The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Rod Beckett in honor of his parents, Stanley and Dorothy Beckett.

SAVE THE DATE:
TODAY: Logan & CREW 'life skills day with Mike Prince' from 2pm-4pm. Address is: 14880 Hyatt Rd. here in Mount Vernon. We will be making bird houses.
–November 9th, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella room.
–November 10th, Church Council at 6:30pm in the Varsity room; this is an open meeting.
–November 17th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
–November 20th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
–November 22nd, Logan & CREW trip to the trampoline park at Altitude in Newark. The cost will be $15. See Logan for more details.
–November 24th, Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 12pm–5pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 9AM-5PM
CHRISTMAS/BAKE SALE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

NOVEMBER 25TH:
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDIES

NOVEMBER 26 & 27:
THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS:
- Wednesday night meal at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship.
- Pastor Christopher's Bible Study, Disciple 1, Wednesdays from 6:30pm–7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study, Wednesdays from 6pm–8pm.

Our Mission
To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

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Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, November 8, 2026

Entrusted According to Our Ability
Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
–1 Peter 4:10

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Hearing Devices: Available upon request from an usher.
Prayer Concerns: Use gray cards in pews; place in offering plate or give to a Pastor
Connect Cards: In pew racks—guests and updates welcome (return in offering plate or to a Pastor)

Sermon Notes:

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Dale Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude — *For the Beauty of the Earth,* arr. by John Ferguson — Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting — Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

Gracious God, thank You for the gifts and opportunities You have placed in each of our hands. Help us to let go of comparison and fear, and give us the courage to be faithful with what You have given us. Open our hearts to Your Word and show us how we can use our gifts to serve others and build Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — *Lord, Speak to Me* — UM Hymnal 463

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Come, let us worship the God who has gifted each of us in different ways.
C: We give thanks for all that God has placed in our hands.
L: We will not compare what we have with what others have been given.
C: We will trust God and be faithful with what we have.
L: Let us come with courage, leaving fear behind.
C: Lord, use our gifts, our lives, and our hearts for Your Kingdom.
All: Let us worship God!

Invitation to Children — Rev. Dale Sutton

Children's Song-congregation — *Where Children Belong*

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message — Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD

Romans 12:6–8 — Lay Reader: Bethany Celmar

*Matthew 25:14–18

*Response to the Word — *Gloria Patri* — UM Hymnal 71

Message — Entrusted According to Our Ability — Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn — *Here I Am, Lord* — UM Hymnal 593

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Stewardship Moment–Jim Martin

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives.

Offertory — *Little Innocent Lamb,* arr. by Greg Gilpin — Chancel Choir

***Doxology** — *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* — **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting — *I Need Thee Every Hour* — UM Hymnal 397

*Benediction

Postlude — *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. by Donald Hustad — Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Live Stream:
Patsy Hommon & Sarah Hayes

Sound:
Daniel Burson

Ushers:
Liz Lutwick, John & Susan Stone, Cyndi Wyatt

