

CHORAL ANTHEM *Autumn Carol* arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

HYMN (*remain seated*) *We, Thy People, Praise Thee* No. 67

SERMON "READY OR NOT, HERE I COME " Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloché
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CLOSING HYMN *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* verses 1-3 No. 717

BENEDICTION

God's vision of hope will not tarry.
Christ's salvation is at hand.
Though hatred and violence hold sway,
We seek God's peace.
When the wicked prosper and
the righteous are persecuted.
We will work for justice and walk in love.
Go with God's blessings.

CHORAL RESPONSE *When We All Get to Heaven* (refrain) No. 701

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!*

POSTLUDE *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Robert J. Hughes

*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organist: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so, we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 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 bridesmaids 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.

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent



ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME is last Sunday of each month. Next is Nov. 26.

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
10/15	43	89	132	41	173	\$ 4,179
10/22	33	77	110	29	139	\$ 2,135
10/29	40	71	111	30	141	\$ 772
11/05	36	68	104	7	111	\$12,393

**Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$101,335 YTD Budgeted \$108,752**

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Hosts next Sunday, Nov. 19
CHILDREN'S CENTER



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Nov 13	4:30 PM Communications--L, 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--CH.
Tue	Nov 14	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- CH, 1:00 Bible Study-CH, 7:00 PM Trustees--Criswell Hall.
Wed	Nov 15	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday--CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship--L, 2:00 PM Church Council--MMR, 6:30 PM JOY Circle--MMR, 6:30 PM Mark Hayes Music Rehearsal--S
Thu	Nov 16	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:30 AM SPRC--PS, 4:00 PM Children's Center Board--MMR, 6:30 PM No Choir today.
Fri	Nov 17	10:30 AM UWF Book Club--Library.
Sat	Nov 18	9:00 AM Mark Hayes Composer's Workshop --Sanctuary, CH.
Sun	Nov 19	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary. 3:00 PM Mark Hayes Choral Concert--Sanctuary.
Sun	Nov 19	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary, 3:00 PM Mark Hayes Choral Concert--Sanctuary.

<u>Abbreviation</u>
<u>Legend</u>
CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library---
Room #123
MMR--McMillen
Room --#113
PS--Pastor's Study



TODAY, November 12,
Harvest Lunch Potluck,
Criswell Hall after
second service.
ALL ARE INVITED!



Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, Nov. 25, 9:30 am
 You are invited to meet at the church for the annual Christmas decorating.

DECEMBER EVENTS are just beginning!



Sat. Dec 2, 3:00-5:00 pm is the Christmas Variety Show. Come as participants in the show, or as the audience! Sign up soon!



Sun. Dec. 3, UMM Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings, starting at 9:30 am. \$15.



Sat. Dec 9, 3:00-4:30 pm UWF Holiday High Tea. Watch for more details!

Saturday and Sunday, November 18 & 19
Mark Hayes composer workshop
 Workshop on Saturday, from 9:00 am. Concert on Sunday at 3:00 pm with the massed choirs. This is a very special event and all are invited! There will be a good will offering.

Tuesday, November 28 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Zoom Annual Charge Conference 2023.



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November 12, 2023

10:30 AM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE *Do Lord* Traditional//arr. Brent Edstrom
 INTROIT *Blessed Be the Name* No. 63

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord at all times.
Praise God's holy name.
 Magnify the Lord with hearts full of devotion.
Sing of God's glory with tongues full of song.
 Seek the Lord of love.
We will worship the living God.

*OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King* No. 715

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Draw near to us, O God,
Even as we draw near to you.
Open our hearts and our minds to your presence,
and wake us up from the sleep and inattention
holding us back.
Let us be prepared to receive your love,
even as we celebrate Your Presence in worship.
In hope we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWS# 2195
 Prayer/Response
 Choral Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWS# 2195