WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22		
6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
12:00PM to 2:00PM	Advent Decorating	FWC, Sanctuary
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building
Monday, November 23		
6:30PM to 8:00PM	WeCare Christmas Packing	WeCare House
Tuesday, November 24		
1:00PM to 3:00PM	WeCare Christmas Packing	WeCare House
2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
Wednesday, November 25	***Preschool Closed***	
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building
Thursday, November 26	***Preschool and Church Office Closed***	
5:00PM to 9:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
5:30PM to 8:30PM	Community Sports Night	Gym
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
Friday, November 27	***Preschool and Church Office Closed***	
6:00PM to 7:00PM	Fast and Prayer	Epworth Building
Saturday, November 28		
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Christmas Packing	WeCare House
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth Building
12:00PM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:00PM to 9:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
1:00PM to 3:00PM	Girl Scouts	Susanna Wesley Bldg.
Sunday, November 29		
6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Church Office Closure
The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th, in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 22, 2026
Christ The King

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Welcome! If you are new or visiting, please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pew or chair and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so we can connect!

This Order of Worship is subject to change at the direction of THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Sunday Schedule

Traditional Service: 9:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Sunday School for all Ages: 10:00 AM (FLC and Education Bldg.)

Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM (Family Worship Center)

African Service: 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Afternoon Adult Bible Study (Spanish) : 1:00 PM (FLC 2nd Floor- 203)

Latino Service: 2:00 PM (Family Worship Center)

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., Nov. 23: Psalm 28
Tues., Nov. 24: Zechariah 11:4-17
Wed., Nov. 25: John 5:19-40
Thurs., Nov. 26: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Fri., Nov. 27: Zechariah 14:1-9
Sat., Nov. 28: Matthew 24:15-31

Prayer

O gracious God, you are calling each of us by name to do your good works in the world. Help us show your grace to others. Amen.

November 15, 2026

Total Worship Attendance:130
Sunday School Attendance: 41
Offering: $7, 459.00
Please scan the QR code for online giving

Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family of Royce Williams
Laura Laramie
Jim Barker
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten
Jean Long
Desmond Turner
Brenda and Ray Cathey
Kathleen Robinson
Chap Tuttle
Gary Little
Mary Martin
Don and Linda Wigley
Claudia Waddell
Shem Logan
Margaret Norwood
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey

***Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.**

Family and Friends

Nancy Drake (Sister of Patty Smith)
The Family of Charles Taylor (Elizabeth Stribling's coworker)
Carol Garrett (Rev. Elinor Heerman's Sister)
Lila Dye (Dianne Horton's mother)

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of

Royce Williams

Andrea Williams (daughter)
6531 Fox Meade Lane
Charlotte, NC 28215-3721



Announcements

Decorate the Church for Advent!
Help "hang the greens" TODAY between 12pm to 2pm in the FLC & Sanctuary.

Combined Worship Service
The next combined worship service will be November 29 at 11am in the Family Worship Center.

Children and Youth Announcements.
There will be no youth group on November 29th, in light of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The next children and youth lunch event will be Sunday December 6th from 12pm-2pm.

SnackPack Update
In response to growing food insecurity in our community, we need YOUR help as we expand our support of 48 HGE students to 56 students starting in January 2027. The cost to sponsor one child is $30. Please contact Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520 if you have any questions.

WeCare Christmas Packing
Volunteer at WeCare to pack Christmas boxes!
WeCare will be open for packing until December 3: Monday 6:30-8pm, Tuesday 1-3 pm, Wednesday 3-5 pm, Saturday 10am-12pm. All packing is done at the Hyland house (6315 Market Street) down at the garage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WeCare Angel Tree
The WeCare Angel Tree is up in the lobby for the FWC. Please take an angel or angels and help put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Use the QR code to access the Angel Tree page on the church website. All gifts are due to WeCare by NEXT SUNDAY.

Spirit Seeker/Pathfinder Sunday School Classes Pie Sale
If you purchased a pie from the Spirit Seeker/Pathfinders Pie Baking Sale, please pick them up today in the FLC lobby.

Advent Study: Heaven and Earth
This Advent, come and wait, wonder, and prepare with us in the Trinity Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights as we use Will Willimon's book Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation as our guide. You do not need to purchase the book to participate. Everyone is welcome.
Focus Scriptures:
Dec. 2: Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 9: John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 16: Luke 1:26-55

Message from the Scercy Family
The Scercy family is deeply grateful for the prayers, visits, calls, and countless acts of kindness shown to us throughout Pete's long years of disability and illness, and in the days following his passing. In so many ways, you brought the church to us when we could not always come to the church. Your love, care, and support have been a true blessing, and we will be forever grateful.

9:00 AM Traditional Service

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Call to Worship — Susan Bailey

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.
Congregation: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.
Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.
Congregation: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

*Opening Prayer
*Passing of the Peace
*Opening Hymn — "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" — UMH#139
Joys and Concerns
Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer — Rev. Colston Morris
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.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts
*Doxology — UMH#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
Anthem — Choir
Scripture — Matthew 25: 31-46
Message — Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Closing Hymn — "O Zion, Haste" — UMH#573
*Benediction — Rev. Caitlin Lai
Postlude

*please stand as you are able, in body and spirit

11:00 AM Contemporary Service

*Songs "We Praise You"
"Jesus I'm On My Way"
Welcome and Announcements
*Passing of the Peace
*Song "So Much"
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
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.

*Song "I Give You My Heart"
Scripture Matthew 25: 31-46
Message Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song "Never Been a Moment"
Benediction
*Dismissal with Blessing

*Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit

You are invited to respond to God financially by giving back to God a portion of what God has given to you. Please place your offering in the plate by the FWC entrance and talk to a pastor on how you can serve. Blank Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer.

2:00 PM Latino Service

Bienvenida y Anuncios
Salmo
*Alabanza y Adoración
Escritura
Sermon y Invitación a Cristo Rev. Candido Albino
Ofrenda
*Benedición

11:00 AM African Service

Lighting of the Candles
Prelude Hassan Sankary
Liturgist Scarlett Nimley
Praise Song Praise Team
Welcome Rev. Colston Morris
*Opening Prayer/Call to Worship Lily Kamara

From Matthew 25:31–46
Leader: The Son of Man calls us to love and serve others.
People: We will serve Christ by caring for those in need.
Leader: When we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and care for the sick, we serve the Lord.
People: Lord, open our hearts to see Christ in everyone.
All: Let us worship God through our love, compassion, and service to others. Amen!

*Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH#77
*Joys and Concerns Scarlett Nimley
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People Rosee Nimley
*Passing of the Peace
Offering

"Lord, I may not have much, but what I have, I give to You. Take it, bless it, break it, and use it for Your glory."

*Doxology UMH#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer Scarlett Nimley
Praise & Worship Praise Team
Scripture Lesson Psalm 100 Abraham Karva
Selection Choir
Sermon "Celebrating God's Goodness" Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Call to Christian Discipleship Rev. Colston Morris

Announcements/Community Concerns Arlette Nimley

Closing Song

*Dismissal with Blessing

*please stand as you are able, in body and spirit

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