Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
November 15, 2026 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Be thankful for each day, because even though the path might be difficult, life is still a gift and a blessing.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO Worship**
By faith, God makes us whole...with thanksgiving, we witness to God's wonderful work in our lives.
We believe God touches our lives with innumerable blessings. But our thanksgiving isn't as audible as it could be.
When Jesus healed ten lepers, only one returned to thank Him. Which one of the ten lepers is most convincing to you?
The thankful one, of course. May the thankfulness of our hearts come to our lips so others hear what God has done for us. Amen

***OPENING HYMN *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (UMH # 139)**
1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears
thee on eagles wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish they life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)
O God of great love, who blesses us day after day with Your benevolence: Make us grateful for every act of kindness You do, so we never take for granted the gifts of Your love or fail to express our thankfulness to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 95: 1-7**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,



SCRIPTURE: **Luke 17: 11-19**



[11] On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12] And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance [13] and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. "[14] When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. [15] Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16] and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. [17] Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? [18] Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19] And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

MESSAGE **"One Out of Ten"** **Keith Baker, Lay Speaker**

HYMN ***"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*** **(UMH # 694)**

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERRINGS

DOXOLOGY **(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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Generous and gracious God, You meet us in the margins, hear our cries for mercy, and wash clean what is broken within us. As we bring these tithes and offerings before you today, we remember the one who returned—falling at your feet with a loud voice of praise. Do not let us be like those who take your grace for granted and walk away unchanged. Take these gifts, and take our very lives, to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to a world in need. May our giving be more than a routine—may it be a true song of gratitude, rising from hearts made whole by your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Early in the morning I sing a song of thanks to you:
For the fresh day,
For the new opportunities that lie ahead.
In the middle of the day, I stop and ask for strength:
For strength to keep on keeping on,
For wisdom to overcome the obstacles
Yet to be conquered.
At the close of the day, I ask for Your blessings:
On all my endeavors,
On all I love and care about.
I am grateful, Lord, for the hope at the beginning,
The strength when the road has been long,
And patience when the road has been all uphill,
And blessings too numerous to mention.
Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

CLOSING HYMN** ***"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" **(UMH # 664)**

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended.
Oh, now be extended The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring, Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With Your grace You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and that name that we bear.

BENEDICTION (pastor)

Go out into the world this day with your eyes wide open to the mercy and grace of God. As you walk your daily roads, don't hurry past the blessings of Christ. Turn back, lift your voice, and give Him thanks.

The Lord bless you and keep you. May He strengthen your faith, heal your brokenness, and fill your heart with an overflowing gratitude that pours over into the lives of everyone you meet.

Hear the words of Jesus again today: "Rise up and go; your faith has made you well." Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Be certain to check the church website, https://maconilumc.net/ for updated information about the church, events and news. Please use webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com to submit updates or additions to the church website.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32 **ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. Nov 22	9:00 am	Finance Committee Meeting; Pastor's Office
Sun. Nov 22	9:20 am	Administrative Council Meeting; Pastor's Office
Sun. Nov 22	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. Nov 22	11:00 am	Hanging of the Greens
Thur. Nov 26		Thanksgiving Day
Sun. Nov 29	9:00 am	Sunday School
Sun. Nov 29	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. Dec 06	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Dec 06 11:00 am Cookie Walk
Sun. Dec 13 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Dec 13 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nov	16	Hannah Craft	Nov	17	Ruth Hilvety
Nov	19	Ida Boggs	Nov	20	Eric Nixon

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, or cereal bars; canned fruit; canned vegetables; canned pasta; shampoo; and antiperspirant; boxes of jello or pudding; corn muffin mix. Cash donations are always welcome.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Nov 15 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Nov 22 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Nov 29 Rev. Kris Shelton

Dec 06 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Dec 13 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
Dec 20 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Dec 24 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Dec 27 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Hanging of the Greens is November 22, 2026 following Worship Service.

FOCUS GROUP

December 16 at 9:00 to 11:00 am the Focus Group will meet. This group will address stress, grief, and mental health. No cost. Led by a CLM who is a licensed clinical psychologist. Questions can be directed to Pastor Bev at 217 825 9010 call or text.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast is December 20, 2026 at 8 am in Fellowship Hall.