Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Mary Kepple; For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Weekly on Thursdays: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.

- -TODAY-pie pickup in Fellowship Hall after each service.
- -November 26th, Red Cross Blood Drive, 1pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall.
- -November 28th & 29th the office is closed; HAPPY THANKSGIVING friends!
- -December 2nd, Piece Corps.
- -December 3rd, Church Council meeting at 6pm, this is an open meeting!
- -December 4th, JOY Trip.
- -December 6th, Care Team at 11:30am.
- -December 7th, Men's Retreat at Strongsville UMC 10:30am-3:30pm.

This year, monetary gifts designated for Thanksgiving and Christmas will be split between the Center of Hope (food pantry in Bladensburg), Winter Sanctuary (homeless shelter in Mount Vernon), and Royal Family Kids Camp (camp for children in the foster care system) missions. In addition to the designated holiday gifts, we will also be donating any undesignated gifts from the Christmas Eve services to these missions.

*PLEASE NOTE: there will not be dinner or bible studies on November 27th! Studies & dinner will continue on December 4th!

Ways to Serve:

- ~Hot meals every Fri. @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ~Worship Services Every Sunday we need volunteers for the following: Liturgist, Lay Readers, USHERS, Live Stream Team, and Sound Board. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.







Our Mission

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Gay Street UMC

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, November 24, 2024

If You Remain In Me

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! -Psalm 22:26

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!

Get connected and stay connected to the active life here at Gay Street UMC.

Ways to connect; <u>www.gaystreetumc.org</u>, follow us on Facebook, sign up for eDevos (a weekly newsletter offering a devotional, prayer concerns, upcoming events, and other important announcements).

Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm, and our phone number is 740-392-6626.

Restroom locations: in the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.

Hearing amplification devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance. Please share prayer concerns on bright green cards in pews; put in offering plate or hand to pastor.

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God, from Cantata No. 70

Janet Guetle

J.S. Bach, arr. by Virgil Fox

Opening Prayer-All Uniting

Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UM Hymnal 158

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)

L: Come to the vineyard of God.

C: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

L: Drink from the waters of life.

C: We live in the light of God's grace.

L: Come to the vineyard of God. $\,$

C: All are welcome here.

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children's Song-congregation

Where Children Belong

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 22:25–31 Lay Reader: Emily Toms

*John 15:1–17

Response to the Word *Gloria Patri UM Hymnal 71

Message If You Remain In Me Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn For Everyone Born, by Brian Mann

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer-UM Hymnal 895

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings: When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grows.

Offertory Peace Like A River, arr. by Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir

*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting O Jesus, I Have Promised UM Hymnal 396

*Benediction

Postlude For Everyone Born Wesley Ringers

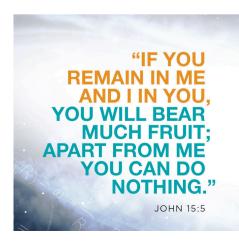
by Brian Mann, arr. by Sandra Eithun

Serving in Worship:

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnavant Wesley Ringers Director: Mary Kepple

Sound: Daniel Burson & Jassmine Bayless Live Stream: Carol Moore & Morgan Mills

Ushers: Todd Burson, Carol Navin, Susan Snyder, Shelley Coon



Did you know?

Sarah Jancura, Soprano

One of our goals for this upcoming year is to become more intentional in our prayer life. Have a prayer request? Please fill out the green prayer cards located in the pews, place them in the offering plate, and they will be prayed over and shared with the pastors and/or congregation and/or care & connect team based on your request.

Consider lighting a candle at the kneeler at the beginning of this service while offering your prayers to God.