Prayer and Care List

Please pray for those who are homebound, sick and grieving:
At home: Liz & Vann Johnson, Harriet Heath, Pat Spear
Lake Prince Woods: Sarah & Milt Brown
***Parsons*:** Mary Alice Thomasson

Clergy and Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. H. Celeste Heath
Liturgist	Rev. Ellen Comstock
Lindauer Endowed Chair for Music and Fine Arts	Chris Titko
Administrative Assistants	Pam Snider, Joyce Thacker
Communications	Bonnie White, Chris Titko
Audio Visuals Control	Ray Comstock
Bookkeeper	Dianne Hunter
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ray Edmonds
Choral Scholars	A'Miya Polansky, Annie O'Shea, Caroline Tovar, Miles Pifer, Rushad Huley-Morris

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Calendar

November 17	7pm Southside Band
November 19	1:30 pm Watercolor Art class
	3:30pm Violin classes
	6pm Handbell Rehearsal
	7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Monumental United Methodist Church

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost **11:00 a.m.**

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude* *W. Harris*

Introit *Let All Things Now Living* *Welsh melody*

***Call to Worship**

We gather in this sacred place, surrounded by the faith and prayers of generations before us.
We come to worship the God who has been faithful throughout the ages.
The stones of this sanctuary tell a story of faith, hope, and love.
And the Word of God continues to guide our lives and our future.
Let us lift our hearts in thanksgiving.
Let us worship the Lord with joy!

***The Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles Creed* *Hymnal# 881*

***Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation (vs.1,4,5) Hymnal# 545*

***Opening Prayer (everyone in unison)**
Gracious God, we give you thanks for this day and for the life of this congregation. As we remember the 200th anniversary of

the pulpit bible, we give you thanks for your Word that has guided, comforted, and challenge your people through two centuries. We celebrate the 150 years of this sanctuary, where generations have sung, prayed, wept and rejoiced in your presence. Pour out your spirit upon us in this hour. Open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to receive your love, and open our hands to carry your light into the world. May all we do honor the faith of those who have gone before us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter Reading *Psalm 78:1-7 read from the 1826 Pulpit Bible*
Wendy Roane

Offering

Anthem *A Mighty Fortress* *D. Forrest*

***Doxology** *page 94*

***Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* *Hymnal #140*

Scripture Lesson *Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Hebrews 12;1-2*

Sermon *Built to Last: A Legacy of Faith* *Rev. Ray Edmonds*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our Heritage

Morning Prayers *2176 Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *Forward Through the Ages* *Hymnal #555*

Benediction

Benediction Response *Guide My Feet* *W. Whalum*

Postlude *Hornpipe* *G.F. Handel*

***Please stand if you are able.**

Congregational Offering November 8, 2026

Received: $3,130.00

Nativity Fund (in memory of Ed Heath)……..…..…..$235.00
Use of Building & Facilities (Parking)…….……$300.00
Missions (in honor of Gerardo Nava)…….…..…...$100.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR 11/8/2026…….....….....$3,765.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Volunteers and Health & Safety Team Assignments
Vol.1, J. Hollowell check-in; Vol. 2, R. Hollowell (R1) greeter at Chapel entry door; Vol. 3, B. Richardson (R2) greeter at Dinwiddie Street door/Acolyte; J. Thacker (R3) Addnl. H&S Resp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Noonday Concert- Monday, November 23rd at 12 noon with Sandra Welfare, handbell soloist.

Angel Tree
Take a tag and help a child have a Merry Christmas!

Bible Study each Sunday at 9:45-10:30 am in the conference room taught by Rev. Ray Edmonds. Everyone is invited.

Western Cohort Church of the Week
Wesley Chapel for the life and mission of the church