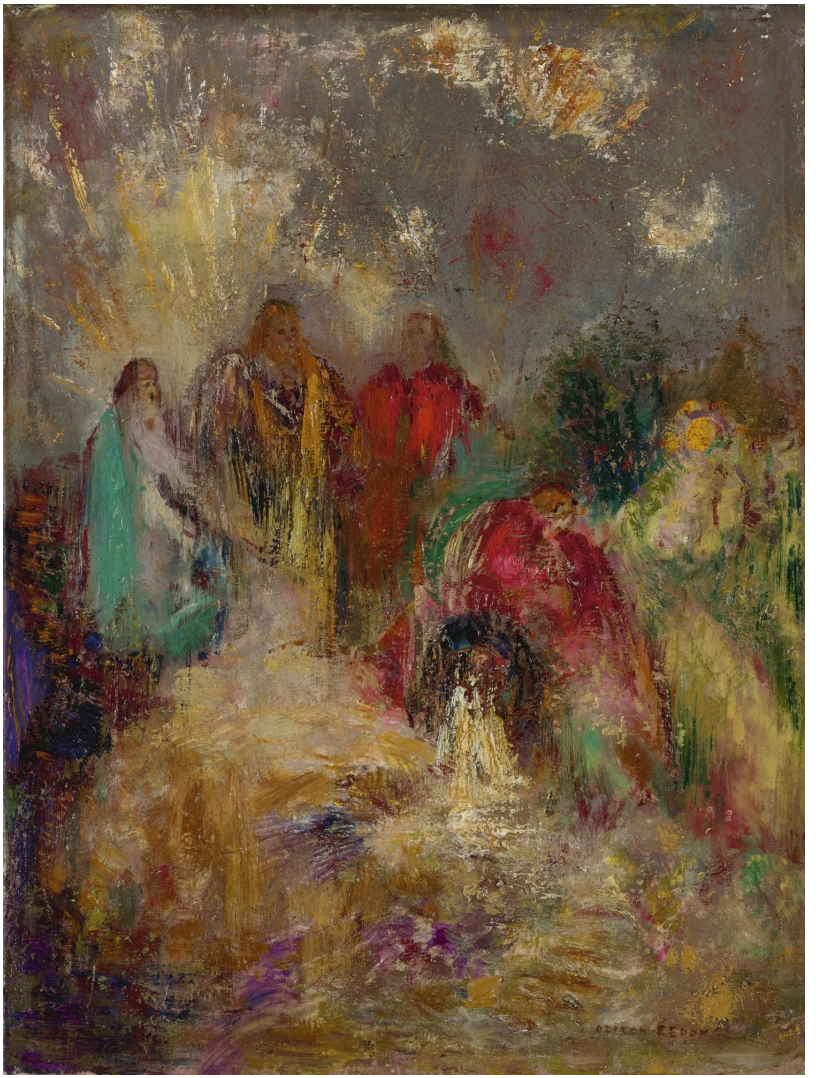
UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP



Youth Sunday + Pledge Sunday

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

*Please stand, as able, when indicated by asterisk. **Bold text indicates congregational response.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Living Waters Medley RUSTINGTON, ENGELBERG, JACOB'S WELL

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters of creation,

the same Spirit who dwells with us now.

The Spirit invites us into worship together!

So here we are, ready to pray, sing, and rejoice together.

Let us listen to the Spirit beckoning us into God's presence;

Let us worship the living God!

COLLECT IN ESPAÑOL

Dios misericordioso, que nos llamas a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, nos has bendecido con muchas lenguas para alabar tu santo nombre. Oramos por la unidad de la iglesia, por todos los que celebran su culto en inglés o en español, y por los inmigrantes que viven de la fe en un país desconocido. Por Cristo Jesús, que hace un hogar para todos tus hijos. Amén.

Merciful God, who calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, you have blessed us with many tongues to praise your holy name. We pray for the unity of the church, for all who worship in English or Spanish, and for immigrants who live by faith in an unfamiliar country. Through Christ Jesus, who makes a home for all your children. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 566

Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air GOTT SEI DANK

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE *Where Children Belong*



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-2 Pew Bible page 585
Matthew 28:16-20 Pew Bible page 812

REFLECTIONS Claire Gallemore and Burke Nieman

INVITATION TO REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY 23** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

CALL TO SHARING

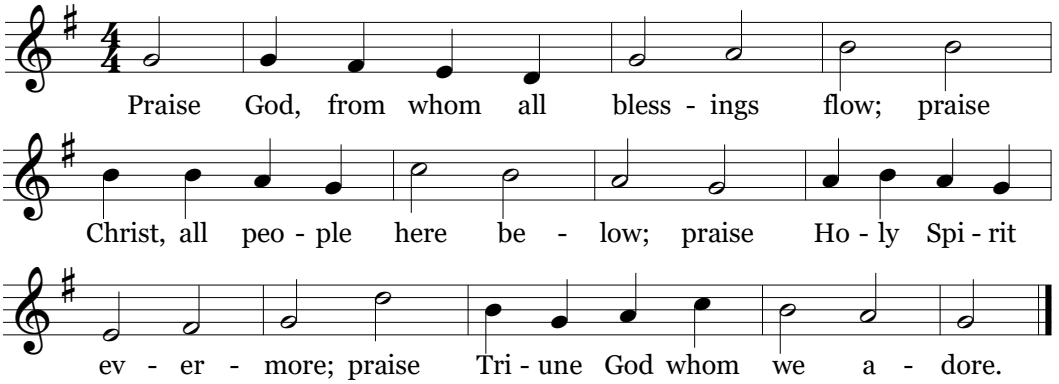
ANTHEM *Tell All the World* John D. Horman, text adapted from Psalm 9

I will give thanks, give thanks unto the Lord with all my heart.
I will tell all the world about the deeds, wonderful deeds,
I will tell everyone about all God's wonderful deeds.

I will be glad, be glad and praise your name, O Lord most high!
I will exult in you and I will sing songs of praise,
Every day, in every way I'll praise your name.
I will give thanks!

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. We offer a gluten-free option in the basket with purple linens and serve only non-alcoholic grape juice. Raise your hand if you would like a pastor to bring the elements to you. Communion cups may be left in the openings on the back of the pews.

COMMUNION HYMN 347 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD L.M.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN OF BLESSING 504** *You Walk along Our Shoreline* SALLEY GARDENS

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *All Glory Be To God* trad. German chorale
settings by Johann Walther, Andreas Vetter

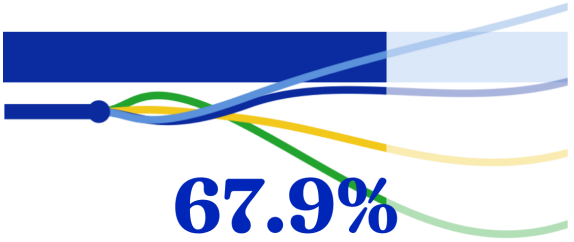
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2027 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

In Christ We Are One: *Woven Together by Love*

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Pledge Progress



67.9%

November 13, 2026

Pledges: **$610,696**

Goal: **$900,000**

Thank you to the 125 families who have already pledged $610,000 toward our $900,000 goal. We are more than 2/3 of the way to a fully funded ministry in 2027. Please make your pledge today!

GRATITUDE CORNER

Thank you–yes you, reading this, whatever your language, abilities, preferences, struggles. You, child of God, made in the divine image, perfectly imperfect, forgiven, beloved. Thanks because you show up, listen, speak; share, play, sing; laugh, smile, dance; seek, mourn, lament; wonder, rejoice, shine. Bless you!

–Craig Smith

Submissions needed! If you can name something about our church community that makes you want to give thanks and sing in less than 200 words, we'd love to share your thoughts in our weekly worship bulletins and newsletters. Send your submission to mmee@unitedchurch.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 15, 2026

WELCOME!
If you are new to United Church, we are so glad you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Table to fill out a contact card and take a gift bag with more information about our congregation. We also invite you to introduce yourself to a pastor and join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments following worship.

CHURCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN
UCCH has a response plan in place for health/safety emergencies or other unexpected situations. If you'd like more details please contact a Deacon or Pastor.

TODAY, NOVEMBER 15: Pledge Sunday; Stone Soup
- **Stone Soup Pantry-Filling:** As you arrive today, please drop off Little Free Pantry donations onto the designated table/cart in the Narthex.
- **Stone Soup Lunch:** Head to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a hearty soup lunch and celebration.

SIGN A CARD TO COLLEGE STUDENTS
In early December, the Youth Leadership Team will be sending small care packages to UCCH members in college. Stop by Fellowship Hall today after worship and sign the cards to wish these young people good luck on final exams!

UCCH 101 & MEMBERSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY
Worship on November 22 will be a joint service in the sanctuary. Anyone planning to join the church as a member next Sunday is invited to RSVP (visit bit.ly/UCCH101) and attend UCCH 101 at 9:30am in the library on November 22 to prepare to join. Questions? Contact Pastor Caleb Wolf (cwolf@unitedchurch.org).

GOD'S BIDDING ONLINE AUCTION
What service of YOUR talent or time will you donate to God's Bidding Auction?

Leaf raking	Cakes or pies
Window cleaning	Tickets to a show/sporting event
Pet/child sitting	YOUR Special Talent
Vacation rental	YOUR Time

Proceeds support Church World Service (CWS) to assist people facing displacement, disaster, hunger, and poverty. Please contact Henry Lister to submit your auction item: (919)215-9030; halister@bellsouth.net

UCCH YOGA & PILATES CLASSES
Join us for yoga with Melanie Joiner and pilates-style classes led by Karen Setty! All levels welcome. **Fridays at 9am in the Assembly Hall:** Nov. 20 - Chair Yoga; Nov. 27 - NO CLASS (Thanksgiving holiday). Questions? Contact melanie.spence@gmail.com or karen.setty@gmail.com.

HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY
Join us at Carol Woods for hymn sings led by Reyna Alston! UCCH members, friends, and Carol Woods residents are all invited to gather for an afternoon of singing beloved hymns together. Sundays at 4:00pm: November 22; February 7; April 4. Please contact Janet Flowers with any questions: 919-918-3436

COMMUNITY FORUM NEWS
Sundays at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall
New: Watch recorded Forums on our YouTube channel!
Nov. 22 - No Community Forum; Please visit the Alternative Gift Market! (Sun. hours: 10am-1pm)
Nov. 29 Intergenerational Forum -All ages invited - we'll learn about Advent, create and bless household Advent wreaths, and enjoy fellowship as we begin to prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus.

OFFICE CLOSING FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
The UCCH office will be closed on November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADVENT WITH UCCH
Mark your calendars with these upcoming Advent programs! More dates to fill out our calendar will be announced soon, including a Longest Night service, *Las Posadas*, and the Giving Tree.
- **Sunday, Nov. 29:** First Sunday of Advent
- **Sunday, Dec. 6:** Caroling at 4:00pm
- **Sunday, Dec. 13:** Lessons & Carols Joint Worship
- **Thursday, Dec. 24:**
  Christmas Eve Family Service at 5pm
  Service of Nativity at 7pm

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS
Our email newsletter is sent weekly on Tuesdays (English) & Fridays (Spanish). Sign up at unitedchurch.org.

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY
- Walker, A. Loving humans. In "Hard Times Require Furious Dancing," p132-135. 811 Wal H
- Kelsey, D.H. "Imagining Redemption." 234 Kel I
- Plantinga, C., Jr. What are we like as redeemed? In "Beyond Doubt," p89-99. 242 Pla B
- Stassen, G.H. God's vision for the church – Kingdom discipleship. In "A New Evangelical Manifesto," p50-56. 261 Gus N

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Barbara Wildemuth, will be in the library immediately following today's service, to assist you in finding library materials.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SERVICE NOTES

MUSIC: Julie Mitchell, organ; Junior Choir directed by Elizabeth Brown; Barbara Wildemuth, piano
DEACON: Bill Benjey
GREETERS: Mark Kleinschmidt, Peter Barnes
READER: Susan Denault
SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay
LIVESTREAM: Bill Siddall
COFFEE HOST: Erica Tillman

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Bienvenido. Welcome. Visitors are invited to take a contact card from the Narthex or Sanctuary pew pockets to fill out and place in the offering plate. / Se invita a los visitantes a coger una tarjeta de contacto de los bolsillos de los bancos del Nártex o del Santuario para rellenarla y depositarla en el plato de las ofrendas.

Or complete the form online:
O rellene el formulario en línea:

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A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL

Alternative Gift Market

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21: 9AM-3PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: 10AM-1PM

Peacemaking Concert

SONAM
SINGERS OF NEW & ANCIENT MUSIC

FRIDAY
NOV. 20
7:30pm

AGM Bake Sale

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The Bake Sale supporting the UCCH Food Security Team will be open on both days of the market this year. We'll need your help keeping the booth stocked with homemade treats! Bring your prized family recipes to Fellowship Hall. **Popular items include mini-loaves or slices of bread/quick breads, small bags of cookies and other treats, and gluten free and sugar free items.**

Fill out this signup form to let us know what you're planning to bring.

Joyas de Joy



Thank you to everyone who donated jewelry and other items for *Joyas de Joy*, supporting the UCCH Language Learning Ministry. Contact person: Linda Soto (Linsoto@gmail.com).

UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL
2026 Alternative Gift Market
POINSETTIA ORDERS



Red & white poinsettias will be sold in advance to be picked up at the Alternative Gift Market. Sales benefit the AGM. Place your order using the online form or a paper form on Sunday mornings.

Please order and pay by 5pm TODAY, November 15.

Contact: Jodi Flick (joflick@email.unc.edu).

2026 Church Finance Update

Our financial outlook as we approach the end of 2026 is strong. The church finished the month of October with an annual operating surplus of $26,680. This is explained by contributions outpacing budgeted expectations throughout the year. We're also seeing that the building is heavily utilized throughout the week by many neighbors and community partners, so gratuities for our space have exceeded expectations. On the expense side, the church is fully staffed, so our biggest expense (personnel) is on target, but budget discipline in the office and by our boards has yielded some modest savings. Thank you for your generous giving that is laying a strong foundation for next year. Please help us finish the year strong by bringing an offering when you are in worship. We are so grateful for the financial care of our community. Way to go, church!

–UCCH Trustees

Text Message Communications

It is important for the church to have multiple channels of communication with the community, and many rely primarily on their mobile devices. The church has a new phone number to send text messages. This is overseen by Pastor Cameron directly, and you can be sure that any messages are coming directly from him. The reasons for this are:

- To establish a line of communication in the event of emergencies or cancellations. There are scenarios when we would be able to send a text message more rapidly than email.
- To make sure everyone hears critical updates from the church because they may miss email and postal mail.
- To invite the church into prayer and to provide occasional spiritual resources.

Text JOIN to 336-436-9363 and you will be automatically added to the list. If you do not wish to receive these messages, you can always opt out by replying STOP. You can reply to texts to communicate with Pastor Cameron, but this line is not monitored every day. The best way to reach him is to text or call his direct line 919-537-9492.