



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort, all who need friendship.

All who are lonely and need companionship.

all who want sheltering love, all who sin

and need a Savior, and whosoever will

—We open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C.

10:15 AM Summer Sunday Worship October 19, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Boyd Law
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Kim Gonsalves**

L: God has called us to be people of love.

P: God didn't mean the "syrupy" stuff of movies and novels.

L: Truly loving can sometimes be difficult

P: Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.

L: In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.

P: Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence. AMEN.

***HYMN # 374 Standing on the Promises**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881**

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, died, 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

Stewardship Commitment: Tom Michels

Scripture Reading : Kim Gonsalves

Matthew:22-37- 40 NRSUVE

**The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God**

Song of Preparation: Did my Lord Deliver Daniel Choir

Message: Is there enough Proof? Vivian Eaton

**PASTORAL PRAYER
OFFERING OURSELVES
*DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

***HYMN # 593 Here I am Lord**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernando
*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich-,(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Tinslee (awaiting transplant), Alyssa Volkers, Karen (Paul's Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan Zambo, - cancer, Mia (Paula's co-worker), Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino's cousin), Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer's friends), Janet Smith (Denise's sister), The Lars Colgan family.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, July Law Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.
Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those Grieving their loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**October
19- Kris Yingling
22- Sarah Hanson
24- Susan King
25-Jaime Mills**

CALENDAR

Monday, October 20

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, October 21

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 22

Office Open

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 23

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Office Open

Friday, October 24
9:00 am to 12:00 am Office Open
Sunday, October 26
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools
10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	October 19	October 26
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Anika Law
Liturgist	Kim Gonsalves	Christina Pasch
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	Barth & Kathy Prins	Bob & LaVona Grissinger
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 61

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

Administrative Council & Trustees: Will be meeting today After service.

Church Conference: Is on Oct 24th please Submit your Reports Have been submitted

Trunk or Treat : Will be October 26th @ Church from 5-7PM. We are all Invited to Decorate our Vehicles and hand out Candy to the Children In our community. If you won’t be joining us for this church event, please consider donating **wrapped candy**! Sometimes our participants run out of treats to hand out to children and your donations help keep the fun going for everyone.

A **sign-up** sheet is available on the hall table. Please drop off your candy donations in the church office. Thank you for helping make this a sweet success. Contact the Aut-Reach Committee for any questions

Blessing Basket – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant This month. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Prayer Group – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.
Confirmation Class: One confirmation Class will be in November if your children, or grandchildren are ready talk to Pastor Fernando or Kriz Yingling
Craft and Vendor Show and Bake Sale: November 1, 10am- 2pm
Contact Vivian Eaton or Karen Hoffman

🎃 **Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed!** 🧑🏻
Sunday, October 26 | Savanna Methodist Church | 5:00–7:00 PM
We’re looking for church members to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to the children in our community!



Prize awarded for the Best Decorated Vehicle!

We’re also accepting donations of individually wrapped Halloween candy to have on hand in case someone runs out. Leave donations in the office. Let’s make this a fun and safe evening for all the kids in Savanna!

🌭 **Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served!**



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October 19th, 2025
Sunday, 10:15 am
Vision Statement

“Reaching out to all people and inviting them to experience the Love of God through Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.”

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