Dunbar United Methodist Church
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to: Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God; Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE — Sharon Cline, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Pastor Nancy White

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Bruce Wilson

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN — "Precious Name" — UMH#536

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If only we had been more aware how often we meet the Lord in life! Let us turn toward our Lord and ask him to forgive us. *Time for silent confessions*
Let us join our voices in prayer:
Jesus Christ, often we forget you in the cares of everyday life, but you are always there with us. We neglect your presence with us to try it our way. We also neglect those who need us as your presence in their times of struggle to care for our own selves. Forgive us all our sins, Lord, and make us look for your presence. Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's grace is abundant and meets us where we are, forgiving us and inspiring us to stay awake and aware of all God is doing among us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Glory to God! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON — Lisa Spradling

MINISTRY MINUTE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON — "Are You Awake?" — Pastor Nancy White

SPECIAL MUSIC

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — UMH#94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN — "O Jesus I Promised" — UMH#396

*BENEDICTION

Family of God, breathe in deep and remember, the kingdom of God is close at hand, as close as the neighbor in your pew, the warmth of the sun, the rustle of the leaves, the whisper of the wind. May God bless you with a deep assurance of God's closeness, inspire you to participate in the goodness of God's work among us, and encourage you through the ongoing ministry of the body of Christ to keep awake and watch for the good news at work all around you. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

worship Notes: "UMH" denotes the navy The United Methodist Hymnal located in each pew.
"TFWS" denotes the black supplemental hymnal "The Faith We Sing"; "W&S" denotes the green supplemental hymnal "Worship & Song"
CCLI License #: C-71179; CCLI Streaming License #: B-20459670; One License #: A-736012; CVLI: 505515971
The call to worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, UM Discipleship Ministries (adapted)

Announcements

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for November is Stuffing Mix. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be $30 and can be given in honor or memory if you'd like.

Upcoming Dates:

- Leadership Council is Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30pm in the Library
- November 12 at 6:30 will be the Dunbar Community Thanksgiving Service at DUMC. We will need Ushers and volunteers for service pies and drinks.
- Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 14 at 8:30am.
- Sunday, November 15 will the DUMC Thanksgiving covered dish dinner immediately following church.
- Christmas Poinsettia order forms are due by Sunday, November 15, 2026
- Women's meeting is Thursday, November 19 at 11am.
- Coffee Church will be November 22 and we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Advent immediately following the service.

The altar flowers are memory of our parents that have November birthdays: Ralph & Eleanor Myers and Robert C. Cline. Given by Bob and Sharon Cline.

Fellowship time: If you would like to sign up to bring and serve during fellowship time, please sign up on the door outside the office. There are two individuals who have offered to donate money to help with the fellowship time.

Our worship participants next Sunday, November 15, Liturgist: Dee Price-Childers;
Children's Sermon: Pastor Nancy; Ushers: Chuck & Evie Bibbee;
Fellowship Time Host: Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner (No Fellowship Time)
Contact Information for Pastor Nancy White 304-549-0496

Scan here to give online!

DUMC Financial Snapshot

Last Week's Offering Total:
$5,930.16
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: $4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: $24,467
Annual Apportioned Amount: $48,896
Payout Percentage:50%

Weekly Events

Monday – 6pm Bible Study at the Ron & Teresa Boggess' House
Monday – Friday at 12:00pm – women's exercise group, Gymnasium
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Wednesday at 6pm Bible Study (Bible Study will start again in a few weeks)
Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Sunday – Archery – registration at 5:15 and classes start at 5:30.



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