

ASHLAND PLACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 2026 Christ the King Sunday

Blake, William, *The Shepherd*

PRELUDE ***Arioso*** Bach
Alicia Luttrell

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES Rev. Jennifer Porto
Please take this time to sign the attendance pad located in your pew, or scan the CONNECT QR code located on the back of this bulletin.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

❖CALL TO WORSHIP Eric Cooper
The Lord God is our shepherd.
We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.
God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.
But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

♫❖HYMN OF PRAISE ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*** UMH 66

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

❖PASSING OF THE PEACE *As forgiven and reconciled people, let us pass the Peace of Christ with one another.*

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM William Bennett Cox See Baptismal Insert

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
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❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit* **Bold** *Print – Congregation Reads Aloud*
Hearing amplifier devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.++

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER Psalm 95:1-7a UMH 814
Please join the choir in sung response #2 when indicated by the red R.

♫❖**HYMN OF PREPARATION** ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** UMH 694

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-40
31When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his
glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at
the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave
me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I
was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited
me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you
food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and
visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of
these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

♫❖**ACT OF PRAISE** ***Why Not Open the Eyes?*** Les Greer
Chancel Choir

❖**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
11For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds
seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue
them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own
land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of
the land. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of
Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16I

will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
[20]Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
[21]Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22]I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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SERMON **"A Word to the Wooly Bully"** Dr. Darren McClellan

♫❖**GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ***Thank You, Lord*** Stuart
Joe Stuart

♫❖**DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♫❖**HYMN OF INVITATION** ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** UMH 327

❖**BENEDICTION**

❖**POSTLUDE** ***Lauda Anima*** Gross

ᘓ **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Reed by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.



WELCOME

We want to thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. If you have questions about church activities, church membership, or the Christian faith, we would love to speak with you.

Are you visiting today? If so, please scan this QR code to complete a CONNECT card, or contact a staff member to assist you.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received Last Sunday $21,367

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ONLINE GIVING

THIS WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am	Ascension Worship Service (FH)
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Worship Service (S)
Monday	Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)
Wednesday-Friday	Office Closed for Thanksgiving

FP-Fellowship Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WP-Wisteria Parlor
B-Basement, DW-Dumas Wesley, 126 Mobile Street

CIRCLE OF CONCERN Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Michelle Daigle (John Daigle's niece), Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Libba Lyon, Julie McLeod, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Lance Tanner, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

THE JOSEPH PROJECT CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale now. Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall and order yours. Cards are $15/card and includes addressing and postage. The deadline for preaddressed envelopes is December 6.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
- Ascension Service - 9:00am - FH
- Traditional Service - 11:00am - S

Sunday, December 6
- Ascension Service - 9:00am - FH
- Lessons and Carols with Chancel Choir - 11:00am - S

Sunday, December 13
- Ascension Service - 9:00am
- Children's Christmas Breakfast - 10:15am - FH
- Traditional Service - 11:00am

Wednesday, December 16 - Children's Nativity Program - 6:30pm - S

Sunday, December 20
- Lessons and Carols with the Ascension Band - 9:00am - FH
- Traditional Service - 11:00am - S
- Longest Night Service - 4:00pm - S
- Youth Christmas Party - 5:00pm - FH

Thursday, December 24
- Ascension Service - 3:00pm - FH
- Traditional Services - 4:30pm and 6:30pm - S

Sunday, December 27 - One Combined Service, 10:00am - S

HANGING OF THE GREENS

If you would like to contribute toward the special Christmas floral and greenery arrangements for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Christmas Eve, please complete a form and put it in the offering plate, or use the link in your newsletter to contribute online. The deadline is Wednesday, December 16.

ELEMENTARY WINTER RETREAT AT BLUE LAKE will take place January 29th-31st! If your 3rd-5th grader would like to join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship, please reach out to Pastor Jennifer or Ms. Linda by Dec. 10th. We are hoping to meet the "early registration" deadline this year!