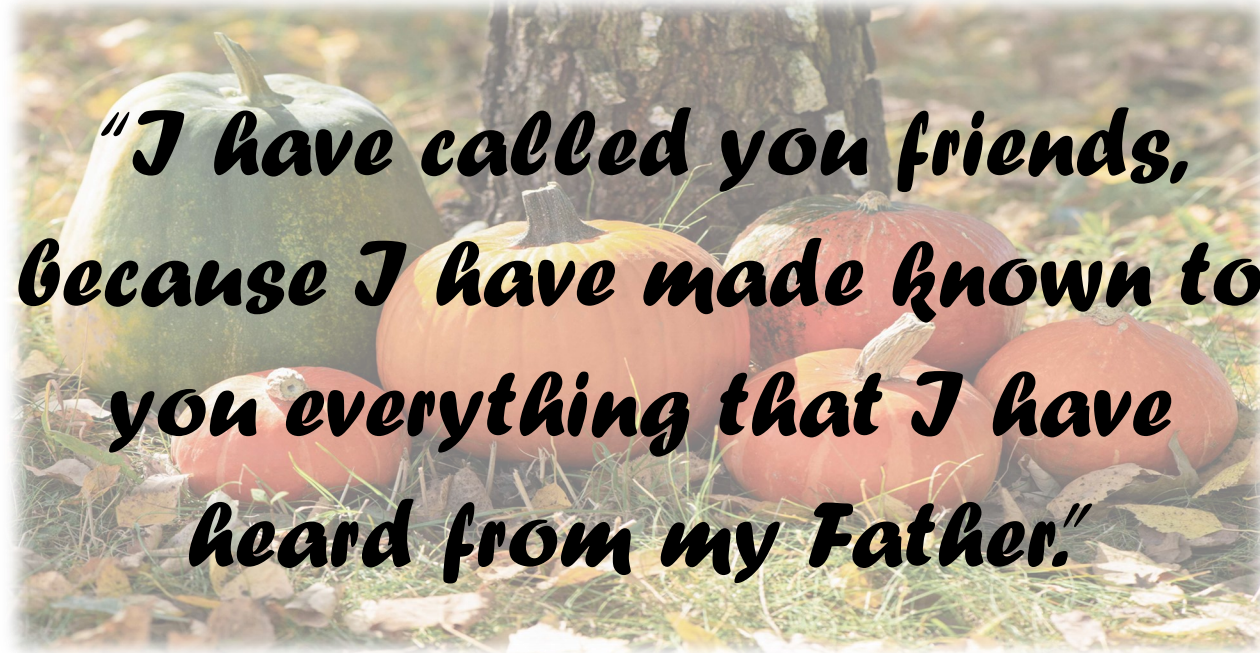


Sunday Worship Service

September 29, 2024



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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* Where indicated, stand if you are able.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

"I Love, Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Arr. Joel Matthews

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to pray.

People: We gather to praise.

Leader: May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

People: May our praise rise to the heavens.

Leader: May our lives be salty with love.

People: May our prayers be reflections of peace.

Leader: Let us pray. Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another. Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst and in the wider world. Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift of your creation. Open our mouths to sing your blessings, joyfully and gratefully. Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost, and create peace in a troubled world. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN 128

"He Leadeth Me"
Vs. 1 - 3

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, dead, 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Brad Ledbetter

CONGREGATIONAL SING-A-LONG	156	"I Love to Tell the Story" v. 1
	364	"Because He Lives" v. 1
	504	"The Old Rugged Cross" v. 1
	600	"Wonderful Words of Life" v.1
	370	"Victory in Jesus" v. 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ 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.

SCRIPTURE John 15: 15
(NRSV New Testament p. 109)

MESSAGE "A Methodist Prays Constantly"

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS *Ushers will come forward*

OFFERTORY "Wonderful Merciful Savior"
Selah

*DOXOLOGY

*CLOSING HYMN 378 "Amazing Grace"
Vs. 1 - 3

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Arr. Joel Matthews

*Our service of worship has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.*

Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar - are dedicated to the glory of God and given by **Linda Geer**.

Sunday's Ushers - Thank you to our Ushers! (10:00am) **Stan Boyd (steward), Maro Slaughter, Bob & Tracey Briggs**

Meeting Reminders -

- **Youth** - will meet **today, September 29, at 4:30pm** for dinner working the Pumpkin Patch.
- **Quintet** - will meet **today, September 29, at 6:15pm** in Asbury Hall.
- **Bell F2F** - will meet **tomorrow, September 30, at 1pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.
- **GUMC Vision Group** - will meet **tomorrow, September 30, at 6pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.
- **Stewardship Campaign** - will meet **this Tuesday, October 1, at 2pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.

Welcome Table Desserts - The weekly Welcome Table is in need of **two volunteers a week** to make desserts for their meal. If you are interested, please see the **signup sheet** located on the bulletin board outside the front office. **Two volunteers are still needed for October 3.**

Youth Dinners - Help support our Youth by providing dinner on one of their scheduled Lesson nights! Anything from a homecooked meal to take-out pizza is welcome. Please provide enough food for at least 8 people. All dinners will need to be at the church (Asbury Hall) and ready by 4:30pm. **We still need one volunteer for September 29.** The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the front office.

Fall Concert Series - The GUMC Fall Concert Series is back! Join us **on Sunday, October 20, at 3pm** in Asbury Hall to engage in wonderful music and fellowship. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated (all donations will go toward the GUMC Building Fund). More details to come!

SMBB Fall Concert - The Smoky Mountain Brass Band will hold their annual Fall Concert on **Tuesday, October 22, at 7pm** in Asbury Hall. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Candy Donations - As we approach Halloween and our annual Trunk-or-Treat, we are looking for candy donations. We are asking for wrapped candy (**with no nuts**) or small prizes like stickers, erasers, rings, glow sticks, etc. There will be a box-basket outside the front office to collect these donations. Thank you for your support!

Trunk-or-Treat! - It's that time of year for our annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event! Fun for the whole family, come on out on **Saturday, October 26, at 5:30pm** to get a jump-start on Halloween fun! Be apart of the action by lending & decorating your own car! If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact **Jackie Davis at: 828.776.6548**. See you there!