

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost



A Wonder-Full Life

Looking Out

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1 Timothy 6:17-19**



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Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Daryl Gilbert, Assistant DS and
Guest Preacher

Dr. Linda Pohly, Worship Leader
Bob Myers, Lay Leader

Dr. Andrew Crow, Director of Music
Dr. Ann Hicks, Director of Handbells

Dr. Sally Kang, Organist
Joy Bricker, Director of
Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries
Josiah Bricker & Leo Furlong, Acolytes

WE GATHER

Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Storer Memorial Carillon

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father, arr. Lloyd Larson

Handbells, led by Dr. Ann Hicks

*Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn #577

Larry McWilliams, trumpet

*Call to Worship

Dr. Linda Pohly

Leader: Do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

All: Our hope is in God, our Maker and Provider, who gives us life, breath, and every good gift.

Leader: Let us do good, and be rich in good deeds. Let us be generous and ready to share with others.

All: By grace, we open our hands and our hearts. We lay up a treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the future.

Leader: Let us take hold of the life that is truly life. Together, let us worship God.

All: We come to praise and serve the living God.

*Welcome & Greeting

Bob Myers

*Passing of the Peace

WE PROCLAIM

Children's Moment

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Rev. Daryl. Afterward, the children are invited to Children's Church with Ms. Joy. Please pick up your children from G1 immediately following the service.

Anthem

Festival Doxology, by Donald P. Hustad

Sanctuary Choir
Larry McWilliams, trumpet

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Linda Pohly

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (Common English Bible translation)

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others.

* Indicates congregation should stand in body or spirit

When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Wonder-Full Life: Looking Out

Rev. Daryl Gilbert

WE RESPOND

Stewardship Moment

Dr. Kay Stickle

Prayer Concerns & Community Life

Dr. Linda Pohly

Congregational Call to Prayer

Let Us Pray for Peace, text by Nancy Kraft

*Lord we pray for peace,
for the healing of creation.
May your truth and justice mend ev'ry breach;
may we learn to live as one.*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow upon us the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray, when we don't see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg for more; when we hoard your gifts and do not hear the mournful cries of those around us; and when our desire for more leads us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of serenity, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share your gifts with others. We pray in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: People of God, do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be generous and ready to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Brief Time of Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #895

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response to Prayer

Sanctuary Choir, led by Aiden Clemenz

September Financial Update

Bob Myers

Call to the Giving Life

Offertory

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, mvmt. 2, *Romanza*, by Francis Poulenc

Dr. Christopher Bade, clarinet; Dr. Sally Kang, piano

***Doxology**

Hymn #95

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***Closing Hymn**

Ye Servants of God

Hymn #181

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Choral Benediction

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Sanctuary Choir

Postlude

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, mvmt. 3, *Allegro con fuoco*, by Francis Poulenc

Dr. Christopher Bade, clarinet; Dr. Sally Kang, piano

Sermon Notes

Thank you for worshiping with us this week.

Church Announcements

Announcements - Announcements may be submitted at bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet. They must be in by Tuesday morning.

Movie Night - Join us this coming Friday, October 23, at 6 pm in Parish Hall for the classic film, *Private Eyes*, with Don Knotts & Tim Conway. We ask for an offering of \$5/person to cover the pizza, popcorn, soda, and treat served during the film.

Trunk or Treat - Will be Sunday, October 25, 3:30-4:30 pm. Please bring candy donations to the office. And we can always use more "trunks" to hand out candy. See Ms. Joy for more information.

Charge Conference - Will be held on Sunday, October 25, at 6 pm here at High Street. All are invited to attend; church leadership are asked to attend. Our new district superintendent, Rev. Karen Koelsch, will be leading this event.

Time Change - We "fall back" on Nov. 1. Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night, Oct. 31.

New Members Class - We plan to hold a New Members class on Saturday, November 7. If you're interested in becoming a member of High Street (or learning more about Methodism), please sign up in the office.

Call to Generosity - There are many ways to respond to God's love through your giving:

- In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through
- Text 765/222-5007
- Online: highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online (or scan the QR code below)
- Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (church office)
- Drop off in person during church office hours (and say Hi! while you're here)

SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions as of 10/11/26

Budget: \$544,554 (\$45,380/mo). Pledged: \$330,134 (\$27,511/mo).

Weekly Giving	\$11,594.25
October Income:	\$32,436.08
October Expenses as of 10/11/26:	\$14,474.90
Inc. YTD 2026 // Exp. YTD 2026:	\$416,688.43 // \$395,342.74
YTD Mission Pantry:	\$5,700.00
YTD Mission Samaritan:	\$3,078.00

Attendance for October 11, 2026:

In-person worship: 114

Social Media views online: 119

Grand Total for Worship: 233

**Includes \$3,127.52 from a grant for the church from the Gladys Hendricks Trust,
plus two one-time extravagant gifts in February & July*



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Sunday Schedule

Coffee Bar - before and after service	9:00 - 11:30 am
Bethany Sunday School	8:45 - 9:45 am
Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am
It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School)	11:15 am
Project 219	4:30 pm

Food Pantry Needs

Beans #1 bags
Rice #1 bags
Peanut Butter 16 oz
Diced tomatoes 16 oz
Vegetables canned 16 oz

September 2026 Financial Update

As previously announced, the Church Council approved a 2026 budget of \$544,554, which again was a “meet-the-needs as is” budget. We’ve received \$330,134 in pledges for 2026. We’ll report our monthly income, which will include any one-time gifts, as well as money provided by the trustees from their accounts to cover some of our building expenses and some of the money from the Foundation grant, against both numbers.

Also as previously noted, our giving trends are unusual, because so many give through RMDs, QCDs, and other annual tax-minimizing means – usually at the beginning or end of the year. Our beginning of the year giving came to an end, and the end of the year giving hasn’t started. Our income for September was \$17,211. This means our total September income was \$28,169 less than the \$45,380 that’s 1/12 of our \$544,554 budget. Our expenses were \$38,034, which was \$20,823 less than our monthly income.

Our YTD income (including the two one-time extravagant gifts in February and July) was \$383,702, which is \$24,718 less than the \$408,420 we have budgeted YTD. Expenses YTD are \$379,985, which is \$3717 less than our total YTD income, and \$28,435 less than we had budgeted for YTD. Again, unusually low utility expenses for May and June, as well as continuing tight spending control by staff throughout the year, has contributed to this.

We encourage you to keep up your support as Q4 2026 begins. You may give online at www.highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online. You may also text your offering to 765/222-5007, or mail your checks into the church at 219 S. High Street, Muncie, IN 47305. As always, you may bring your offering or pledge form into the church in person; we’d love to see and talk with you. If you’re able to give extra, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your support means everything.

September 2026 Financial Snapshot:

Budgeted: \$45,380 (1/12 of \$544,554)
Pledged for 2026: \$27,511 (1/12 of \$330,134)
Actual income: \$17,211
Expenses: \$38,034
Net Income (Aug): -\$20,823 (Income v. Expenses)

YTD 2026 Financial Snapshot:

Budgeted YTD: \$408,420 (9/12 of \$544,554)
Pledged YTD: \$247,599 (9/12 of \$330,134)
Income YTD: \$383,702*
Expenses YTD: \$379,985
Net Income YTD: \$3717 (Expenses v. Income*)

*Includes two one-time (unpledged) extravagant gifts in February & July