THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Evan Hill
God is Good **All the time.**
All the time **God is Good**

PRELUDE

INTROIT "We Give You Praise" Choir

****CALL TO WORSHIP** Robin Burnett
Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keep faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord! (from Psalm 146)

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH 61

****OPENING PRAYER** Robin Burnett
Gracious God, you have taught us how to love one another through the example of Christ upon the cross. Fill us with your Spirit, that your love may be perfected in us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING** I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

****Gloria Patri** **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.

SERMON **"A Life Designed for Love"** Rev. Evan Hill

RESPONSE

****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 rose 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, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kathryn Jenkins

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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Leave a gift in the Offering Plate
Online: www.murphyfirstumc.org/donate
Mail: PO Box 86, Murphy, NC 28906 *Scan to give*

****DOXOLOGY**

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.

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** **Kathryn Jenkins**

****HYMN** "More Love To Thee, O Christ" UMH 453

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION Rev. Evan Hill

****CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Shalom to You" UMH 666

Chiming of the Trinity

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE **The light goes before us into the world.**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**** Rise in body or spirit**
Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins
All are welcomed to Worship.

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the notebooks located in the pews, or if you have changed your address or phone number.
Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for our potluck luncheon and our annual Charge Conference.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS
Ukraine and its people; Members of the Armed Forces; Barbara Hughes; Carl Auvil; Cissy Dyer; John Satto; Beth McClure; Maureen Ripper; Friends, Family and Relationships; Elizabeth Garrett.; Angela; Donna Stuart; Dixie Major; Cat; Melanie Rogers; Dee; Jane Payne; Ralph Hudson; Larry Muller; Lori Martin; Alyssa Horacek; Amber.

PRAYER TEAM: Email: prayfumc@gmail.com
In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every 3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by calling the church office. **828-837-2718 or email: admin@murphyfirstumc.org, *Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.***

Help please: Saturday, November 21 (10 am) we need several men to set up the Christmas tree and a 12 ft ladder.

Sunday, November 22 immediately following worship—**All hands on deck** to decorate the tree and sanctuary for Christmas.
This is always a fun and very productive time.



Thursday, November 19 will be the Soul Table Thanksgiving. For this event (and every Thursday we need deserts). If you can make a dessert for Soul Table, please bring it to the church. Thank You!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Susan Leach from Sheila Snow

Altar Flowers
The flowers are in loving memory of Karen Forker mother of Ursula Lasky.

Willing Hands White Elephant Sale is open to all and will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 11 am in the fellowship Hall.
Bring something you don't want and take away some new treasures! Join us for a Fun time!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 Following Worship today is our Potluck and following that will be our Annual Charge Conference. Plan to come, bring a dish to share for the potluck and stay for the Charge Conference.

ADVENT
Beginning Wednesday, December 2 we will have a morning Prayer at 8:30 in the Sanctuary, for the Advent season. All are welcome!

Parents of Young Children
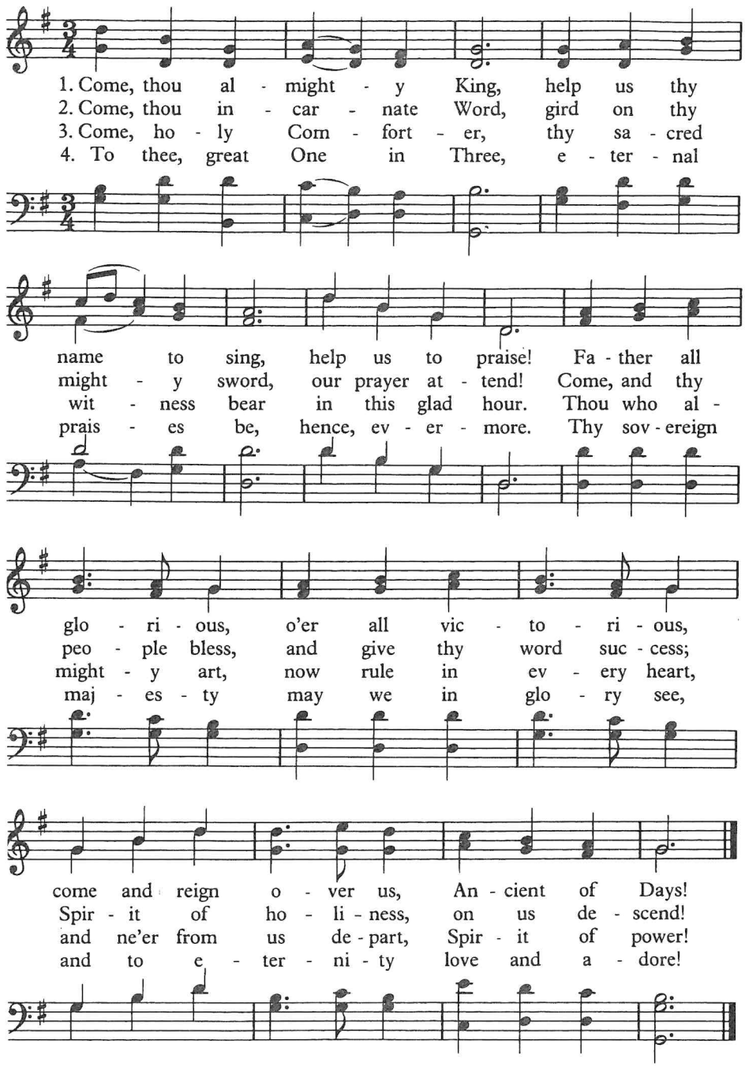
During Worship (11am)*
Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5 year old's
Worship readiness—K—5th Grade No Worship Readiness on Communion Sundays. Children stay in church.

*Nursery is open from 10:45am-12pm, though children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or remain in the Sanctuary.

Come, Thou Almighty King 61

1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise! Fa - ther all
2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword, our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy
3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be, hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!
might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!



WORDS: Anon.
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN
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Alt. tune: AMERICA

Sermon Notes

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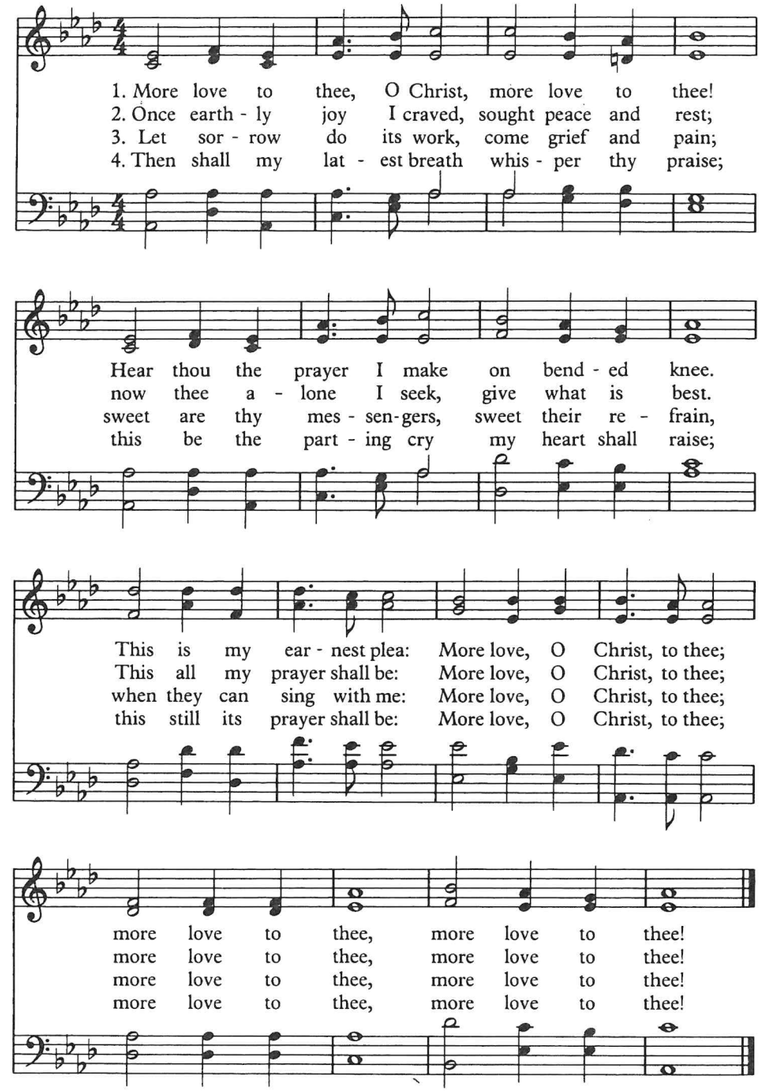
More Love to Thee, O Christ 453

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
3. Let sor - row do its work, come grief and pain;
4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best.
sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;

This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!
more love to thee, more love to thee!
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more love to thee, more love to thee!



WORDS: Elizabeth P. Prentiss, 1869
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

MORE LOVE TO THEE
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Next Week: November 22, 2025
Christ the King Sunday

This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, November 15

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Worship Readiness	11:15 am
Potluck	12:00 pm
Charge Conference	
Alpha	4:00 pm

Monday, November 16

Preschool	8:00 am
Yoga	10:30 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am

Tuesday, November 17

VRR	5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18

Worship Meeting	10:00 am
Greeting Card Ministry	10:30 am
UWF Willing Hands	11:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm
Wesley Ringers	4:30 pm
Adult Choir	5:30 pm

Thursday, November 19

Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Book Study with Ann	10:00 am
Quilters	10:00 am
Soul Table	11:30 am
Finance	5:30 pm

Friday, November 20

Preschool	8:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm

Saturday, November 21

Tree Set Up in Sanctuary	10:00 am
Al Anon	10:00 am

Sunday, November 22

Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Worship Readiness	11:15 am
Decorating the Church	12:00 pm
Alpha	4:00 pm

Our calendar can also be accessed from the App and the web site.

Join us Today for our Potluck Luncheon (please bring a dish to share) following worship.

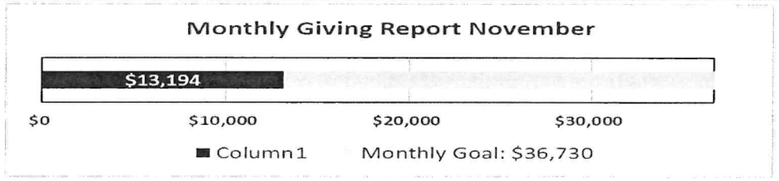
Our Annual Charge Conference will be held after the potluck.

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2026

Worship attendance November 8 164

Received November 8 $ 5,573

Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.





An umbrella cannot stop the rain,
but it allows us to stand in the rain.
Faith in God may not remove our trials
but it gives us strength to overcome them.

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1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

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Ambition	Anybody	Brotherly	Business
Daily	Dependent	Fact	Hands
Lead	Life	Love	Mind
Outsiders	Quiet	Respect	Taught

TRUSTEE ON CALL

November—Marie Kumar

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday and Friday	Closed

First United Methodist Church
Murphy, NC



Our **Mission** is to:
Live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our **Vision** is to:
Build communities of hope where all people experience belonging and abundant life.

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