

Welcome to First UMC Fox Hill

A vibrant church, making Christian disciples
& enriching lives through outreach.

“LIVING STONES” 1 PETER 2:4-10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025
10 AM SERVICE & LUNCH



**October 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Homecoming Worship Service**

Prelude

Andrew Blackmon

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!**

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

* Hymn	"Higher Ground"	(insert)
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Children's Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Courtney	First Fox Hill Family Choir (insert)
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* Doxology	UMH 71	"Glory Be to the Father"
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* Hymn	"Revive Us Again"	(insert)
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Prayer for Homecoming

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness
through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people,
for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son,
for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation,
for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities: **R**
For all who have been members of this congregation,
for those who have given freely of their time and money,
for those whose wisdom guided our congregation: **R**
For all who have preached and taught here;
for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord;
for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service: **R**

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company,
and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Brian

* Hymn	UMH 354	"I Surrender All"
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Scripture	1 Peter 2:4-10
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Sermon	"Living Stones"	Pastor Kenny Newsome
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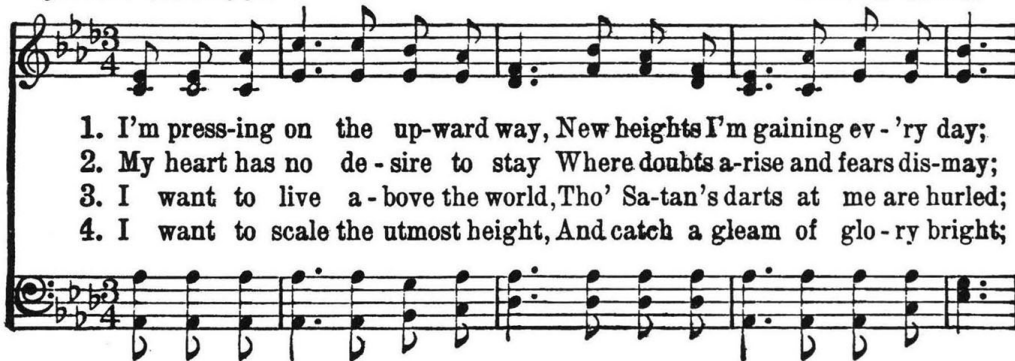
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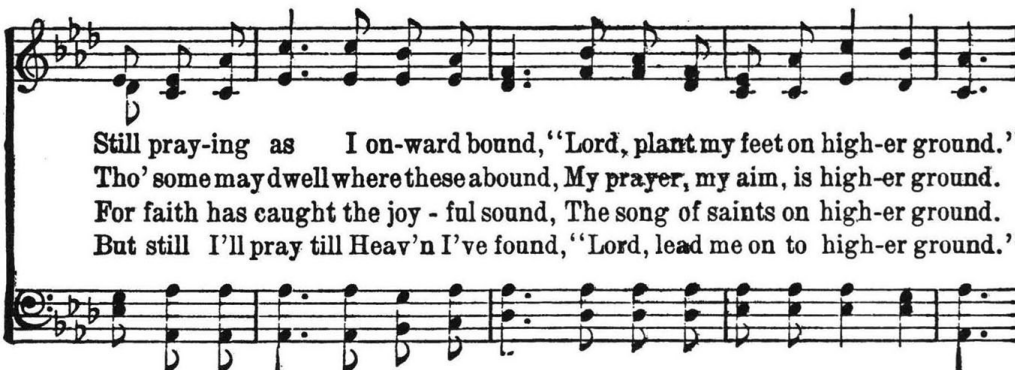
Higher Ground

JOHNSON OATMAN, JR.

CHAS. H. GABRIEL



1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, New heights I'm gaining ev - 'ry day;
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a-rise and fears dis-may;
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Tho' Sa-tan's darts at me are hurled;
4. I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glo - ry bright;

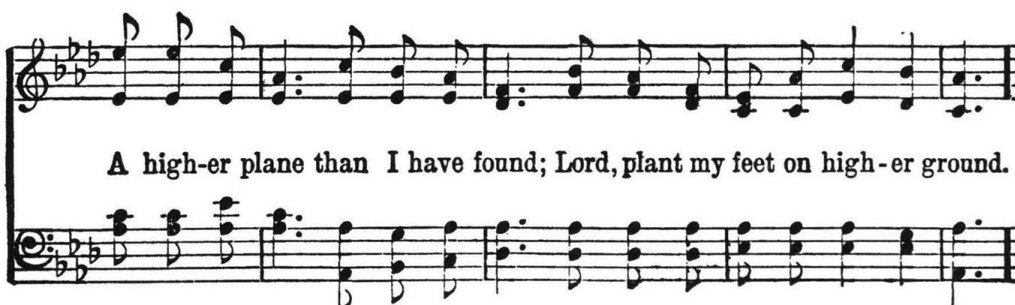


Still pray-ing as I on-ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground."
Tho' some may dwell where these abound, My prayer, my aim, is high-er ground.
For faith has caught the joy - ful sound, The song of saints on high-er ground.
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high-er ground."

CHORUS



Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heav-en's ta-ble-land,



A high-er plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground.

O For A Thousand Tongues

AZMON

CHARLES WESLEY

CARL G. GLASER
Arr. by LOWELL MASON

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gracious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris-'nor free;
 5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues em-ploy;

The glo-ries of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.
 To spread thro' all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.
 'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
 His blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vailed for me.
 Ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Revive Us Again

WM. P. MACKAY

JOHN J. HUSBAND

1. We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love, For Je-sus who
 2. We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir-it of light, Who has shown us our
 3. All glo-ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our
 4. Re-vive us a-gain; fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be re-

CHORUS
 died, and is now gone a-bove.
 Sav-ior, and scattered our night. Hal-le-lu-jah! Thine the glo-ry, Hal-le-
 sins, and has cleansed ev'ry stain.
 kin-dled with fire from a-bove.

lu-jah! a-men; Hal-le-lu-jah! Thine the glo-ry, re-vive us a-gain.

Announcements

Homecoming: Thank you!

Thanks to all who took the time to plan, prepare, and put together things for a wonderful Homecoming weekend! Special thanks go to our Revival Preachers – Pastors Kenny Newsome, Rich Meiser, and Becky Holland. Also, thanks for our musicians who always help us bring the Word into our hearts, and to those who work behind the scenes: Setting up tents, chairs, and tables, bringing snacks and food, setting up the sound system, breaking down the sound system, passing out bulletins, welcoming guests and regulars, getting the word out, thinking about and fixing details, and all those who simply pitched in where they saw a need! They say, many hands make for light work, but the truth is – it takes many hands, hearts, minds, and spirits to get the hard work done!

All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is next week, when we remember the great cloud of witnesses who have passed on before us. We will be naming and remembering all our church members who passed away since last years' All Saints, but there will be time for you to remember the saints who have blessed your life, and space as well – if you'd like to bring a photo or memento of your saint(s), there will be a table in the narthex to do so.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Please consider participating in *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* by packing a shoebox with small gifts. Each "Gospel Opportunity" box shares God's love in a tangible way. Over 232 million simple boxes packed in Jesus' name have delivered hope and joy to children around the world.

Our church packed and prayed over 51 boxes last year! The display table is in the Narthex, where you can find free boxes along with labels and donation envelopes. You may also use your own cardboard or plastic box. Please return filled boxes to the display table area **no later than Sunday, November 23, 2025**.

For more information, contact **Mary Jane King** at 757-851-8628 or mjking767@gmail.com.

Fifty Plus

- **Claim your seats today, October 26 for the Sunday, November 23 performance of Hooey-Hahs & Foofaraws, at CNU.** The sleepy little burg of Battue Haven, MN, is an idyllic suburban gem of picket fences and manicured lawns until, with a literal Bada-bing-bada-BOOM!!... the sudden arrival of two mob enforcers causes a simple cookout to quickly explode into a hilarious all-out rough-and-tumble tizzy of chaotic complications and highbrow hoodlums! **Cost is \$12.00 plus your meal afterwards.**
- **Saturday, December 13: A Christmas Carol, Williamsburg Players.** A traditional holiday classic for the entire family, guaranteed to fill you with the Christmas spirit and warm your heart. **Trip cost is just \$19.00 plus your meal afterwards.**

Watch First Fox Hill publications for more details and contact Anne or Bill Bryan to sign-up – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Nights Welcome

FUMC Fox Hill will again participate in the A Night's Welcome winter sheltering program this year. While the final location schedule is still being set, our church is signed up to provide meals on the following dates:

- November 20 – Covered by United Methodist Men
- January 15 – Covered by Searcher's Class
- February 19 – Volunteers needed
- March 19 – Volunteers needed

As in the past, each group is asked to prepare both a dinner meal and breakfast bags for the following morning. The United Methodist Men will deliver the food and serve the dinner meal.

Dinner Meal: Protein and side dishes, bread, dessert. Casseroles work well. Meals need to be delivered hot and ready to serve to the church by 5:15pm for delivery.

Breakfast Bags: Breakfast item such as Pop Tarts or breakfast bread, fruit cups (not applesauce), cereal bars, anything else that is shelf stable. Also a beverage, preferably juice, and I am told that small cans of V8 are a preferred choice. Use paper bags and put the delivery date on the bag so that the ANW staff can track them for food safety.

Any questions please contact me.

Dave Rogers, 757-848-3006, drogers51@cox.net

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 26

9:15 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom
Passcode: 000846
9:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
10:00 a.m. Homecoming Service In-Person/Livestream
10:00 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
11:00 a.m. Homecoming Lunch
4:00 p.m. Women in the Word: ESR
6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth
6:00 p.m. Junior Youth: Ed Wing

Monday, October 27

10:00 a.m. Yoga: FH Stage
1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room
6:00 p.m. Phoebus Women's Club Meeting: ESR

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 a.m. Facilities Team Work Day
10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, October 29

9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Thursday, October 30

5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage

Friday, October 31 Happy Halloween

6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Saturday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Cleanup
9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink Rm
6:00 p.m. The Collective: Tabletop
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal



Melanie Souder
Kathy Kromoff
Dick Haight
Brian Eubank, Sr.

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions, and for those unspoken prayers.

Next Sunday

November 2, 2025 All Saints' Sunday!
"Live by Faith"
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Luke 19:1-10

Attendance 10/19/2025

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In person:	<u>111</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	70
10:30 a.m. Service	41
Internet Live Streaming	<u>23</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	18
10:30 a.m. Service	5

Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	\$ 5,82.83
Year to Date:	\$ 375,153.57

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	\$ 0.00
Year to Date:	\$ 2,185.00

Worship Assistants for October 26, 2025

October Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Jesse Barbour (Capt.), Steve Phillips, Bob Casey, John Pickin 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	10:00 a.m.: Jim Bly
Ambassadors	10:00 a.m.: 10/26: Nancy Geith & Joann Smith
Night Watchmen	10/26 Hunter Francis, 11/2 Dave Rogers, 11/9 Calvin Leary

Pumpkin Patch

Thurs, Oct 16 – Fri, Oct 31
Pumpkin Patch Hours
Monday - Friday 2pm-8pm
Saturday 9am-8:30pm
Sunday 12pm-7:30pm

Sat, Oct. 25, 3pm
Homecoming: Revival

Sun, Oct. 26, 10am
Service & Potluck

Pastor: Brian Sixbey - PastorBrian@firstumcfoxhill.org

Youth Director/Worship Leader: Larissa Luma - Larissa@firstumcfoxhill.org

Music Director/Organist: Mark Biondolillo - musicianmark@firstumcfoxhill.org

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