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Chosen

Always Give Thanks Worship Series – Week 1

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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!

The Gloria Patri

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*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!*

Opening Hymn – How Firm a Foundation

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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Children's Time

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

Psalm Lesson – Psalm 99:1-5 (CEB)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹The Lord rules - the nations shake! He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures - the earth quakes!

C:² The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

L:³ Let them thank your great and awesome name. He is holy!

C:⁴ Strong king who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair. You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L:⁵ Magnify the Lord, our God! Bow low at his footstool!

C: He is holy!

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (CEB)

¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you. ² We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. ³ This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. ⁴ Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. ⁵ We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. ⁷ As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. ⁹ People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from

idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, ¹⁰ and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

Sermon: Chosen

Closing Hymn: Blessed Assurance

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Benediction & Commission

May God bless you with the assurance that you are chosen children of God, empowered and equipped by the Spirit to live as the Family of God in a world in desperate need of the good news. Amen.

Readings for the week beginning October 19, 2026

- Deuteronomy 34:1-12
- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
- Matthew 22:34-46

Announcements

- Faye Seats will collect orders and payments from anyone who wishes to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one. These beautiful flowers will adorn the sanctuary throughout Advent and Christmas. Each poinsettia costs \$17.11. Please make checks payable to Union UMC and submit your order to Faye by Sunday, November 1, 2026. When ordering, tell her exactly how you would like the memorial or honorarium listed in the bulletin. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by November 29, 2026, the first Sunday of Advent.

- Plan to come out to our annual Trunk or Treat dressed in your finest Halloween ensemble. Decorate your trunk and bring some goodies for the kiddies. All trunks should be in place and ready to receive trick-or-treaters at 3 PM, Sunday, October 25th in the Union parking lot. Come on out and scare up some fun (or maybe a better pun).

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Johnny Disher
Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham
Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Mack Edwards
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Wrintley Koble
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride
Mary Ann McBride

Kevin McDaniel
Mark Megela
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Hal Seats
Phillip Seats
Bill Slater
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplette
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Tracy Webb
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

October Birthdays

Shane Potts	1	Mark Bumgardner	25
Cindy Ball Toshie	5	Cary Leigh Disher	28
Carlin Burton	7	Brittany Pitts Mote	28
Debbie Wall Cooke	14	Makenzie Jane Mote	28
Serena Manning	16		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

(Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?