

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Beth Snarr

First Choristers

Evie & Gia Bruce

“Siyahamba”

Get up, wake up, come on everyone!
Today has begun, we don’t want to miss a thing!
The music rises in our hearts
feel the beat, join the rhythm.
Sing! dance the wonder, sing the rhyme!
We’ll call the sun into the sky!
We’ll raise the roof with our praise!
We’ll shout our thanks for all to hear!
Up, up, up, we lift you high, O God
through clouds and cities your glory rings.
Up, up, you lift us up,
out of our troubles, out of our pain.
We call for help and you answer, again and again:
“I love you. I will never leave you. Wherever you go, I will lead you.”

HYMN FWS 2235B

“We Are Marching (Siyahamba)”

- ¹ We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching. Oh, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching. Oh, we are marching in the light of God.
- ² Siyahamb’e kukhanyen’ kwenkos’, siyahamb’e kukhanyen’ kwenkos. Siyahamb’e kukhanyen’ kwenkos’, siyahamb’e kukhanyen’ kwenkos. Siyahamb’e. Oh, Siyahamb’e kukhanyen’ kwenkos’. Siyahamb’e. Oh, Siyahamb’e kukhanyen’ kwenkos’.
- ³ Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios. Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios. Caminando. Oh, caminando en la luz de Dios. Caminando. Oh, caminando en la luz de Dios.
- ⁴ We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching. Oh, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching. Oh, we are marching in the light of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sadie Court

We believe in a God of love. Do you?
Yes we do!
We believe in Jesus Christ who teaches us how to love. Do you?
Yes we do!
We believe in the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with love to share with others. Do you?
Yes we do!
We believe that we are the Church, who works together in love. Do you?
Yes we do!

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Kindergarteners: Colin Hines, Nancy Mentz

Third Graders: Gia Bruce, Arthur Mentz

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Mighty Fortress”

Chancel Choir

arr. Michael Ekblad

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 worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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.

BENEDICTION

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

Maggie Tran

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Flo Caldwell in memory of her parents, Ted and Edna Weidman, and her son, Dennis.

The rose on the altar is given in celebration of Michael Robert Shortley, born on Tuesday, October 21, to proud parents, Brendan and Dalis Shortley.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up or wish to be part of the team who lifts up prayers, drop an email to prayer@fumcgvn.org or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

MINISTRY FOCUS - THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Join us in collecting food items and making baskets for families in need at our partner school, Metcalfe Elementary. We will provide Thanksgiving meals for **30 families at Metcalfe** and will partner again this year with Trinity UMC to fill baskets for the community. We are collecting food items through Sunday, November 9. You can drop off your donations at the church office Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or Sunday mornings before or after church. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and generosity! You can view the list of needed items along with the option for sponsoring a basket for \$50 at <https://fumcgvn.org/Thanksgiving>. If you wish to sponsor a basket now, please indicate "Thanksgiving Baskets" on however you give your second-mile gift.

COMMUNION AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

A brief Service of Holy Communion (approx. 15 minutes) will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel immediately after worship today. Everyone is welcome!

One of our Stephen Ministers are present each week at the Service of Holy Communion if you need someone to talk to and/or to pray with you after the service. Our Stephen Ministers are lay persons who share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Have questions about Stephen Ministry? Contact them at StephenMinisters@fumcgvn.org.



CHARGE CONFERENCE 2025

All are welcome to attend this year's Charge Conference this Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Bartley Temple UMC (1936 NE 8th Ave, 32641). This will be a time of worship with other United Methodist Churches in the District as well as when each individual church performs administrative tasks required for the operations of their church.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



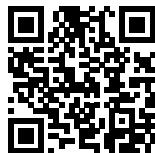
The light of Jesus shines most brightly when our God-given time and talents are shared in service to others. Learn where you can volunteer by using the QR code above or visit fumcgvn.org/ways-to-serve



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