

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 – 9:30 AM STEWARDSHIP SEASON: "PLENTY IS ENOUGH"

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREETING The Lord be with you. **And also with you**.

PRELUDE "Whatever We Do," Barnard, Wesley Singers

CENTERING THOUGHT

"And God can give you more blessings than you need, and you will always have plenty of everything. You will have enough to give to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8



* CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Starr

One: Honor God, the giver of all good gifts!

All: Honor God whose kingdom is on heaven & earth!

One: Let there be rejoicing as the lost are found!

All: The church of Christ gathers for worship!

* HYMN 732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, we cried out to you, Holy God, and you heard the pleas of humankind and answered. When we felt lost and alone, we looked for you, Holy God, and you found us and brought us home. When our lives were filled with joy and blessing, we danced and praised you, Holy God, and you rejoiced with us. By your Holy Spirit, may this be a day of celebration as we consecrate our our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to your good will. We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, and seek your blessing upon your church. **AMEN AND AMEN.**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Let the Saints Get Up and Sing," Joel Raney, Emanon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

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.

* GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:3-10 This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "A Time of Rejoicing" Rev. David Aslesen

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

STEWARDSHIP "PLENTY IS ENOUGH": PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy God, we ask for your joy as we make our stewardship commitments to the church. Help us to grow in our trust of you as we use our gifts to grow the witness of Christ in the world through the ministries of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church. Thank you, God of Plenty, for all that you make possible through your faithfulness to us. AMEN!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERING

Offertory, "At the Name of Jesus," Ralph Vaughan Williams, Chancel Choir *Doxology, #94, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 436 "The Voice of God is Calling"

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," Flor Peeters, Stephen Uhl



This Week AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 26

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Reconciliation & Inclusion Mtg
- 10:45am Youth Group
- 10:45am AdultEd: "Romans" Bible Study AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 12pm Simone Tingley Recital
- 12:30pm Trunk or Treat

MONDAY, October 27

• 10am Pottawatomie Garden Club Luncheon

TUESDAY, October 28

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 5:30pm Lydia Circle
- 6:30pm SPRC Meeting
- 7pm Charge Conference
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, October 29

- 9:30am First Aid/CPR
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

SATURDAY, November 1

• 2pm Huneke Internment Service

SUNDAY, November 2

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: "Romans" Bible Study AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 2pm BUNCO UWF
- 5[m St. Charles Singers Rehearsal



SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK OR DONATE ON APP OR WEBSITE





Stuff the Turkey

Stuff the Turkey will begin in Baker Sunday
October 19 - November 16. Donations
may be made in cash or by check made out
to Baker Memorial Church. This will
support Tri-City Salvation Army to provide
Thanksgiving meals to local families. If you
have questions please contact
Loretta Wilson 630.975.5455.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AT BAKER CHURCH

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app and at BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening. Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: John & Heide Hughes; Ushers: Greg Pratt, Jane Fanslow, John Stumpf, Sarah Hardwick, Livestream Tech: Rob Hale; Liturgist: Dan Starr; Acolyte: Ben Whittenhall

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES: "PARABLES OF GOD'S PLENTY"

For our Sundays of worship, we will utilize the parables of Jesus to illustrate the ways God's blessings impact people's lives, values and commitments. Stories from the gospel of Luke of excessive sowers, courageous Samaritans, lavish meals and joyful parties will shine a light on God's extravagant giving.

BAKERKIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students Pre-K-5 are welcome to Sunday school in the Children's Center right after the Children's Message! Register through the church website and app.

ADULTED: SIGN UP VIA THE CHURCH APP & WEBSITE

Join the bible discussion group. Books are available for purchase in the church office:

"Romans: In the Grip of Grace," by Max Lucado, Sundays, 10/19-11/23, 10:45 AM.

BAKERYOUTH GROUP, TODAY, OCT. 26

Students middle & high school are welcome to gather after worship until 11:30 AM in the Youth Room: check-in, bible study and fellowship.

TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY 12:30PM, SOUTHEAST PARKING LOT

Join us for this fall family fun community event. Bring kids in costume and a bag to collect treats.

SEASON OF GRATITUDE: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Throughout November we will use worship to express our thanks to God for the church, the people of the world and the good earth, culminating with Thanksgiving Sunday on Nov. 23. With scripture, songs and candle light we will remember and give thanks for the saints above and among us in sacred worship. Holy Communion will be served.

FAITH, FOOD & FUN NOVEMBER 5 5:30PM

An intergenerational event with dinner, faith, and an activity for all ages. This month's theme is *Grateful Amen!* Were having a potluck. Bring a dish to pass. Sign up to attend on the church app.

MISSIONS: STOCK THE FOOD BOX

Donations are requested for the outdoor food box utilized by our hungry neighbors in need. Drop off the following items to the church: protein drinks; flip-top cans of soup, stew, pasta; tuna and chicken snack pack meals; protein bars (not cereal bars); cheese and/or peanut butter cracker snacks, bottled water, Gatorade.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION, NOV. 9, 6:30 PM

The session for both students and parents will take place at the UMC of Geneva, 211 Hamilton St. Students 6th grade and older are invited to participate in the five month program of faith formation with other Tri-Cities UM youth beginning in January 2026. RSVP to Pastor David by Nov. 2: 630.584.6680 or pastordavid@bakermemorialchurch.org.



