



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @10:45am

Welcome to Worship

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026, 10:45am

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Prelude--Calypso on He Leadeth Me--Arr. Tammy Waldrop

Chancel Ringers

Welcome

Introit--He Has Done Marvelous Things

Epworth Choir

Call to Worship--

We come into the presence of a holy God, whose glory fills the earth.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may see Your glory and grace.

Like the woman at the well, we have encountered the living Christ and been changed.

Fill us with Your Spirit and send us forth to share Your love and do Your will!

Opening Hymn**128--He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Invocation (please be seated)--

Holy and gracious God, we come before You in awe of Your holiness and wonder at Your glory. Open our hearts to hear Your Word, renew our spirits with Your truth, and help us find joy in doing the work You have given us. May our worship honor You, and may our lives reflect Your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading--Isaiah 6:1-5

Gloria Patri (Hymn #70)--

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.

Anthem--*Down In My Heart*--George W. Cooke

Bethlehem Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples-- (congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Scripture Reading--John 4:28-34

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon--*"The Great Discovery"*

Rev. Marvin Brown, Sr. Minister Emeritus

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **578--*God of Love and God of Power*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--*Standin' in the Need of Prayer*--arr. Kathryn Schulz

Epworth Choir

Ruth Priebe, Benny Baer, soloists

Doxology**

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

Prayers of the People/The 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn **731--*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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Benediction **666--Shalom to You

***Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

Postlude--Rejoice in His Holy Name--George Elvey

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in loving memory of her parents, Charles & Juanita Peel, by Donna Curfman**

Music--One License A-731491

*****indicates please stand as you are able***

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The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.

HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#578 God of Love & God of Power

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
(Refrain)

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.
(Refrain)

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
(Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

#731 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna
which God gives us when we pray.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
makes us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises,
rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.

BENEDICTION

#666 Shalom to You

Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

CHURCH NOTES 10-18-26

M & M Fundraiser for Epworth Youth: M&M tubes are due TODAY! Thank you for your support!

Halloween Candy Donations: We are collecting bags of candy for our *All Hallows Eve Celebration*. Any donations can be brought to the Welcome Center or Church Office by Oct. 21. No nuts or peanuts, due to allergies, please. Thank you!

Men's Bible Study: Men's Bible study meets on Monday's from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Lounge.

Arts Series Concert: Our next concert features *The Crooked River Ragtime Quintet* on Friday, October 23 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This 5 member group (mandolin, guitar, viola, violin, cello) explores ragtime and its influence on folk, blues, jazz, pop, and contemporary classical music. We hope you'll join us!

All Hallows Eve: Children and youth of all ages are welcome to our All Hallows Eve Event on Sunday, October 25 from 4:00-5:30pm. We'll have games, stories, themed activities, and a snack supper for all. Costumes are encouraged, no gore or inappropriate costumes, please.

Save the date: Panda Express Fundraiser benefitting Work Camp. Monday, November 02, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM. Present the flyer, found at the Welcome Center, or use code: 3867751 when ordering online or through the app.

Exhibit is Open: Come view our Arts Series Exhibit Sundays, from 8-Noon, and M-F 9am-3pm (during office hours).



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Join Us In Prayer

CROOKED RIVER RAGTIME QUINTET

Friday, October 23 @7:00pm
@First United Methodist



THE ART SERIES
AT FIRST CHURCH



ALL HALLOWS EVE EVENT

October 25, 2026, 4:00–5:30pm

Games, Story, Themed Activities, & Snack Supper
Children and Youth of ALL AGES!
Appropriate costumes encouraged (no violent costumes, please)