



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

November 16, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

Chiming of the Hour - *Let us quiet our voices and prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Chorale-prelude on *Before Thy Throne, O God, I Stand*

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Come, Let Us Sing

J. McConnaughey

Come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation,
For the Lord is a great God,
And the King above all gods.
from Psalm 95)

*Call to Worship

Leader: I give you thanks O Lord, with my whole heart

People: I bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness

Leader: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything

People: On the day I called you answered me—you strengthened my life

Leader: For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly

People: Yet knows the proud from afar

*Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in our time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father

UMH 70

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.*

(please be seated)

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 16:16-20

Receiving New Members

Nick and Brynne Adkins

UMH Page 39

Baptism

Rhodes Nixon Adkins

Children's Sermon

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Offertory

Be Present, Spirit of the Lord

Mary Kay Beall

Be present, Spirit of the Lord,
Let sounds of earth be dumb,
The Father's love be shed abroad,
The dew of blessing on the ground,
O silent Spirit, come, O silent Spirit, come.

In power unseen upon us rest,
Your gracious gifts impart,
A mind renewed a spirit blessed,
A life where Christ is manifest,
An understanding heart, an understanding heart.

O Spirit come and with us stay,
Make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray,
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way.
O Holy Spirit, come, O Holy Spirit, come
(Text: Timothy Dudley Smith)

***Doxology** *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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.

***A Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Depth of Mercy

UMH 355

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

Who Are You Talking To?

Rev Dave Leckrone

***Closing Hymn**

Just As I Am

UMH 357

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord;
May we love and serve the living God.

Postlude *(be seated)*

Processional in G

G. F. Handel

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Gladys M. Griffith
by her family to celebrate her 98th birthday.
Gladys joined the church in January of 1938 and has been a member for over 87 years.*

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,
Bea Riegel, Sally Sisterhen, Doris Spahn

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Kim Braddock,
Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Bob Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana,
Woody Draper, Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Michael Fisher, Phyllis Follrod, TJ Franklin, Tylor Freeman,
Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser,
Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Claudia Justice,
Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller,
Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, April Parker, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer,
Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Julia Smith,
Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Diana Vick, Hayden Weese,
Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Basic Training



*Wednesday, November 19, 7pm—**Human Trafficking Awareness Panel** (open to the public).
Human trafficking in Madison County. Our speakers will be a former FBI agent a police officer who
have dealt with human trafficking. This informative discussion will be held in the sanctuary.

*Sunday November 30, 2-7pm —**Old Fashioned Christmas**. We will offer a Soup & Sandwich Café
to benefit the youth group, cookie decorating, crafts, live performances by LHS and LES bands/choirs.

*Tuesday, December 2, 6:30pm—Four Week **Advent Study** begins. (No book needed)

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship meets in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for some coffee
and muffins for this and future discussions. **Suffering and Purpose – Topic for Saturday, Novem-
ber 22.** Why do we suffer? This age-old question finds answers in the Bible, which teaches that suf-
fering is not meaningless but can serve a divine purpose. Discussions on suffering and purpose can
help us understand the role of hardship in refining our faith, building character, and drawing closer
to God. It also opens the floor to share personal stories of triumph through adversity. Please add the
following 2025 dates to your calendar for the Men's Bible Study. All are welcome to join at any time!
Remaining dates for 2025: 11/22, 12/6, and 12/20

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Attendance – 142* ~ Offering \$5,953.00

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

**includes online and app views*



Wednesday, November 19, 7pm
Human Trafficking
Awareness Panel
Open to the Public
First United Methodist Church
52 N. Main Street

This is happening in our county!

Two panelists with years of experience in this area will talk about what is happening in our community and how we can protect our children.



Sandra R. Berchtold, retired Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sandra R. Berchtold retired from the FBI after 21+ years of service, concluding her career as the Supervisory Special Agent of the Violent Crimes Squad, Cincinnati Division – Columbus Resident Agency. Her career spanned criminal matters to include white collar fraud, civil rights, violent crime, and crimes against children; recruiting and human resource matters, and a public affairs specialist. In her 13+ years working/supervising crimes against children matters, Berchtold was the Coordinator of the Southeast Michigan Crimes Against Children (SEMCAAC) Task Force in FBI's Detroit Division, to include child sex trafficking investigations, child abduction/Amber Alerts, and CSAM investigations. Additionally, Berchtold served almost 5 years as the FBI Liaison embedded at the NCMEC working daily with NCMEC's Child Sex Trafficking Team, Missing Children Division, and Exploited Children Division. Berchtold worked directly with the NCMEC personnel, including joint trainings, meetings, and interactions with FBI personnel throughout the United States and international offices. After retiring from the FBI, Berchtold continues to work with the Ohio Amber Alert Advisory Committee, attending meetings and assisting with the yearly conference/training.



Trooper Chad Lyons is a seasoned law enforcement professional with 23 years of dedicated service to the **Ohio State Highway Patrol**. Over the course of his career, he has demonstrated unwavering commitment to public safety, criminal investigation, and intelligence operations. He began his journey as a road Trooper, serving at both the Toledo and Lancaster Posts, where he built a reputation for integrity, vigilance, and community engagement. His frontline experience laid a strong foundation for his transition into specialized roles.

Following his time on patrol, Trooper Lyons spent two years in the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Intelligence Unit, where he contributed to critical investigations and inter-agency coordination efforts focused on organized crime, narcotics, and homeland security threats.

For the past 13 years, he has served in the Investigative Unit, where he continues to lead complex criminal investigations with precision and professionalism. His expertise spans homicide, major theft, fraud, and narcotics cases, internet crimes against children and human trafficking.

Throughout his career, Trooper Lyons has valued teamwork, mentorship, and the opportunity to learn from others. He approaches each case with a sense of responsibility and respect for the people involved, and remains committed to serving the citizens of Ohio with integrity.



Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take this bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server.



When you are out shopping, pick up an extra new, unwrapped toy for the annual Firefighter's Toy Drive! We are now receiving toys. There will be a trunk in the hallway near the elevator.

Sunday Leaders

Sound & Video Technicians

Brian Benedum
David Cover

Liturgist
Don Weldon

November Ushers
Joe Brackett, Chair
David Emrick
Maryann Emrick

Lay Leader
Henry Comer

November Hospitality
David and Maryann Emrick

Children's Church
Scott Higgins Leader
Bob Minner Volunteer

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