

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

CHRIST THE KING/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - GREEN

NOVEMBER 23rd, 2025 – 11:00 AM

†CONGREGATION STANDS

PRELUDE We Plow the Fields and Scatter Joseph Prentiss

CHIMING/INTROIT Sing to the Lord of Harvest Healey Willan

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH! Zenda Rushing

Welcome to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please read and take note of our important announcements.

†**HYMN 131** We Gather Together KREMSER

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** Zenda Rushing

†**GLORIA PATRI 71** GREATOREX

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.

PSALTER 752 – PSALM 21: 1-18 R Zenda Rushing

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Joseph Kovas

HYMN 102 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

OFFERTORY Count Your Blessings Johnson Oatman Jr.

†**DOXOLOGY 95** OLD 100TH

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev’rything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel ev’ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev’ry blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain: *Refrain.* Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold. Ev’rything grows, ev’rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father’s fold: *Refrain.* Ev’ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love; We are his hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth, and His the heav’ns above: *Refrain.*

†**SCRIPTURE** Luke 23: 33-43

Rev. Joseph Kovas

SERMON Christ The King

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**HYMN 694** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

†**POSTLUDE** NUN DANKET

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PRAYER LIST - Our Church, President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State & local employees, health care workers, EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement officers, people of all ages with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas & Sharon McKinnon, Tony Thrailkill, the family of Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurst’s sister), Nadia Harris, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), Pal Moore, Regina Reames (Brantley Butler Reams' mother-in-law), Kaitlyn Freeman, Lesley Jean Watson, Betty Hurst, Patricia Turner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING ALTAR AND FLOWERS: The Thanksgiving Altar and green flower arrangements have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of the season of Thanksgiving and for all the faithful members of our church. The “table of plenty” represents our Thanksgiving tradition, giving thanks to God on Christ the King Sunday for the blessings we receive through Him every day. After church, you may stop by the altar and take whatever food item you wish.

THANK YOU!: Thank you to all who composed their OCC Shoeboxes online or manually. A special thanks is extended to our youth for helping compose several boxes last Sunday night. Children around the world thank you for sharing the light of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNITY ABBA’S HOUSE MEAL: The community-wide Thanksgiving feeding will be at ABBA’S House November 24th. FUMC’S contribution is yams. We will continue to receive contributions of cans of yams through Monday (November 24th by 11:00am) for this special community-wide event.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Please sign-up to help with this year’s Christmas celebration held on December 18th. We need everyone to come together to help our church “shine” with the light of Jesus Christ for this event. If you did not sign up during Sunday School this past Sunday, please see Gini Eddins. We need all church members to also plan to contribute a food item of your choice to the Christmas Program Reception.

THANK YOU AGAIN!: Thank you to our youth for making the posters promoting not only our Blessing Box but now our Blessing Fence (THANK YOU EZERS!). Please continue to fill in our Blessing Box and continue to donate to McArn Food Bank.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.
CONTRIBUTIONS NOV 16.....	\$2,037.00.
SUNDAY SCHOOL NOV 16.....	33
WORSHIP NOV 16.....	71
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Zenda Rushing
LITURGIST NOV 30.....	Kathryn Hurst
GREETER TODAY.....	Trina & Joey Mills
GREETER NOV 30.....	Penny Quick
HEAD USHER NOV.....	Eric Dusa
ACOLYTE NOV.....	Carley Watson

NURSERY TODAY.....	Dawn Leach
NURSERY NOV 30.....	Christy Ruffner
MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Instant Rice
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