Announcements

- Don't forget the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, with Preschool families and CB Thrift Shop. Please bring shelf stable foods or donate money (envelopes on board in lobby) so we can purchase turkeys, butter, and milk for our hungry neighbors.
- Church Conference this Thursday evening at 6 pm at St. Paul's UMC on Foulk Rd to vote on important church matters! All church members may vote.
- Please mark your calendars for a Missions Meeting next Sunday, Nov. 15, following the worship service.
- The Live Nativity creche will be put up on Saturday, Nov.21 starting at 9 am—meet at the garage—thank you!
- We are most grateful for the donation and installation of a new chair lift in the Thrift Shop. The International Union of Elevator Contractors volunteered this work—kudos to them!

Dates To Remember

November 1- Dec 6 –Thanksgiving Food Drive
10 & 12 – Bible Study; Conclusion
12 – Church Conf. at St. Paul's at 6 pm
15 – Missions Meeting following church service
19 – Single Board Meeting at 6 PM
21 – Creche assembly at 9
29 – Fifth Sunday joint worship and fellowship at Chester Bethel—11 am!

[1] From the Episcopalian *Book of Common Prayer*.

November 8, 2026 9:30 AM
24th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
People: **His steadfast love endures forever!**
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so –
People: **those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**
Leader: When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow, he raises up the needy out of distress.
People: **The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.**
All: **Let those who are wise give heed to these things, considering the steadfast love of the Lord.**

*OPENING HYMN – "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175

OPENING PRAYER

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.[1]

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 arose 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,[2] the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.[3]

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
UMH #277

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER
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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

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

*CLOSING HYMN – "Rejoice, the Lord is King" UMH #715

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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[2]"Catholic" in this instance means "universal."

[3]https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf
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