The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Tom & Susie Fish in celebration of 43 wonderful years of marriage on November 12th. They are grateful for the love, laughter, and blessings they have shared and thank God for bringing them together. Colossians 3:14 says *"Above all, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

The carnation on the altar is in memory of Debbie Baker who went home to the Lord on Tuesday, November 10th.

SAVE THE DATE:
–November 17th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm.
–November 17th, Church Council at 6:30pm in the Varsity room, this is an open meeting.
–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.

This year, our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings will be divided equally among Royal Family Kids Camp, Giving Hope Charity, and Pleasant Street Elementary School.

NOVEMBER 25TH:
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDIES

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

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS–OPEN TO ALL:

- Congregational meal at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor Christopher's Bible Study, Disciple 1, from 6:30pm–7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study on the 3rd floor 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 15, 2026

The Master Returns
So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.
–Galatians 6:9

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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:

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude — *Little Partita for Organ* — Janet Guetle
Based on Now Thank We All Our God, Variation 1&2
Jacobus Kloppers, Randall Egan

Opening Prayer–All Uniting — Liturgist: Jim Borrows

Gracious God, thank You for all that You have entrusted to us and for the opportunity to serve You each day. Help us to remain faithful, even when our work feels small or unseen, knowing that You see and remember. Give us strength to keep serving, courage to keep trusting, and hope as we look forward to the day when we hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* — UM Hymnal 452

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

L: Come, let us worship the God who has entrusted us with every good gift.
C: We come with grateful hearts, ready to be faithful with what we have been given.
L: The Master will return, and our faithfulness will not be forgotten.
C: We will keep serving, keep loving, and keep trusting God.
L: Let us fix our eyes on Christ and live with hope.
C: Lord, help us to live faithfully until the day we hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."
All: Let us worship God!

Invitation to Children — Rev. Christopher Liberati

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

Colossians 3:23–24 — Lay Reader: Dave Dunnavant
*Matthew 25:19–23

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

Message — The Master Returns — Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn — *Take My Life, and Let It Be* — UM Hymnal 399

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

Stewardship Moment–Jassmine Bayless

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 — *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring,* by J.S. Bach — Chancel Choir

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting — *Standing on the Promises* — UM Hymnal 374

*Benediction

Postlude — *Little Partita for Organ* — Janet Guetle
based on Now Thank We All Our God, Variation 3
Jacobus Kloppers, Randall M. Egan

Worship Participants:

Chancel Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:
Carol Moore & Kyle Moore

Sound:
Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

