

Sermon Scripture

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip-he who watches over you will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord watches over you-the Lord is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm-he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Sermon

"Guarded, Guided, Kept"

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH 601

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Doxology

arr. Kupferschmid

"Come Follow Me"

Resounding Joy

Offertory Prayer

Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Open My Eyes"

UMH 454

*Benediction



GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

November Head Usher – Rob Moore

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

The Celebration of Worship

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

P: Come, all who need help!

All: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

P: Come, all who desire blessing!

All: Our blessing comes from God, the God of the ages.

P: Come, all who long for salvation!

All: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

Opening Prayer

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

David Tucker

Special Speaker

Veterans Recognized

Childrens Chat

Katie Musgrave

Opening Hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" vs.1,3,6
UMH 117

Scripture Reading

2 John

1 The elder, To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth-and not I only, but only all who know the truth-2 because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever; 3 Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love. 4 It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. 5 And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. 6 And this is love; that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. 7 I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. 11 Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work. 12 I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. 13 The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Laura Lee Cain, Lynne Clouston, Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns, Jeff Kerns, Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Doug Peters, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9 – Prayer Team meeting - Chapel
November 11 – Veteran's Day – Church Office Closed
November 16 – Frank Kerekes Personal Faith Testimony
November 23 – Holiday Meal following Worship
November 27 – Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
December 2 – Trustee meeting – 10am - Lounge
December 14 – Vocal Tapestry Christmas Concert - First Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

November 2 – 75
November 9 –
November 16 –
November 23 –
November 30 -

Guest Speaker – November 9

Mary Priscilla Women would like to honor all Veterans during the Church Service. David Tucker will be Guest Speaker.

Honey Bags Soup Collection

Donations accepted thru November 16

Mary Priscilla Christmas Party – December 1 – 4pm - Asbury Hall

Reservations must be received by Diana Kincell by November 16th. Price is \$15.00. Bring a gift for your "Secret Sister" Reveal.

Global Bible Month

Pastor Nici would like to promote Global Bible Month which is this month. This is a link to a 30 day Bible Challenge that people can register to be part of.

<https://www.bible.com/global-bible-month>

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE-PADGETT



West Virginia Conference
The United Methodist Church



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." ~ Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

Dear Friends,

Across the West Virginia Conference, many of our neighbors are feeling the weight of uncertainty. The recent government shutdown and resulting

uncertainty of SNAP benefits have left countless individuals and families struggling to meet their most basic needs. For parents who depend on this support to feed their children, for individuals who struggle to make ends meet and for seniors who already stretch every dollar, this disruption is not an inconvenience; it is a crisis.

When hunger is at the door, the Church must answer.

Throughout our history, United Methodists have responded to hardship with compassion, courage, and action. We are a connectional people, bound together by grace and called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Now is one of those moments when our connection matters most.

The West Virginia Conference (www.wvumc.org) and the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia (www.umfwv.org) are working side-by-side to ensure that local churches and ministries have what they need to meet this urgent moment. Through the Seeds of Grace initiative, we are able to provide rapid-response funding to food pantries, community meal programs, and church ministries encountering sudden or unexpected challenges in serving their neighbors.

This is grace in action; timely, tangible, and transformative.

I am inviting you, our congregations, clergy, and friends of the Church, to join us in this effort. Your gifts will help us respond to hunger needs quickly and compassionately, providing food today and hope for tomorrow.

You can give in several ways:

Through your local church, designate your gift for Hunger Insecurity. Churches may deposit donations received from individuals, then mail a church check payable to "WV Conference Treasurer" along with a remittance form with "Hunger Undesignated-West Virginia" Conf 3-digit fund number 221 entered on a line on the bottom half of the remittance form that is for specific designated funds. All checks should be sent to the WV Conference Treasurer, PO Box 2469, Charleston, WV 25329-2469.

You may also give online through the West Virginia Conference website (<https://wvumc.brtapp.com/page/donate/food-insecurity>) or the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia website (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHJ9/campaign/C-164PH>).

Each contribution, no matter the size, helps fill a pantry shelf, feed hungry children, youth and adults or ease the worry of a parent who is concerned about their families' next meal.

If your church or a connected community organization has a food ministry, apply for Seeds of Grace funding through the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia to support your church's efforts to meeting hunger needs online - <https://umfwv-reg.brtapp.com/SeedsOfGrace>.

You can also encourage those in need to use the free 2-1-1 hotline for real-time access to food distribution opportunities based on the caller's zip code.

Our vision as a Conference is to transform Appalachia through God's love — growing disciples, healing communities, and casting a future of hope. The Seeds of Grace Initiative is one of the most direct and compassionate ways we can live that vision together.

As John Wesley reminded us, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can."

Let us do good, together. Let us be the Church when hunger is at the door.

It is a joy to serve as your bishop.

Blessings,

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett
Resident Bishop, Holston & West Virginia Conference
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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags

Items for November – mac/cheese

Items for December – pasta/sauce