handbell Choir
***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God” **UMH 102**

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Hymn Response** “Amen” **UMH 898**

Postlude “Minuet” (Handel) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matt. 25:31-46

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The altar flowers today are given in honor of John & Peggy Wilkerson’s 60th wedding anniversary, on November 23, 2017, by their children & spouses – Dale & Sandy, Ray & Tina, and Janice & Bill

The bulletin is sponsored in honor of John & Peggy Wilkerson’s 60th wedding anniversary by their grandchildren – Ashley, Courtney, Andrew, Molly, Kevin, & Jonathan

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Jay Lounsbury’s sister, Ann Curry, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 223, Average Weekly Attendance 188
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 69

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-October 2017					
	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$313,281		\$306,530		\$6,751	2%
Missions Fund	\$25,164		\$18,253		\$6,911	38%
P&I Fund	\$14,021		\$15,000		(\$979)	-7%
Building Fund	\$56,693		\$55,000		\$1,693	3%
Kitchen Fund	\$5,430		\$20,000		(\$14,570)	-73%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	u/k	Other	u/k	YTD Cereal	1494

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$113,541 as of October 31, 2017
Mortgage Loan Balance = \$356,066 as of October 31, 2017

Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Ushers	Ed & Ev Klahr
Junior Usher	Jake Heyer
Acolytes	Rebecca & Seth Heyer
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Altar Guild for November	Bonnie Dean (410-257-2029)
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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11:00 am Worship Service



The Parable of the Talents

Our Mission: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”