

Traditional Service

November 11, 2018
11:10 AM

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

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**NAMETAG
ORDER FORM:**

Please PRINT your name exactly
how you would like it to be
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free) Magnetic (\$5)

(please place this card in the offering plate)

Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?

You can share them here:

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 11	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (McCarver)
	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Stephens)
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Reisbeck)
MONDAY 12	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Taylor)
	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (Atkins)
TUESDAY 13	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Eisenberg)
	10:00 am	Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre)
WEDNESDAY 14	12:00 pm	Prayer Time in the Chapel
	5:30 pm	Timothy Team (Grades K-6th)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:45 pm	Basement Student Worship
	6:30 pm	Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	THURSDAY 15	9:30 am
6:00 pm		Spiritual Formation Meeting
SUNDAY 18	9:00 am	UMW Bake Sale
	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Blessing of the Ark Reception in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	5:00 pm	Connexion Groups meet

GREETERS:

Date	Sanctuary West 8:45 AM	Sanctuary East 8:45 AM	Sanctuary West 10:50 AM	Sanctuary East 10:50 AM
November 11	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey
November 18	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Ann Lowerre	Peggy Dorsey
November 25	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey

SERMON

**The Chest (Covenant Sunday 2018)
2 Kings 11 & 12 (12:9)**

I. Notes on the Origin Story of the Joash Chest

II. Application

When we joined the church we made vows to give of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness—sometimes though life simply gets in the way.

Other interests cloud our commitments and cause us to forget our commitments to the Church and our covenant vows to God.

The reason we have a Joash Chest in this church is two-fold:

1. Reminder of Our C_____

Front & Center below the cross each week serves as a physical and visual reminder of our c_____ between each of us and God

The _____ in the lid is a reminder that what you put in the Joash Chest is between you and _____ alone. There is no _____ of what goes in it.

Envelopes are deposited each year and when it is opened the envelopes are mailed back to you so that you might remember what c_____ you made to God to keep your covenant of p_____, p_____, g_____, s_____, and w_____.

2. Reminder that Despite Our Flaws God D_____ N_____ G_____ U_____ O_____ U_____

a. Even the best intended of us can be misled from time-to-time, but God _____.

THE CHEST



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

Today is Covenant Sunday. In our worship service, we will learn the story of "The Chest" and have the opportunity to renew our personal commitments for Keeping Covenant with God for the coming year in the areas of our prayers, presence, financial gifts, service, and witness. You should have received a *Keeping Covenant Card* and *Service Opportunities Sheet* in the mail. If you did not receive one, or if you forgot to bring it with you today, additional *Keeping Covenant Cards* and *Service Opportunities Sheets* are available in the bulletin. We invite you to prayerfully consider what your offering to God through our church will be in the coming year. Then fill out a card and bring it forward at the conclusion of the worship service. If you are a guest we invite you to join with us as you prayerfully consider how you will faithfully keep covenant with God in the coming year. We're glad you're here!



WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Values*

Prayer, Love, Worship
Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching
 Children & Youth Ministry
 Discovering God's vision for our church

What We Believe

Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by:

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God's gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.

***Bold = Focus of Today's Message**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 11, 2018 | Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastoral Welcome & Announcements

Inviting God's Presence and Action: Eternal God, we bow before you today in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us. Help us to remember your generosity, and to thank you for every good gift and every perfect gift that we enjoy and for your faithfulness in times of adversity. Help us to remember your sustaining presence at every moment of discouragement. Just as you are always faithful to us, help us to remember our responsibility to be faithful to you. As we make decisions about how to use the many gifts we have received from you, guide us by your Holy Spirit to be good stewards so that we will make the best use of those gifts for the sake of your kingdom. In strong and holy name of Jesus, our Example, we pray. Amen.

Prelude "Tis so Sweet" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

Call to Worship Liturgist — Larry Dodgen

Leader: God has gathered us to this place,
Congregation: Where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

Leader: God summons us to this place,
Congregation: Where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

Leader: God will send us from this place,
Congregation: To tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

***Hymn of Praise** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399 - all verses

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Welcome and Greet *Please greet one another as we pass the Peace of Christ*

Anthem "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" - arr. by Lloyd Larson — Chancel Choir

Children's Time Lynn Stephens

Joys & Concerns

Mission Moment Thanksgiving Community Meal & Blessing of our Ingathering

Giving of God's Tithes, Our Offerings and Our "Extra Dollars"†

Offertory "I Surrender All" - arr. Job Smoot

*Doxology

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

***November Memory Verse** **Psalm 7:17 (NIV)**
**"I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness;
 I will sing the praises of the LORD Most High."**

Sermon **The Chest** Rev. Clark Atkins
 2 Kings 11 & 12 (selected verses)

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***Hymn of Commitment** "Here I Am, Lord" #593 - verses 1 & 3

***Benediction:** The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

***Benediction Response** **"God Be With You till We Meet Again"**
 - # 672 - Refrain

**Till we meet, till we meet
 Till we meet at Jesus' feet
 Till we meet, till we meet
 God be with you till we meet again**

Postlude "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

* Please stand if able

NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

†EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the "Extra Dollar" in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

CONNECT CARD

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We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: _____

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance today: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check here if you would like to be

added to our weekly email list.

Email: _____

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: _____

Check box if you do not wish to have

your prayer requests published.

**If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed "Connect Card" may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett's Dairyette.*