WORSHIP GUIDE

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE Bobby Jo Valentine

CALL TO WORSHIP Alex Gibson

Abundant God, you have given us every good thing, and so we thank you.

Enrich in us our spirit of generosity.

You provide for us, so that we may share abundantly in every good work.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

HYMN UMH 389 "Freely, Freely"

[1] God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

[2] All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe our Creator has given us light, that we might shine in the world's darkness!

We believe our Redeemer has given us love, that we might love with his love!

We believe our Sustainer has given us gifts, that we might be for the world the good news of God's grace.

With the help of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, may these beliefs inspire us to action.

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

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC Bobby Jo Valentine

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! Relentless Pastor Beth Snarr

Mark 2:1-12

HYMN UMH 572 "Pass It On"

[1] It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

[2] What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

[3] I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on..

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 Bobby Jo Valentine

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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 Karen Jeter in gratitude for her children and their beautiful families.

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*.

OUR SERMON SERIES - IT'S ALL ABOUT WE!



Our sermon series is titled "It's All About WE!". 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!"

MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our mission focus for today is our Community Outreach Ministry that provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges in addition to hosting an emergency food pantry for their clients. The COM food pantry accepts such things as hearty soups, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal and long-life milk (not powdered), and protein items such as tuna, canned chicken, and beanie weenies. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this vital ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH RUMMAGE SALE - FINAL SALES TODAY!

The final day for our United Women in Faith Trinkets and Treasures rummage sale starts after worship today and runs through the Bobby Jo Valentine concert this afternoon. All proceeds from this sale go towards supporting missions with an emphasis on those impacting women, children, and youth.

BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT - THIS AFTERNOON

Bobby Jo Valentine will be in concert at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary this afternoon. Bobby Jo is an award-winning songwriter who strives to make music and poetry that is good medicine for everyone.

COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY



A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the **Epworth Parlor** 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



We have started our Stewardship 2027 pledge campaign and all of our First UMC members and regular attendees should have received their information packets. If you did not receive a packet or need one, copies are available on the Welcome Table Commitment Sunday is November 22 where we will have a time during worship to turn in our Commitment Cards to support our 2027 missions and ministries. If you are not ready to turn in your commitment on November 22, you can drop your card off at the Church Office or make you commitment online at *https://fumcgnv.org/Pledge*.

COOKIES AND POINSETTIAS

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) and delivery helpers. To volunteer, you can sign up in the courtyard 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.

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