

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026, 9:30 AM

SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME to WORSHIP

"Children of the heavenly king, speak your joys!"

- An asterisk (*) invites everyone to rise in spirit & stand as able.
- Join in the liturgy with the **boldfaced** responses.
- Listening devices & large print hymnals are found at the Cedar Ave. entrance.
- Restrooms are located on the Main & Lower Levels; use Cedar Ave. entrance.

GREETING — The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP — Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

PRELUDE — Chapel Chimes

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Dan Starr, Liturgist

One: Only the hungry search for bread.
Only the thirsty look for water.
All: Christ, the King of Glory and Peace will provide.
One: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.
All: Christ, the King of Glory and Peace will provide.
One: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
All: Christ, the King of Glory and Peace will provide.

* HYMN 155 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(inspired by Isaiah 65:17-25)*

We confess to each other and to You, our Creator, that we fall short of being what we have been created to be and to that which we have committed ourselves to be as disciples of the kingdom.
Forgive us. Renew our resolve to build the kingdom of love.
How often do we take easier paths of greater comfort or lesser involvement, self-centeredness or self-righteousness?
Forgive us. Renew our resolve to build the kingdom of mercy.
Forgive us for getting so caught up in the corruption of our age, in the trappings and false narratives of power that we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom, which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil.
Forgive us. Renew our resolve to build the kingdom of justice.

- Silent Confession –

In this time of worship may we resolve to become more kingdom-minded serving as your peacemakers here and now to your glory.
AMEN.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

CHORAL ANTHEM Wesley Singers

BK TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Students pre-K to 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on the lower level. Students can be picked up in the Children's Center, lower level.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:1-5, O.T., pew Bible, pg. 685

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 ANTHEM "Sweet Rivers," Shawn Kirchner, Chancel Choir

* GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46, N.T., pew Bible, pg. 29
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Glory and Peace" Rev. David Aslesen

PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP: OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS FOR MINISTRY

The generosity of time, talents and financial resources is greatly appreciated.

Offertory, "Be Thou My Vision,"arr. S. Deford; Karen Rockett, Sam Wyatt

* Doxology, Hymnal, pg. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "My Tribute," Andraé Crouch," arr. John Wilson
Stephen Uhl organ, Mike Ebersohl, piano



STEWARDSHIP: RETURN YOUR PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

The Finance Committee reminds all members to return a pledge of financial commitment card. The QR code will take you to the church's Donation page. Pledge brochures are at either entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David P. Aslesen, Director of Music Ministries: Jeff Hunt, Director of Children & Family Ministries: Shelly Stienbarger, Director of Administration & Finance: Steven Wilhelm, Building Maintenance Manager: Karl Lescelius, Creative/Communications Director: Michele Claney, Organist: Stephen Uhl, Director of Children's Music: Kathy Olivarez, Pianist: Sam Wyatt, Livestream Tech: Rob Hale, Treasurer: Lita Jimenez, Wedding Coordinator: Judy Schlarb, Organist Emeritus: Mark Edwards.

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Speak with our staff or pastor. Call 630.584.6680. 10AM-3 PM Mon.-Fri. Email: info@bakermemorialchurch.org. Go to bakermemorialchurch.org. Check us out on YouTube, Facebook & Instagram.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app and at BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening. Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: John & Heidi Hughes & Allison & Eleanor Maybray Morgan; Ushers: Greg Pratt, Jane Fanslow, John Stumpf, Steve Hunt; Liturgist: Dan Starr; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

SUNDAY SCHOOL: NOVEMBER: RUN THE RACE - GOD HELPS US

Following the children's message, students in Pre-K–5th grade are invited to learn how God helps us face challenges. Through stories of Joshua, Ruth, and Daniel, we'll explore how to have faith in hard times.

GRATEFUL & THANKFUL PIE & GIFT JAR SALE, TODAY, 10:30 AM

Get ready for the holidays with the United Women in Faith Sale! Items include whole pies, slices, soup and cookie mix jars, holiday planters, and Nativity scenes. All proceeds benefit missions.

DECK THE SANCTUARY HALLS, TODAY, 10:30 AM

Many hands are needed to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Christmas Season. (Don't worry, we will be done by noon in time for the Bears game.)

GRATITUDE CONCERT, MONDAY, NOV. 23, 7 PM

Featuring Stephen Uhl, organist, and local musicians, the concert includes Violin Concerto in a minor BWV 1041 by J.S. Bach and Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major Op. 81 by Antonín Dvořák. It will be complemented by poetry reading and audience participation. A free will offering will be received.

RING THE BELL! NOVEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 24

The Salvation Army relies heavily on their Red Kettle donations to fund service projects throughout the year, please sign up to help their efforts by ringing the bell! Sign up via the Church App.

FAITH FOOD AND FUN, DECEMBER 2, 5:30 PM: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

All are welcome to our first Wednesday intergenerational event. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m. The meal is a SPECIAL FEAST of seasonal delights: turkey & ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, spinach casserole, pineapple bake, pumpkin and apple pie! Stay to learn about the babies in the Bible with fun baby shower games, too! Please bring diapers preferably Pampers Cruisers (sizes 5-8) or Easy Ups (sizes 7-8) or a monetary donation for the birthday boy and the babies of our District 303 families.

BLOOD DRIVE, THURSDAY DEC. 3, 2:30PM

Give the gift of life this holiday season at our community blood drive! Versiti will be on site from 2:30–6:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule an appointment on the Church App. Please bring an ID.

ST. CHARLES SINGERS CANDLELIGHT CAROLS, DEC. 4,5,6

St. Charles Singers presents Candlelight Carols with guest artists Kontras String Quartet. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 3:00 PM. Ticketed event. Find information at https://stcharlessingers.com

ADULT ED: ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

Our annual Advent Devotional begins Sunday, Nov. 29! Check your email for daily reflections, scripture, and prayers written by our church community, or pick up a paper copy in the office. Join a weekly discussion group starting that week—Sundays at 10:30 AM (Wesley Room) or Tuesdays at Noon. No registration needed.

This Week
AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 22
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Christmas Decorating
- 10:30am UWF Pie & Gift Sale
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 23
- 7pm Gratitude Concert

TUESDAY, November 24
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, November 25
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, November 26
- OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 27
- OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, November 28
- 5:30pm Electric Christmas Parade

SUNDAY, November 29
- 9:30am Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app







PROVIDE HOSPITALITY FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: SIGN UP!

Sign up for future Sundays in Baker Hall: https://tinyurl.com/umxm4spm or via the website.