WORSHIP GUIDE

November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday
(Commitment Sunday)

WELCOME Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE Anait Piloyan

CALL TO WORSHIP Cheryl Resch

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.
We recognize God as the source of all goodness.
All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:
love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.
We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.
We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

HYMN UMH 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

[1] Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

[2] O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

[3] All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Christ's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, on earth and in heaven above.
We believe Christ's victory conquered the fear of death and demonstrates the power of love.
We believe Christ's peace flows like a stream in our hearts. What could be greater than this, for which we give our thanks and praise!

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER COMMISSIONING
Chris Qualmann

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Gather Together" Chancel Choir
arr. Heather Sorenson

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG FWS 2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON It's All About WE! Pastor Beth Snarr
Respond
John 2:1-11

HYMN FWS 2172 "We Are Called"

[1] Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

[2] Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

[3] Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

WE WELCOME AND AFFIRM THOSE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION, FAMILY STRUCTURE,
AND MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THIS CONGREGATION.

BENEDICTION Pastor Beth Snarr

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W&S 3154 "Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE Anait Piloyan

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom and Carol Morris to celebrate their daughter, Pastor Beth's, birthday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to our Prayer Team at *prayer@fumcgnv.org* or go to *https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest*.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

As we celebrate Advent, help us beautify our Sanctuary with poinsettias starting on Sunday, December 13. You can place your poinsettia order and dedication after worship at the Welcome Table outside the Sanctuary, by contacting the church office at 352-372-8523, or via our web site at *https://fumcgnv.org/Poinsettia*. Each poinsettia is only $15 and can go home with you after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Orders need to be placed by Monday, December 14 and the poinsettia dedications will be published on Sunday, December 20.

OUR SERMON SERIES - IT'S ALL ABOUT WE!



Our sermon series titled "It's All About WE!" ends today on Commitment Sunday. Tis the season when members and regular attenders are invited, encouraged, and challenged to make a pledged financial commitment to the 2027 ministries of First UMC. This sermon series explores a story from each Gospel that highlights the purpose and power of working together. May the choices we make reflect our belief in the counter-cultural, self-sacrificial message of Jesus, "It's All About WE!"

COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY



A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!

STEWARDSHIP 2027 COMMITMENT SUNDAY



Today is Commitment Sunday in our Stewardship 2027 pledge campaign. All of our First UMC members and regular attendees should have received their information packets, but if you did not receive a packet or need one, copies are available on the Welcome Table. During our final hymn today, you will have the opportunity to turn in your Commitment Card to support our 2027 missions and ministries. If you are not ready to turn in your commitment today, you can drop your card off at the Church Office or make you commitment online at *https://fumcgnv.org/Pledge*.

COOKIES AND POINSETTIAS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

We are sending cookies and poinsettias again this year to members of our faith family who are homebound. We have cookie tins and will buy the flowers, but need cookie bakers (or buyers) to fill the tins. Volunteers can sign up after church today or contact Diane Loyless at 352-284-7419. We need your cookie donations by November 30 - cookies can be dropped off at the church office during the week or at the Welcome Table on Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE - DICKENS INN

Dickens Inn, our traditional First UMC potluck holiday dinner will be on Tuesday, December 15th, and Wednesday, December 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Reservations will be required for this event and start today! You can also contact the Church Office at 352-372-8523 during the week to make reservations.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

The light of Jesus shines most brightly when our God-given time and talents are shared in service to others. Learn where you can volunteer by using the QR code above or visit *fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve*

GIVE BY CHECK

Place in a black offering box, or mail or bring to the Church Office at 419 NE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601

Have you considered long-term support of our church ministries through our Legacy Endowment Fund? For more details, contact *legacy@fumcgnv.org*

GIVE ONLINE

use the QR code above or visit *fumcgnv.com/GiveOnline* or via the First UMC app