Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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Nursery: Shelley Scharping, Emily Smith
Fellowship Hosts: Caroline Carlin, Janet VanBenthuysen

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

November 8, 2026

Our Vision

Inspiring Joyful Faith

Building a Loving Community

Serving Neighbors Near and Far

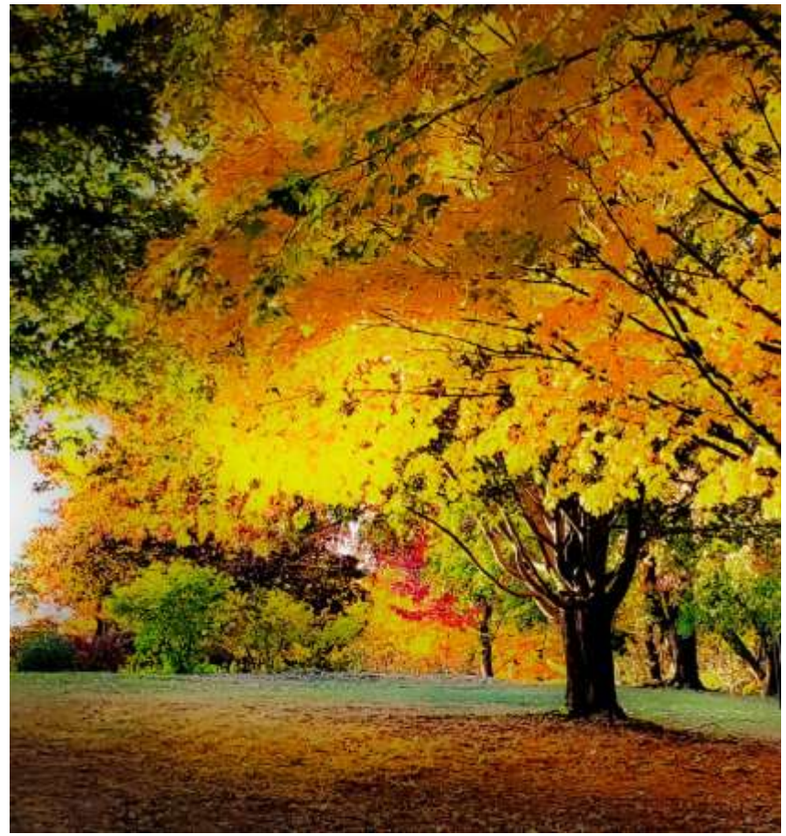
Today's Scripture

Joshua 24:14-18
Matthew 14:22-33

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GOOD SAMARITAN

Who we are. What we do.



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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries!Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.

Please join us for refreshments in Aldersgate Hall after worship.

***Standing or sitting.**

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" ARR. CINDY BERRY

SPECIAL MUSIC "Seek Ye First" ARR. JEFFREY HONORE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

All: We come to you with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.

Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of our past.

Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise.

We come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise. We come to renew our commitment to you and to be blessed by you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "To God Be the Glory" vs. 1-2 UMH 98

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S TIME

After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PREPARATION "The Summons" vs. 1-3 FWS 2130

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE OF THE DAY Rev. Jim Beard

"Time to Stop Playing It Safe"

Scripture References:

Joshua 24:14-18 NIV

Matthew 14:22-23 MSG

SONG OF REFLECTION "The Summons" vs. 4-5 FWS 2130

*REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*SONG OF COMMITMENT "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" FWS 2129

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIVING OUR FAITH

FINAL WORDS OF BLESSING

DEPARTING MUSIC "Oh, Happy Day" ARR. TAMMY WALDROP

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" ANTONIO VIVALDI

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Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to … connect, grow, worship …

Nursery Help



Jan Russell is looking for another Sunday morning Nursery volunteers for next Sunday, November 15, and December 13. Contact her if you can help: jan@good.org or 952-452-9398.

Harvest Time Meets & Eats



Next Sunday, November 15, following worship. Back by popular demand, Meets & Eats returns for a fall feast to share together. Like those that kicked things off last summer, this Harvest Time Meets & Eats will take place immediately following worship, and there is no need to register in advance. The "Meets" pattern will continue with "reserved seating" to aid in meeting new people, and a table game or activity to break the ice. And instead of cookout fare, the "Eats" this season will focus on warm bowls of deliciousness. People will need to help with set-up, cooking/serving, and clean-up duties, and half a dozen folks are sought to provide some delectable side dishes (soups and breads will be provided). If you are willing to help, sign up at the table in the Narthex, scan the QR code, or visit **tinyurl.com/GSMeetsEats**.



Hanging of the Greens Service

Mark your calendar and pick up your Orchaband music from the table by the office! More details are on the cover of the November issue of *The Samaritan* newsletter.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Poinsettias are said to symbolize good cheer and success while bringing wishes of laughter and celebration. Order a poinsettia for display in the Sanctuary during Advent in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is **$22** each. Payment can be via check with "Poinsettia" in the memo line, or online at good.org/give/give-gift – choose the Fund "Purchase or Event Fee" and write "Poinsettia" in the "Payment For:" box.

Fill out this order form, include payment, and put it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office by December 6. Orders may also be left in the money box on the wall in the reception area on the lower level.

NAME (Please print): _____

PHONE: _____

Please note quantity:

Red _____ White _____ (color choice subject to availability)

Payment (please check): Enclosed _____ I will pay online _____

In Memory of:

_____

In Honor of:

_____

Please note: Smaller plants will be given to our homebound friends, so plan to take your ordered plant home. You may pick up your plant(s) after 9:00 p.m. worship on Christmas Eve or the following week during office hours, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays. Thank you.