

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026, 9:30 AM

SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER

BAKER MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WELCOME to WORSHIP

- An asterisk (*) invites everyone to rise in spirit & stand as able.
- Join in the liturgy with the **boldfaced** responses.
- Listening devices & large print hymnals are found at the Cedar Ave. entrance.
- Restrooms are located on the Main Level and Lower Levels; use Cedar Ave. entrance.

GREETING — The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP — Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

PRELUDE — "With All My Heart," Babbie Mason, John Stumpf, saxophone

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Chandra Gravit, Liturgist

One: In every generation, the people of God have been blessed to find their home and resting place in God!

All: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

One: All creation since time began have been blessed to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.

All: We gather to worship the God of all creation.

One: We gather to worship and praise our God and to ask God to fill us with the joy of unfailing love.

All: May the favor and blessing of God be upon us this day.

* HYMN 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION, *from a prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Christine Hides*
Eternal God, the One who created a season for everything and a time for every purpose, hear our gratitude for the ways you have built us up, gathered us together and made a way for laughter and dancing. By your Spirit, help us to strive to live in the present, breath by breath, step by step, holding every moment of our existence of your divine making. Shape your people to be creators of love and peace, protectors of children and the innocent, bearers of hope, and speakers of truth. With every rising of the sun, fill us with longing for you, ignite our will to live as Christ lived and sustain us by your Spirit yesterday, today, and forevermore. **AMEN**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*



TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Students pre-K to 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on the lower level. Students can be picked up in the Children's Center, lower level.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Lily of the Valley," Wendell Whalum, Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
For the church of Jesus Christ, its peoples, leaders and mission…
For the leaders of our country and all nations, and for all in authority…
For our communities, and for those who live in them…
For the good earth which God has given us, and our stewardship of it…
For the aged and lonely, the sick and suffering, the addicted and friendless…
For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them…
For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection…

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT IN EVERY SEASON
O Lord, you mark the journey of life with change. In these concluding weeks of Autumn, may we give witness to your enduring faithfulness. As we pray

through the changes of our human lives, enable our growth into deeper relationship with you. Let us not be dormant but alive with the Word that is our lamp in and out of darkness. May the mercy of Christ for every need be the source of our strength, comfort and care for one another. This we ask in Christ's name who taught us to pray saying…

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.

PSALTER READING Psalm 90, pg. 809, United Methodist Hymnal

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, pg. 205, pew Bible

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Time After Time, Season Upon Season" Rev. David Aslesen

SUNG PRAYER, Hymn 707 "Hymn of Promise"

STEWARDSHIP: OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS FOR MINISTRY

Your generosity of time, talents and financial resources is greatly appreciated.

Mission Moment: Loretta Wilson, Missions, Angel Tree Christmas Gifts

Offertory, "Shall We Gather at the River," arr. M. Tucker, Chancel Bell Choir

* Doxology, Hymnal, pg. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
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!

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 666 “Shalom to You” 2x

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God,” G.P. Telemann, Stephen Uhl

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STEWARDSHIP: RETURN YOUR PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

The Finance Committee reminds all members to return a pledge of financial commitment card as soon as possible. Budgeting is made easier by every household’s estimate of giving to the church’s mission in the new year. Use the church’s website and donation page – OR – pick up a pledge brochure at either entrance. Thank you for your ***abundant*** generosity.

BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David P. Aslesen, Director of Music Ministries: Jeff Hunt, Director of Children & Family Ministries: Shelly Stienbarger, Director of Administration & Finance: Steven Wilhelm, Building Maintenance Manager: Karl Lescelius, Creative/Communications Director: Michele Claney, Organist: Stephen Uhl, Director of Children’s Music: Kathy Olivarez, Pianist: Sam Wyatt, Livestream Tech: Rob Hale, Treasurer: Lita Jimenez, Wedding Coordinator: Judy Schlarb, Organist Emeritus: Mark Edwards.

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION or EVENT REGISTRATION

Speak with our staff or pastor. Call 630.584.6680. 10AM-3 PM Mon.-Fri.
Email: info@bakermemorialchurch.org. Go to bakermemorialchurch.org.
Check us out on YouTube, Facebook & Instagram.





UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app and at BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening. Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: Allan & Jayne Scales; Ushers: Debbie & Paul Conterato, Gary Johnson, Geoff Hardwick; Liturgist: Chandra Gravit; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

SUNDAY SCHOOL: NOVEMBER: RUN THE RACE - GOD HELPS US

Following the children's message, students in Pre-K–5th grade are invited to learn how God helps us face challenges. Through stories of Joshua, Ruth, and Daniel, we'll explore how to have faith in hard times.

ABUNDANTLY! STEWARDSHIP 2027: RETURN YOUR PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

The Finance Committee encourages all households to please return your 2027 pledge card as soon as possible online, by email, or by mail. Pledges allow us to budget accurately for the coming year. Cards and brochures are available in the pews and at both entrances. Thank you for your abundant generosity!

WESLEY SINGERS & CHAPEL CHIMES: WEDNESDAYS IN BAKER HALL

The Wesley Singers (grades 1–8) rehearse from 4:30–5:00 p.m., to sing in worship monthly. Following at 5:00–5:30 p.m., Chapel Chimes (grades 2–8) rehearses to perform monthly. No prior experience is needed. Weekly rehearsal commitment is required.

WORK BEGINS ON 3RD AVENUE PARKING SPACES / 3RD AVE. ENTRANCE

Due to the installation of new parking spaces, the 3rd Avenue building entrance will remain inaccessible through November 20, 2026. Please use the Cedar Avenue entrance.

UWF DROP-IN COFFEE, MONDAY, NOV. 16, 9 AM/ MAPLE LEAF

Join us for coffee and casual conversation on the third Monday at Maple Leaf Coffee House (1 Illinois Street, St. Charles). No agenda or sign-up needed—just drop in!

GRATEFUL & THANKFUL PIE & GIFT JAR SALE, SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 10:30 AM

Get ready for the holidays with the United Women in Faith Sale! Items include whole pies, slices, soup and cookie mix jars, holiday planters, and Nativity scenes. All proceeds benefit missions.

GRATITUDE CONCERT, MONDAY, NOV. 23, 7 PM

Featuring Stephen Uhl, organist, and local musicians, the concert includes Violin Concerto in a minor BWV 1041 by J.S. Bach and Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major Op. 81 by Antonín Dvořák. It will be complemented by poetry reading and audience participation. A free will offering will be received.

RING THE BELL! NOVEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 24

The Salvation Army relies heavily on their Red Kettle donations to fund service projects throughout the year, please sign up to help their efforts by ringing the bell! Sign up via the Church App.

BLOOD DRIVE, THURSDAY DEC. 3, 2:30PM

Give the gift of life this holiday season at our community blood drive! Versiti will be on site from 2:30–6:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule an appointment on the Church App. Please bring an ID.

ST. CHARLES SINGERS CANDLELIGHT CAROLS, DEC. 4,5,6

St. Charles Singers presents Candlelight Carols with guest artists Kontras String Quartet. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 3:00 PM. Ticketed event. Find information at https://stcharlessingers.com

This Week
AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 15
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sunday Funday – Cards & Cookies
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 1pm Andrew Hix Recital
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 16
- 9am UWF – Drop-In Coffee (Maple Leaf)
- 3:30pm Madrigals Rehearsal
- 6:15pm Finance Review
- 7pm S&A & SF&D Joint Meeting

TUESDAY, November 17
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11am Women's Emmaus
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 3:30pm Madrigals Rehearsal
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, November 18
- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6:00pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, November 19
- 3:30pm Madrigals Rehearsal

FRIDAY, November 20
- 3:30pm Madrigals Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Madrigals Performance

SATURDAY, November 21
- 9am Administer Justice
- 3:30pm Madrigals Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Madrigals Performance

SUNDAY, November 22
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Christmas Decorating
- 10:30am UWF Pie & Gift Sale
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app







PROVIDE HOSPITALITY FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: SIGN UP!

Thanks to Phoebe Circle for hosting today! Sign up for future Sundays in Baker Hall: https://tinyurl.com/umxm4spm or via the website.