

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26

6:00AM to 2:00PM
8:00AM to 5:00PM
9:45AM to 10:30AM

St. Mary Ethiopian Church
Restoration Community Church
Sunday School
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Gym MP
FLC/Ed. Bldg.
Epworth Building

Monday, October 27

5:00PM to 8:00PM
7:00PM to 8:00PM
7:00PM to 9:00PM

CLT Rising Stars Basketball
Admin Council Meeting
Latino Dance Group Practice

Gym
Zoom
Youth Room

Tuesday, October 28

2:00PM to 3:00PM
5:00PM to 8:30PM
6:30PM to 8:30PM
7:00PM to 9:00PM

Chancel Choir Practice
Quilting Ministry
ESL Class CPCC
Latino Dance Group Practice

Choir Room
Wesley Rooms 205-206
Parlors
Youth Room

Wednesday, October 29

9:00AM to 11:30AM
11:30AM to 12:30PM
6:00PM to 8:00PM
8:00PM to 9:00PM

Preschool: Music
Staff Lunch
Girl Scouts
Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous

Trinity Room
Parlors
Wesley Bldg.
Epworth Building

Thursday, October 30

5:00PM to 9:00PM
5:30PM to 8:30PM
6:30PM to 8:30PM
7:00PM to 8:30PM

Quilting Ministry
Community Sports Night
ESL Class CPCC
Therapy of the Soul Rehearsal

Wesley Rooms 205-206
Gym
Parlors
FWC

Friday, October 31

9:00AM to 1:00PM
5:00PM to 8:00PM
6:00PM to 7:00PM
10:00PM to 2:00AM

Preschool Fall Event
CLT Rising Stars Basketball
Fast and Prayer
Restoration Community Church Event

FLC/Trinity Room
Gym
Epworth Building
Gym MP

Saturday, November 1

8:00AM to 5:00PM
10:00AM to 2:00PM
12:00AM to 1:00PM
12:00PM to 9:00PM
1:00PM to 3:00PM

Quilting Ministry
Girl Scouts
African Ministry Choir Rehearsal
St. Mary Ethiopian Church
Girl Scouts

Wesley Rooms 205-206
Epworth
Sanctuary
Chapel
Susanna Wesley Bldg.

Sunday, November 2

6:00AM to 2:00PM
8:00AM to 5:00PM
4:00PM to 5:00PM
7:00PM to 8:00PM

All Saints Sunday
St. Mary Ethiopian Church
Restoration Community Church
Charge Conference
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Gym MP
Trinity Room
Epworth Building

October 26th, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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)
Afternoon Children's Bible Study: 1:00 PM (Asbury 2nd Floor—205)
Afternoon Youth Bible Study: 1:00 PM (Asbury 2nd Floor - 209)
Latino Service: 2:00 PM (Family Worship Center)

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., Oct 27: Psalm 87	Thurs., Oct. 30: Psalm 119:137-144
Tues., Oct 28: Joel 3:9-16	Fri., Oct. 31: 2 Peter 1:1-11
Wed., Oct. 29: Matthew 21:28-32	Sat., Nov. 1: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Prayer

God of all things, you have created me for a purpose. As you walk with me down the road you have prepared, show me the next right step to take so I can do your will. Amen

October 19th, 2025

Total Worship Service Attendance: 153

Sunday School Attendance: 34

Offering: \$7, 294.98

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family of Jean Fortner
Gary Little
Mary Martin
Scott Bucklin
Don and Linda Wigley
The Family of Jill Hagler
Sam and Rita Leggett
Kathleen Robinson
Brenda Cathey
Claudia Waddell
Pete and Nancy Scercy
Shem Logan
Bill and Mary MaGee
Margaret Norwood
Ronnie Oaten
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey
Patty Marks
Lana Freeman

Family and Friends

The Family of Verner N. Jordan Jr.
The Family of Maegan and Casey Habich
Ryan Edwards
(Son of Jennifer Stribling's friend, Elizabeth Edwards)
Rick Frye
(Brother of Sandy Oaten)
Carol Garrett
(Rev. Elinor Heerman's Sister)
Lila Dye,
(Dianne Horton's mother)
***Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.**

Additional Announcement

CPR and First Aid Training

CPR & First Aid training will take place on Thursday November 6 from 6-7pm in the Trinity Room. The online curriculum is completed at student's own pace, usually about 2 hours, prior to the in-person portion. The skills practice will be approximately 1 hour. The total cost of the in-person and online training is \$65. If you are interested, please let Pastor Caitlin know by Wednesday October 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday November 3 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember and give thanks to God for loved ones, saints of church past, present and future. During worship we will light candles and name aloud the members of our church who have died since All Saints 2024, and there will be an opportunity for you to come forward and light tea candles for your loved ones who have also died.

Fall Festival

Thank you to all our volunteers for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, AND your witness in hosting our Fall Festival. We look forward to next year!

Admin Council Meeting

Our next Admin Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm.

Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday November 2 at 4pm in the Trinity Room, with Rev. Charlie Rivens presiding. Charge conference is held annually to reflect on a year of ministry, look towards the future, and approve of lay leadership and clergy compensation for 2025.

Families in Need of Assistance for Christmas:

WeCare is now taking applications to help provide Christmas for families who are financially challenged. Applications may be submitted online at <https://hickorygroveumc.com/wecare-christmas-signup> starting now through October 26th or at the WeCare house the 2nd & 4th Saturday each month from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

WeCare Food Needs:

Peanut butter, corn, green beans. The next pantry date will be November 8th from 10am-12pm.

SNACK Pack

Snack Pack is well underway this school year. We have made several deliveries to the school. The price of food has gone up and we see it when purchasing for SNACK pack. Donations to this ministry are greatly appreciated. Prayerfully consider us every week If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

All are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for Bible study and reflection on Zoom @ 7:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation. Please read chapter 3:7-13 . The Zoom meeting ID# 81541770673 and Passcode: 522533.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice for the Traditional Service has been moved to Tuesdays at 2pm. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please talk to a current choir member or the music director.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Connie Wood

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Congregation: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Congregation: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH#400

*Passing of the Peace

You are invited to stand as you are able and greet one another with signs and words of God's peace.

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

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.

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

Scripture

Proverbs 11:25

Message

Give All You Can

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Closing Hymn

"To God Be The Glory"

UMH#98

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“Beautiful Life” “Walk With Jesus”	
Announcements		
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	“Goodness Of God”	
Joy and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
*Song	“I Surrender”	
Scripture	Proverbs 11:25	
Message	Give All You Can	Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	“I Speak Jesus”	
*Dismissal with Blessing		

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

Contemporary Service Task Force

Pastor Caitlin is looking for partners in ministry to dream, offer input or feedback, and try new things for our 11am contemporary worship service. Is God calling you to serve our church in this way? Please reach out to Pastor Caitlin if you feel God's nudge!

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	Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship	Arlette Nimley
Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!	
Congregation: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.	
Leader: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.	
Congregation: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.	
*Opening Hymn	“To God Be The Glory” UMH#98
Joys and Concerns	Scarlett Nimley
Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People	Rosee Nimley
*Passing of the Peace	
Stewardship Video	
Offering	
*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	Luke 18:9-14
Selection	Bonice Teeta Cooper Choir
Sermon	“Humility is More Acceptable than Self-Righteousness” Jon-Alex Kwiagaye
Call to Christian Discipleship	Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns	Lily Kamara
Closing Song	Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing	
Postlude	Hassan Sankary
*please stand as you are able	