Join us **Nov 22** after the service to decorate the church for **Advent**! Lots of hands needed.

This Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, marking our **Blessing Box Sunday** once again! We sincerely thank each of you for your generous donations.

4th Quarter Apportionments—Will be collected on **Sunday, November 22**. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important fund that keeps our church doors open!

Advent Poinsettias are now available to order! Order forms will be available at the back of the Sanctuary. Plants are **$8 each** and can be dedicated to a loved one**.**

Special Offering: United Methodist Student Day—Nov 29. This offering will go to aid in the education of young minds throughout the district.

Miriam Circle will be collecting donations of deodorant for Community School. Any type is appreciated. Place your donation in the box outside the office.

Newsletter: If you or your group would like to advertise an upcoming event in next month's newsletter, please email your group/ event name and brief description to Mariah by **November 24**. secretary@groceumc.org

REMINDER - Next Sunday we will be collecting Children's Change.

We will not have **Welcome Table** on **November 26th** due to Thanksgiving.

The office will be closed on the 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

Church Calendar: November 15-21

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:00: Sunday School **10:30:** Worship **11:30** Spaghetti Luncheon 	**11:00:** Prayer Group **1:00** Canasta **3:00** Handbells	**10:30:** Crafters **1:45:** Tai Chi **7:00** SMBB **7:00** HCCA Green Committee	**10:00** Sarah Circle **5:30** Men's Chorus **6:00** Choir **6:00:** AA Mtg	**10:30:** Isaac Group **1:45:** Tai Chi **3:00** Beginner Tai Chi **5:00:** Welcome Table **6:45** Cub Scouts	**3:00** Tailgate Holiday Market **6:30** Quintet	

November 15, 2026



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.

Groce United Methodist Church
954 Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC, 28805
(828) 298-7647
Fax: (828) 299-8780
Email: gumcadmin@groceumc.org
Website: www.groceumc.org

Jill Rhinehart—Pastor
Becky Wilburn—Music Director/Organist
Debbie Ross—Handbell Director
Gayle Decker—Administrator/Treasurer
Mariah Wright—Secretary
Tammy Peek—Custodian

Sunday Worship Celebration

November 15, 2026

<u>* Where indicated, stand if you are able.</u>

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”** *Ritte*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Prince
Leader: God has blessed each of us with gifts, talents, and opportunities.
People: We come to give thanks for all that God has entrusted to us.
Leader: God calls us not to hide our gifts, but to use them faithfully.
People: May we have the courage to serve with willing hearts.
Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us to lives of faithfulness.
All: We come to worship, ready to serve and glorify God!
Leader: Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, you have blessed each of us with gifts and opportunities to serve you. Too often, we allow fear, doubt, or uncertainty to keep us from using what you have given us. Open our hearts today to hear your call. Give us the courage to step out in faith, the wisdom to recognize our gifts, and the willingness to use them for your glory. May our worship inspire us to live as faithful servants of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN **“Living for Jesus”** *TFWS #2149*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, you have entrusted us with gifts, resources, and opportunities to serve you, yet too often we allow fear to hold us back. We compare ourselves to others, doubt our abilities, and hesitate to answer your call. Forgive us when we bury what you have given us rather than using it to share your love. Help us trust you more fully and serve you more faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Hear the good news: God's grace is greater than our fears and failures. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to begin again. Trust in God's love and go forward in faith.
ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM **“He Giveth More Grace”** *arr. Linn*
Men’s Chorus

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 **Matthew 25:14-30** *NT pg. 28-29*

MESSAGE “What God Has Given You”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY **“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”** *arr. Tornquist*

*DOXOLOGY

*****CLOSING HYMN **“Lord, Be Glorified”** *TFWS #2150*

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION
Go forth with grateful hearts, remembering that God has entrusted each of you with gifts to share. Do not let fear hold you back, but step forward in faith, serving others and sharing God's love. May the grace of Christ guide you, the love of God sustain you, and the Holy Spirit give you courage. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE **“Praise Him/Praise Him in the Morning”** *arr. Tornquist*

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

Announcements

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

The Flowers on the Altar have been given by **Jim and Nancy Creel** in honor of **Larry and Carolyn Barber.**

Sunday’s Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers, **Fred Bailey (steward), Tim Kilmer, Pat Kirschner, and Jerry Kirschner.** Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Pam Budd.**