



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.
This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.
Christ the King Sunday November 26, 2023



Church Decorating
Party
Nov. 26th
9am
Christmas Music, Hot Cocoa,
Coffee & Fresh Donuts

Blythe Chapel will decorate on
TODAY
after morning worship.

Thanksgiving humor

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

Why did the turkey decline dessert?
Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
Your nose.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
There wasn't enough thyme.

Why did the turkey leave the band?
People were fighting over the drumsticks.



Christmas Candy, Cookies & Goodie Trays

December 10th

Pre-order or day of sales.

Small \$15 Large \$30

We will have some items for sale individually also.





random
Acts of kindness

E1 Lewis, Thomas J.
Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon
3rd Battalion, 13th INF REGT
193 Infantry Brigade
4420 Jackson Boulevard
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-5022
(Graduation, Dec. 18th)



Steve & Terri Jarboe ~ 26th
Bill & Janet McBee ~ 28th
Elisabeth Canizo ~ 29th
John & Bev Boss ~ 29th
Luke McBee ~ 2nd
Ryan McBee ~ 2nd
Zella Frey ~ 2nd



Thank You

**YOU MADE A
DIFFERENCE**



**A record number of filled shoeboxes were collected
at our site this year....879 !!
Thank you to all volunteers and box donations!**

Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Deliver to:

* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † *Worship*

9:00am Ω *Hanging Greens
& Donuts*

10:00am † *Hanging Greens*

10:30am Ω *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

6:30pm Ω *Bible Study*

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st *Advent Sunday*

9:00am † *Worship*

10:30am Ω *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

For I know that my
Redeemer lives.

Job 19:25, ESV



Welcome

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN # 77 *How Great Thou Art*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Derek Robicheaux ~
Jenni Schleiter ~ Thank God I Do*

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Colossians 1:15-20 NLT

MESSAGE

Christ the King

***HYMN # 103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***BLESSING**

Pastor

***THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant?

Let me be as Christ to you?

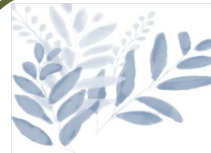
Pray that I may have the grace to

Let you be my servant, too.

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



**Friends
needing
prayers**

*Prayer Requests —last names are printed
for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or
with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Richard
Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla
Jackson, Morgan Whitehead,
Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton,
Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson,
Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young,
June Regenhold, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell,
Pastor John, Thelma & Len
Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner,
TJ Lewis, Mary & Roy,
Roberta & Duncan, Koda,
Brenda & Robin Hooker
Nathan Hargiss, Mark Fear*



**Pastor John & Staff
Christmas Gifts**

will be presented during
Christmas Eve Worship.

Anyone wishing to
participate should mail
their contribution either
to the church office or
Don Steinmetz
253 E 750 S
Fort Branch,
47648.

You may also give them
to Don in person or place
in the offering plate by

December 17th.



Christmas Poinsettia

Dedications being accepted through November 26.
Order forms available on table with this week's bulletin.

We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**

Colossians 1:15-20 NLT

Christ is Supreme

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,
¹⁶ for through him God created everything
in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.

¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body.

He is the beginning,
supreme over all who rise from the dead.

So he is first in everything.

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,

²⁰ and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth
by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!



The body, glorified

"I believe in ... the resurrection of the body," we confess in the Apostles' Creed. Yet often we speak of death of the *body*, reassuring ourselves and others that the person's *soul* is in heaven with God. The body/soul split is rooted in ancient Greek understanding, not Christian teaching. God chose to take on the physical body as the person Jesus, and Paul uses that very image to describe the Church.

Author Flannery O'Connor reflects on this wonder in *The Habit of Being*: "For me it is the virgin birth, the Incarnation, the resurrection which are the true laws of the flesh and the physical. Death, decay, destruction are the suspension of these laws. I am always astonished at the emphasis the Church puts on the body. It is not the soul she says that will rise but the body, glorified."

Listening Guide
“Christ the King”
November 26, 2023

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

Why should we give Jesus authority over our lives?

He’s the _____ Image (vs. 15)

He’s always _____ (vs. 16-17)

He _____ the Church (vs.18)

He’s _____ (vs. 19-20)

Personal Application: Do you and I willingly, do we voluntarily give Jesus the authority of our lives? Is He YOUR King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

