



Dunbar United Methodist Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

*Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.*

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE Sharon Cline, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Nancy White

*CALL TO WORSHIP Libby Tolley
(Response will be sung)
God’s never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God and one another
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
God’s always-present grace surrounds us, calling us to love as Christ loves us.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
God’s persistent peace sweeps through us, empowering us to live as agents of God’s mercy and justice.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
May our rejoicing overflow, that God may be glorified.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

*OPENING HYMN “O How I Love Jesus” UMH#170

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another. Let us pray.
For those times we have fashioned idols of our own desire...Those times when we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others...Those times we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle in our living...Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Time for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Praise God!

CHILDREN’S SERMON Pastor Nancy White

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-7

SERMON “Rejoice Always?” Pastor Nancy White

SPECIAL MUSIC

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN “Blessed Assurance” UMH#369

*BENEDICTION
Beloved, remember: God is at work in you, enabling you to work for God’s pleasure.
May God bless us with a spirit of joyful cooperation and Christian love as together we work for the flourishing of all God’s creation. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

worship Notes: “UMH” denotes the navy The United Methodist Hymnal located in each pew.
“TFWS” denotes the black supplemental hymnal “The Faith We Sing”; “W&S” denotes the green supplemental hymnal “Worship & Song”
CCLI License #: C-71179; CCLI Streaming License #: B-20459670; One License #: A-736012; CVLI: 505515971
The call to worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, UM Discipleship Ministries (adapted)
From Standing in the Gap, written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross,
Today’s pastoral prayer is adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for October is Spaghetti Sauce. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you’d like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$30 and can be given in honor or memory if you’d like.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Milton Corn Maze -October 11 following church. Lunch is on our own and meet at the maze at 1:45.
- The DISC Sing is scheduled on October 13 at First Baptist Church at 6:30pm. All food and monetary donations will go to the Dunbar-Institute Samaritan Center.
- Women’s Meeting on October 15 at 11am.
- Children’s Sabbath, Undie Sunday and Tailgating Sunday – October 18
- Charge Conference on October 28 at 5:30pm at Cross Lanes UMC.

The altar flowers are in memory of my brother, Mike on his birthday on October 15. Given by Lynn Thornton.

Fellowship time: If you would like to sign up to bring and serve during fellowship time, please sign up on the door outside the office. There are two individuals who have offered to donate money to help with the fellowship time.

Our worship participants next Sunday, October 18, Liturgist: Helen Southall;
Children’s Sermon: Dee Price-Childers; Ushers: Chuck & Evie Bibbee;
Fellowship Time Host: Cathy Tucker and Libby Tolley
Contact Information for Pastor Nancy White 304-549-0496

DUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Last Week’s Offering Total:
\$4,685.46
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: \$16,314
Annual Apportioned Amount: \$48,896
Payout Percentage:33%

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Tuesdays – 6pm Bible Study at the Ron & Teresa Boggess’ House
Monday – Friday at 12:00pm – women’s exercise group, Gymnasium
Wednesday at 6pm Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Sunday – Archery – registration at 5:15 and classes start at 5:30.

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