

Welcome to Urbana First United Methodist Church!

Our mission is to journey with people to get them connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; to one another; and to the community, through intentional discipleship!

November 8th, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

PRELUDE Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Shandra Summerville, *liturgist*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

The world is the world, and you are you. Bring us clarity, O God –

to see the places where this definition is important, and where it is a growing edge.

Brings us peace, O God–

as we walk this path towards better understanding all that you are and the places you can be found.

Forgive us, O God –

when we stumble along that path and in doing so hurt the other.

Send your Holy Spirit to us, O God –

that we may see your world of contrasts and differences as you do. Beautiful, beheld, and beloved. *(Breakthrough Ministries)*

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Lead On, O King Eternal* UMH no. 580

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
   henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.
   Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;
   and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
   and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
   For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
   with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
   for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
   Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
   the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: 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 again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY *You're Worthy of My Praise* Jackson Diedrich, *soloist*
(arr. L. Larson)

+PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERING UMH no. 95

All: *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.*

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 10:9-16 Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM *Order My Steps* Sanctuary Choir
(c. G. Burleigh; CCLI 1138080) Davion Williams, *music director*

THE MESSAGE Rev. Robert K. Freeman,
directing pastor

TIME OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

You are invited to come pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, come forward to one of our liturgists for a blessing, or remain where you are for a time of contemplation and reflection during the musical selection.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* TFWS no. 2158

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
   Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
   I'll be satisfied as long
   as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

   Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
   daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,
   if I falter, Lord, who cares?
   Who with me my burden shares?
   None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
   time for me will be no more;
   guide me gently, safely o'er
   to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Refrain*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+Please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 10:9-16, Peter's Vision

[9] The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went
up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. [10] And he became hungry and
wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance [11] and
saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down
by its four corners upon the earth. [12] In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and
birds of the air. [13] And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." [14] But
Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or
unclean." [15] And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made
clean, do not call common." [16] This happened three times, and the thing was taken
up at once to heaven.

Sermon Notes



Urbana First UMC News and Announcements

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In prayer, we share our hearts. We also pause to listen for wisdom and guidance. As John Wesley wrote, "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God." Please be in prayer for these members & friends of the Urbana First Community:

- Prayers for Urbana First to continue our mission of helping people to get connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to one another, and to the community
- For God's healing Spirit to move in our nation amid division and violence
- For God's peace in regions of the world affected by conflict and war
- For those who are ill or hospitalized, that they may receive healing and comfort
    - Lindsey Rivest, Averie Spencer and Family, Pastor Freeman, Darla Kvidera, Shirley and Tom Gordon, Nancy and Steve Moser, Nancy Lopeman, Cynde Jordan (knee surgery), Linda Bailey.
- For those who are unable to join us in person, that they may feel God's presence, and remain connected through the love and prayers of the church family
    - Ruth Abbott, Gladys Baxley, Anne Brown, Bob Burnett, Judith Cramer, Joyce Dilley, Gary and Anna Engelgau, Mary Lou Fisher, Jodie Frink, Tom & Shirley Gordon, Kenneth Johnson, Darla Kvidera, Marjorie Mead, Nancy Merz, Peggy Pennell, Mary Jane Ross, Fred Shep, Joyce Smith, Rev. Dick McGuire.
- For those celebrating new life through births, that families may be blessed with joy, health, and God's abiding presence
- For loved ones and friends in hospice care or nearing the end of life, that they may know God's presence and peace
- For those grieving a loss of a loved one, either through death or a broken relationship, that they may find comfort and hope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Rev. Dick McGuire (November 7), Emma Kolakowski (November 8), Jackson Diedrich (November 13), Skylar Sieving (November 15), MaryLee Krumins (November 16), Rick Borup (November 17)



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: All are invited!

When: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Where: Atherton Parlor

Midweek Bible Study is back for the fall semester! All are invited to join us as we fellowship together and dive deeper into Christ's teachings. Join us for a time of fellowship and a delicious soup and sandwich meal!

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE FREEMANS

We are so grateful that Pastor Freeman and Felecia are back home after being away during Pastor's time at rehab. Over the next few weeks, we are asking members to share their favorite meal (or gift card to their favorite restaurant) to help them with meals as they adjust to being back home. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Freeman or Paige.

ILLINI WATCH PARTY, HOSTED BY YAG

The Urbana First Young Adults Group are inviting you to a football potluck! Join us on Friday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as the Fighting Illini take on the UCLA Bruins. All ages are invited and encouraged to attend. For those bringing dishes for the potluck, please talk or email Steven (YAG@urbanafirstmethodist.org)



THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM!

Hannah Freeman-Choi (Pianist), Shandra Summerville (Liturgist), Brenda Carter and Margie Jobe (Children's Church), Johnie Wilson, Jack Marshall, & Joseph Tingling (Tech & Stage Team), Paige Banovz (PowerPoint & Bulletin)

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Packing Party

This year's goal is **50 filled boxes.**
All are invited to join us for a fun evening filled with pizza, camaraderie, and smiles.

Monday, November 9th
at 5:30 p.m.
Atherton Parlor

Come one, come all! Come big or small!

This Week at Urbana First

Sunday, November 8
8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer *(Sanctuary)*
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School *(Library)*
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship *(Parlor)*
10:15 a.m.—Children's Church, Toddler-2nd
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th
4:00 p.m.—Amasong Concert *(Sanctuary)*

Monday, November 9
5:30 p.m.—OCC Packing Party *(Parlor)*
5:45 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal *(FH)*
6:00 p.m.—Community Group *(3rd Floor)*

Tuesday, November 10
6:00 p.m.—People's Chorus *(FH)*

Wednesday, November 11
10:30 a.m.—Midweek Bible Study *(Parlor)*
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal *(Sanctuary)*

Thursday, November 12
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts *(Fellowship Hall)*

Friday, November 13
Office Closed, Staff Sabbath Day
7:30 p.m.—Illini Game Potluck *(FH)*

Sunday, November 15
8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer *(Sanctuary)*
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School *(Library)*
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship *(Parlor)*
10:15 a.m.—Children's Church, Toddler-2nd
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th
11:45 a.m.—All Boards Meeting *(Library)*

Connect With Us!

If you're visiting with us today, please let us know! We'd love to connect with you and share more about our church.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Daycare Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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