



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 24, 2024
Thanksgiving Sunday



Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults or children participating in musical groups, children's messages, and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

A nursery for children ages 5 and under is on the lower level and will include a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper-level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.

Prelude **Medley of Thanksgiving Hymns** arr. Charles Callahan
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: Come, ye thankful people, come!
All: We come to thank our maker, who provides for us.
One: Come, ye thankful people, come!
All: We raise our voices in praise!
One: All the world is God's own field.
All: We praise the Lord of the harvest.
One: God gathers all of us in, freeing us from sorrow and sin.
All: Come, ye thankful people, come!

*** Hymn** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UM Hymnal #694

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Baptism of Maverick John Alander Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Congregational response: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Maverick, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Baptismal Song *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* UM Hymnal #611

Children in 5th grade and under may leave for nursery and Sunday School following the baptism.

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you've done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care that surrounds us on every side. Above all, we thank you for your Jesus Christ – for the truth of his Word and the example of his life. Creator God, may we, at all times and in all places, give thanks to you. Amen.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

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.

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* Barbara Baltzer Kinyon
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading Mark Whitlock

Luke 17:11-19

One: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

All: **When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.**

One: Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

* **Hymn** *We Praise You, O God* attachment

Anthem *The Promise of Living* Aaron Copland
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director
Laila Seidakhmetova and Velda Graham Bell, piano

Sermon *Making Our Way to Thanksgiving* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal #95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* UM Hymnal #102

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata No. 79)* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ



Please remember to fill out the Connect Cards each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. On the back of the card, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.



Baptized this morning is Maverick John Alander, born January 3, 2024. Maverick's parents are Jordyn and River Alander, and his siblings are Navy and Hattie Alander. Grandparents are David and Debbie Alander, and great-grandparents are Wes and Marlene Berntson. Godparents are Jaxen Roden and Brianna Columbus.

Faith Forum is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **December 1**, Emma Pardini from WLSSD will demystify the process of composting and recycling. Bring your curiosity and your questions!

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their estimates of giving for 2025. If you haven't yet, please mail them to the church (230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811) or bring them to the church office.

Christmas Pageant special music: Children and youth are invited to share a piece of music during the prelude time before the Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 8**. If you have a song, piano piece, or other instrumental piece that you've been working on and would like to share it with our congregation, please contact Velda Bell (218-393-4006 or music@fumcduluth.com) or Beth Brophy (musickids@fumcduluth.com).

Christmas music invitation: Both our Sanctuary Choir and our worship band, Tapestry, would love to have you join them for the Advent/Christmas season. If you've ever wanted to "try out" one of these groups to see if it's for you, this is a good opportunity. Both groups rehearse on Wednesdays: the choir at 5:10 and Tapestry at 6:30. Please contact either Choir Director Derek Bromme (dbromme@css.edu) or Tapestry Co-Directors Corey Hulst (chulst70@gmail.com) or Leah Hulst (ljhulst@gmail.com).

Advent/Christmas Mission Project. This year we will again have three ways to participate: by making a financial donation, by giving time to volunteer projects, and by donating items. Look for details in the December *First Family* and the pastor's weekly email.

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We Praise You, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in grate - ful de -
2. We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers; through life's storm and
3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer, and glad - ly our

vo - tion our trib - ute we bring. We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a -
tem - pest our guide you have been. When per - ils o'er take us, you nev - er will for -
song of thanks - giv - ing we raise. Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your

dore you; we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
sake us, and with our help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
bless - ing; to you, our great Re - deem - er, for ev - er be praise.

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Tune: KREMSER

Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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