

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!  
November 9, 2025 - 10:00am - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** “Let All Things Now Living”

*traditional Welsh tune; arr. Gerhard Krapf*

**Welcome and Announcements** – Please sign in on the Attendance pads,  
or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically  
or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>



Please fill out yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.

\* Please stand if you are able.

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #318:** “Christ is Alive”

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| 1) Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.<br>His cross stands empty to the sky.<br>Let streets & homes with praises ring.<br>His love in death shall never die. | But daily, in the midst of life,<br>Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.   |
| 2) Christ is alive! No longer bound<br>To distant years in Palestine,<br>He comes to claim the here and now,<br>And dwell in every place and time.             | 4) In every insult, rift, and war,<br>Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,<br>He suffers still, yet loves the more,<br>And lives, though ever crucified.   |
| 3) Not throned afar, remotely high,<br>Untouched, unmoved by human pain,   | 5) Christ is alive, and comes to bring<br>Good news to this and every age,<br>Till earth and all creation ring<br>With joy, with justice, love, and praise. |

## PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

**\*The Call to Worship:**

**One:** We come to worship God, who has called us to join in the holy work of building the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** We come to worship God, who is still creating and renewing even now!

**One:** We come to worship Jesus Christ, who taught us that the Kingdom is close at hand.

**All:** We come to worship Jesus Christ, risen from death – a Living Lord who dwells with us in a Living faith.

**One:** We come to worship the Holy Spirit, who moves among God’s people in unexpected ways.

**All:** We come to worship the Holy Spirit, the source of inspiration and hope!

**One:** All are welcome here to worship – to encounter the Holy in this space and time.

**All:** We come to worship, that we may be strengthened to carry on the work of loving God and neighbor, for the transformation and renewal of the world!

**Time of Prayer** – *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the Worship Leader.*

**Prayer Chorus: “The Kingdom of God”**

*w/m Jacques Berthier, c 2007 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Comm.*

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and  
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and  
o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The

**Silent Meditation and the Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns**

**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.

**Living Our Gratitude**

♪ *You can support your church family by giving in person or online. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!*

*Use the QR code to the right or give online here:*

<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



**Offertory: “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

*traditional Swedish tune; arr. Jeffrey Honore*

**\*The Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; **UMH #94**  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:*** Faithful God, who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. Use these gifts to build your beloved community, that all may thrive and flourish together through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Receiving New Members:

### Greeting

Pastor: Beloved in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church, incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation, and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Pastor: This morning, we are delighted to welcome Armando Martinez and Daniel Sedwick, who are joining on profession of faith, and Vincent Tomasino, who is transferring from another United Methodist Church.

### Renunciation of Sin and Affirmation of Faith:

*The Pastor addresses the candidates:*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? *I do.*

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? *I do.*

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? *I do.*

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? *I will.*

*The Pastor addresses the congregation*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Reception Into Membership:

*The Pastor addresses the candidates:*

Friends, remember your baptism and be thankful.

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? *I will.*

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? *I will.*

*The Pastor will offer a prayer of blessing for the candidates.*

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome our new siblings in faith:

**Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ, and we pledge to join you in letting our light shine that others may see goodness and give glory to God. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

And now, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**Amen.** *(Please take time after worship to greet our new members following worship today.)*

**Choral Anthem:** “*Jesus, Guide Us*”

*by Beethoven; arr. Theron Kirk*

**Children’s Message** – *A special moment just for kids*

**Chorus UMH #191:** “*Jesus Loves Me*”

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*



**WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #702: “Sing With All the Saints in Glory”**

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| 1) Sing with all the saints in glory,<br>Sing the resurrection song!<br>Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,<br>To the former days belong.<br>All around the clouds are breaking,<br>Soon the storms of time shall cease;<br>In God's likeness we, awaking,<br>Know the everlasting peace.      | 3) Life eternal! Heaven rejoices:<br>Jesus lives, who once was dead.<br>Join we now the deathless voices;<br>Child of God, lift up your head!<br>Patriarchs from the distant ages,<br>Saints all longing for their heaven,<br>Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,<br>All await the glory given. |
| 2) O what glory, far exceeding<br>All that eye has yet perceived!<br>Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,<br>Never that full joy conceived.<br>God has promised, Christ prepares it,<br>There on high our welcome waits.<br>Every humble spirit shares it;<br>Christ has passed the eternal gates. | 4) Life eternal! O what wonders<br>Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,<br>When, amidst earth's closing thunders,<br>Saints shall stand before the throne!<br>O to enter that bright portal,<br>See that glowing firmament;<br>Know, with thee, O God Immortal,<br>"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!" |

**\*Benediction:**

*(adapted from the Prophet Haggai 2:4-5)*

**One:** Beloved, do not be discouraged! Be strong and courageous. Keep working, for God is with us. The Spirit of the Lord remains with us, and is living among us. So do not afraid, but trust God and live with love for your neighbor.

**All:** **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God’s creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* Postlude: “The God of Abraham Praise”**

*traditional Hebrew tune; arr. James D. Kimball*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Judy Gerken, Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Kathy Winkowski, Marc Cesere / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Sound System: Brian Hatch / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Mark Cesere, Bonnie Arnst

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mark Abby, Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, Erlene Kimber, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Jackie Moore, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Rita Taylor, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Rehearsals begin TODAY after worship. All children are welcome to be involved. Please see Pastor Amy for Scripts and schedule. Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7 during worship.

**YOUTH UNITY NIGHT** is tonight at 6pm at the LDS Chapel, 1415 Center Road. See Pastor Amy if you need a ride. Looking forward to having fun together with others tonight!!

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER** is next Sunday, Nov.16 at 6:00pm. All persons age 18 to 40ish are welcome!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** – Stay after worship on Sunday, November 23 and help us “deck the halls” and ready our building for the Holidays.

**ADVENT READERS NEEDED** – we will need individuals/families to lead us in lighting the Advent Wreath beginning on November 30. Pastor Amy provides the words to say (you don't have to come up with it on your own). If you and/or your family would like to participate, please talk to Pastor Amy.

**PFLAG's ANNUAL TRANSGENDER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** is next Sunday, November 16 from 1:00-2:30pm, one hour earlier than, but in place of, their regular meeting. Social and Support sessions to follow.

**HELP NEEDED** – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver our next pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks on Wednesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up online to help out with:

- a) People to meet the truck between 10am-11am every other Wednesday, help organize the food, and then pack up the food bags.
- b) People to deliver 22 food bags to Westdale Elementary School and 31 food bags to Arrowwood Elementary school EVERY Thursday morning.
- c) Sign up to help out online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, Nov. 11. On the menu for November: Beef Stew and Biscuits! Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk.

**BIBLE EXCHANGE** – We now have a bookshelf in the lobby area with copies of Scripture available for free. If you need a bible, or see a translation you've not studied before, please take it. If you have extra copies of Scripture around your home that aren't being read/used, donate them!

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

*Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

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Creating Peace Through Interfaith  
Dialogue | Cooperation | Understanding



We're coming together to make a difference. Join us in our efforts to collect for our local community and support those in need.



## *Interfaith Saginaw*

Invites you to our 9th Annual Service of Thanksgiving  
On Sunday, November 23rd at 3pm

Sai Samaj Hindu Temple  
3617 Mackinaw St, Saginaw MI 48602



## **Interfaith Youth Unity Night**

Youth Ages 11-18 are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship, and faith as we gather youth from local congregations to prepare for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 23rd

**FUN ACTIVITIES - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 - 6PM-9PM**

**LDS CHAPEL - 1415 N CENTER RD, SAGINAW MI**

To help us plan for food, please text or call rsvp to (989)780-2213