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Bulletin – November 8, 2026
Keep Awake
It Will Be Like This Sermon Series, Week 1

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

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

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

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 p. 70 UMH

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 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord p. 540 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Children's Time

Doxology p. 95 UMH

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 78:1-7 (NRSVue)

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

L: 1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the

words of my mouth.

C: 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

L: 3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

C: 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.

L: 5 He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,

C: 6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

L: 7 so that they should set their hope in God,

C: and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Hymn: My Hope Is Built p. 368 UMH

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVue)

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding

banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon – Keep Awake

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Light p. 440 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Family of God, breathe in deep and remember, the kingdom of God is close at hand, as close as the neighbor in your pew/row, 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!

Readings for the week beginning November 15, 2026

Judges 4:1-7|Psalm 123|1 Thessalonians 5:1-11|Matthew 25:14-30

Announcements

- On Wednesday, November 11th at 5:30 PM our congregation and guests' Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall. There are two sign-up sheets on the table by the sanctuary door - one to indicate your attendance and head count in your party; the other for what item(s) you wish to bring. It will be good to enjoy a great meal and fellowship as we move into the holiday season.
- Mark your calendars now. On Monday, November 23rd, we will meet at the church at 9 AM to decorate for Christmas. It has been

said that our church looks its finest during the Christmas season. In order to carry on that tradition, we will need your help. Please plan to attend, as there will be various tasks to be done - something for everyone at all ability levels. With enough help, the job will come together quickly

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
Mack Edwards
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride
Mary Ann McBride
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Family of Vivian Royal
Bill Slater
Kim Triplette
Ann Wallace
Tracy Webb
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

November Birthdays

David Disher	3	Barbara Hutchens	23
Lynn Gough Horne	15	Jake Disher	25
Angela Luck	18	Landon Pellington	27
Frankie Dalton	19	Reece Matthews	28
Rodney Horne	23		

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?