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November 8, 2026
8:30 am

Prelude - Jan Mix

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship - Kathy McKinley
Leader: God is from everlasting to everlasting.
People: The Holy One inhabits all eternity and everything that is, or was, or ever will be.
Leader: God is the source, guide, and goal of our lives.
People: We acknowledge God as the center of our lives, not ourselves.
Leader: We come today to worship God.
People: We come with thanks and praise.

Opening Hymn – People Look East UMH 202 v. 1-3

Opening Prayer – When our courage wears thin, O God, strengthen our resolve to choose you each day. Steel us for the long watches of the night – for we long to be found ready when you appear. Fill our lamps with your grace so that we might share your light with the generations that follow. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *Seekers of Light* by Martin and Angerman

New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Mary Lou Anderson

Middle Hymn – Come My Way, My Truth, My Light UMH 164

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon – He's Coming: Keep Watch

Prayer Time – A Gratitude Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology



Prayer of Thanksgiving – We dedicate our gifts to you, Lord God, as symbols of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Hold us to our promises that we might share your blessings and wisdom with the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn – Blessed Be the God of Israel UMH 209

Benediction

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

Doug & Alice Hall, Jennifer Bell, Ruth Wepking, Joan Atwell, Greg Bakian, Esther Polson, Doug Harter, Judy Wolfe, Frank & Gini Geib, Richard Hansen, Jimmie Stallings

Every November we collect a Thanksgiving Offering for local food pantries. This year we will be supporting Trinity House, Stronghold, and the Leavenworth Mission. Please mark your gift "Thanksgiving."



Angel Tree

If you would like to make a child's Christmas special, grab a tag from the Angel tree. Gifts are due back December 6.



If you would like to make a local child's Christmas a little brighter, take an ornament from our Angel Tree. There are gift suggestions. Please return the same tag with your wrapped gift(s) by Dec. 6 so we can deliver them to Anthony and David Brewer Schools.

The New Life Seekers are starting *Advent Can Still Change the World* by Josh Scott. They meet in room 203 of the Education building at 9:45 am. If you would like more info, contact Sara at sbmulford@gmail.com.





Carol Shafer's Bible Study will be starting a special Advent study on November 10 & 12. They meet at 10 am on Tuesdays OR 6:30 pm on Thursdays. If you would like more info, contact Carol at carolsshafer59@gmail.com.

Itchin' to Stitch is taking a road trip to Children's Mercy Hospital Thursday, November 12th. They will carpool from Teresa Hicks' house (118 Rock Creek Loop, Lansing) at 9 am. Please RSVP to hickst@kc.rr.com.

Itchin' to Stitch

7TH Street Feast

The 7th Street Feast is Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 from 11 am to 1 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym. Thanksgiving lunch is free for anyone. If you need a meal, call 913-290-0527. If you would like to contribute or volunteer, visit 7thstreetfeast.com.

Fusion 56, our special group for 5th and 6th grade students meets today from 12 -1:30 pm Friends are always welcome. For info, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.

Refuge Youth will meet tonight at 6 pm in the Ed building for dinner, Bible study and fun. Any student from seventh through twelfth grade is welcome. For info, contact Kristen at khowell@fumclvks.org.

Would you be willing to spend $5 or $10 more at the grocery store to help feed families in our community? Stronghold and Trinity are in need of canned fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce & cereal, but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated.



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Tuesday, November 10
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day - Church Office closed
1:00 pm Heart and Soul
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, November 12
9:00 am Itchin' to Stitch field trip
12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study



* Make a financial gift in any amount
* Provide a meal for the Day Center
* Donate needed items
* Volunteer for a shift
* Offer a professional skill or service

DIGITAL OFFERING

Online giving is available at fumclvks.org/give or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at sshade@fumclvks.org.



We love kids! Kids are dismissed during the 11 am service for Kids 1st Worship after the Children's Moment. We have a nursery for kids three and under in the basement during second service. We have "busy bags" to borrow for kids in the red wagon in the foyer.