

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 2017 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: The God of grace has led us to this place.

P: We are witnesses—we will serve God only!

L: We have sworn to teach God's promises to all generations.

P: We are witnesses—we will obey God only!

L: The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

P: We are witnesses—we will be ready! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Ye Servants of God” **UMH 181**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

“Through the week of stress and demands, we come to You this day, O God. Awaken us again to Your comforting presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which You have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to You. Amen.”

*** Passing of the Peace**

Blessing over the Prayer Shawls & Hymn Books *(list of dedications in Narthex)*

Special Music “This Little Light of Mine” Preschool Class
“I’m in the Lord’s Army” and “Do Lord” K-5th Grade Class

Children’s Message Ruth Bailey

Hymn Response “Alleluia” **UMH 186**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

"Eternal God, from everlasting to everlasting You are God, we are not. When we think we are ready for all events that come our way, keep us awake for Your return even as we watch for signs of Your kingdom. Ready ourselves to receive You now, in this place and everywhere we are. Amen."

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

Epistle Lesson **1 Thessalonians** **4: 13- 18** Bonnie Revell

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **25: 1- 13**

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Faith** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” **UMH 452**

Message “When the Lord Returns ” Rev. Wayne Chung

Death comes to everyone—no exception. Christ will return— don’t know when. When the Lord returns, everyone is out to meet Him. The lamp shall not go out. *“Keep watch! You know neither the day nor the hour.”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love

Offertory Sandy Griese

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** “It Is Well with My Soul” **UMH 377**

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

***Hymn Response** “Amen” **UMH 898**

Postlude “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (arr. Wells) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 or 76 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Matt. 25:14-30

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanks for the loving congregation at Friendship United Methodist Church

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Family & Friends of Franklin Revelle who passed away on October 30, Helen McGill, The victims and rescue workers of Hurrricanes, 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, California, Las Vegas, Texas, Puerto Rico, and Florida

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 242, Average Weekly Attendance 188
 Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 72

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-September 2017					
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %		
General Fund	\$279,766	\$272,693	\$7,073	3%		
Missions Fund	\$22,614	\$16,275	\$6,339	39%		
P&I Fund	\$12,708	\$13,500	(\$792)	-6%		
Building Fund	\$50,159	\$49,500	\$659	1%		
Kitchen Fund	\$4,535	\$18,000	(\$13,465)	-75%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	22	Other	2	YTD Cereal	1494

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$112,646 as of September 30, 2017
 Mortgage Loan Balance = \$361,871 as of September 30, 2017

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
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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Pastor	Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 12, 2017
 11:00 am Worship Service



The Second Coming of Christ

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

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”