First United Methodist Church

November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

+Please stand as you are comfortable doing so.

Chiming of the Trinity		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	*Introduction and Prelude on NICAEA*	Post
+ Call to Worship		
+ Hymn of Praise	*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*	#154
+ Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	#881
+ Acclamation of Praise	*Glory Be to the Father*	#71
+ Greeting One Another		
Song of Fellowship	*There's a Spirit of Love in this Place*	*Miller*
A Time Mostly for Children		
Anthem	*All Good Gifts*	Berry
Morning Prayer		
Scripture Lesson	Ephesians 1:15-23	
+ Offertory Hymn	*He Is Lord/Alleluia*	#177/186
Offertory	*Offertory on NICAEA*	Post
+ Doxology	*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*	#95
+ Scripture Lesson	Matthew 25:31-46	
Sermon	*What If?*	Andy Stoddard
+ Closing Hymn	*Crown Him with Many Crowns*	#327
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	*Postlude on NICAEA*	Post

Poinsettias 2026

Please consider ordering Poinsettias
in honor of or *in memory of* people who are special to you.
Order forms are available in the church office.
The cost is $16 each. These poinsettias will make our sanctuary beautiful for the Advent Season!

Serving in Worship Today

Senior Pastor	Andy Stoddard
Associate Pastor	Jonathan Franz
Musicians in worship today:	Peter Infanger
	Elva Kaye Lance
	The Chancel Choir
Director of Children's Ministries	Miriam Harris

Children's Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

The Children's Choir will sing three songs for worship on Sunday, December 13. Rehearsals are being held on Sunday mornings November 22, 29, and December 6 at 9:00 am in the children's gathering room off the walking track in the CLC.



The flowers by the altar today are given
to the glory of God
and in honor and memory of
Dr. Roy and Mrs. Patricia Ruby



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOR 2027 SFUMC FEEDING MINISTRIES





STK FUMC YOUTH

► Last Wednesday was the last Wednesday for regular Wednesday night activities. Make plans to join us in January!

► We are looking for individuals to fill slots to teach Youth Sunday School in the new year! Please scan this QR Code for week-to-week signups. Feel free to take one week or multiple weeks! Curriculum will be provided.

STK FUMC COLLEGE

► Welcome all students! If you are visiting, thanks for stopping in! We would love for Starkville FUMC to be your church home. Make sure you connect with us by signing the Pew Pad and marking an interest in "College."

► College Sunday School is held every Sunday morning in the College Room at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for snacks, fellowship, and Sunday School!

► Did you know that this church has a dedicated college study room that is open all week long and stocked with as much caffeine as you need to make it through Organic Chemistry 2 or Physics? Check in at the church office to get an access code.

Upcoming Events & News

Wednesday Night Meal: *We are taking a short break from Wednesday night meals. Join us again on January 13.*

The Men's Group meets on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the Ladies Parlor.

EXAM SLAM will offer quiet study spaces, fast wi-fi, free meals and endless snacks & coffee for college students studying for exams. December 2-7, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The next Missions Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, 11:30 am, in the Conference Room. A light lunch will be provided.

The Senior Adult Lunch will be December 10 in the CLC. Marshall Ramsey will be the guest speaker.

Sunday Attendance

9:00 Adult Sunday School – 68 Reported
10:00 Traditional Worship – 185
10:00 Contemporary Worship – 20
10:00 Digital - 76



Garden Love Needs Your Help!

Bring your bags of leaves for mulching to the Garden Love garden on Long Street. Leave them by the sign across from JL King, Sr. Park.



IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK 100 YEARS 1926-2026

Follow this QR code to establish or renew your stewardship commitment for 2027.



The Candle Tree is up in the fellowship hall. Please take a candle from the tree to help someone this Christmas.

International Thanksgiving Meal

On Thanksgiving Day, the 41st annual International Thanksgiving Day Meal will extend Southern hospitality, demonstrate God's love, and share our table with international students from MSU and the Starkville community!

Monetary donations for hosting our International Thanksgiving Meal can be made to FUMC.



Scan this QR code to let us know if you are worshipping with us, to give online, or to view the website.

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CONNECTION

A contemporary service is held Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Pastor Jonathan Franz will be leading the worship and Will Reedy will be leading the music in today's service.

Order of Worship for Connection

The Welcome and Invitation
- Gathering Song
- Opening Sentence
- Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Hearing from God
- Songs of Praise
- A Time of Prayer and Reflection
  - Prayers of the People
  - Song of Prayer[1]
  - Pastoral Prayer
- Scripture Readings
  - First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
  - Second Reading: Psalm 100
  - Gospel Acclamation
  - Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46
  - Gospel Acclamation Reprise
- Sermon: ***The King Who Would Be a Shepherd***

Receiving God's Grace
- Offertory[2]
- Remembering our Story: The Apostles' Creed
- Sharing the Bread and the Cup: Holy Communion

The Church is Sent
- Benediction

[1]We invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. You may come forward to pray at the altar, sing, or sit in silent contemplation. How ever it is that you feel like connecting with God in this moment, the Lord says, "come to me."

[2] If you are visiting this morning, the greatest gift you could offer is to please complete one of the attendance cards on your seat. Providing us with your name and contact information will give us the gift and opportunity to connect with you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 26	International Thanksgiving Dinner
November 29	Advent Fest, 5-7 pm
December 2-7	Exam Slam, Fall '26
December 10	Sr. Adult Lunch 11:30
December 20	Blue Christmas Service, 5 pm

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