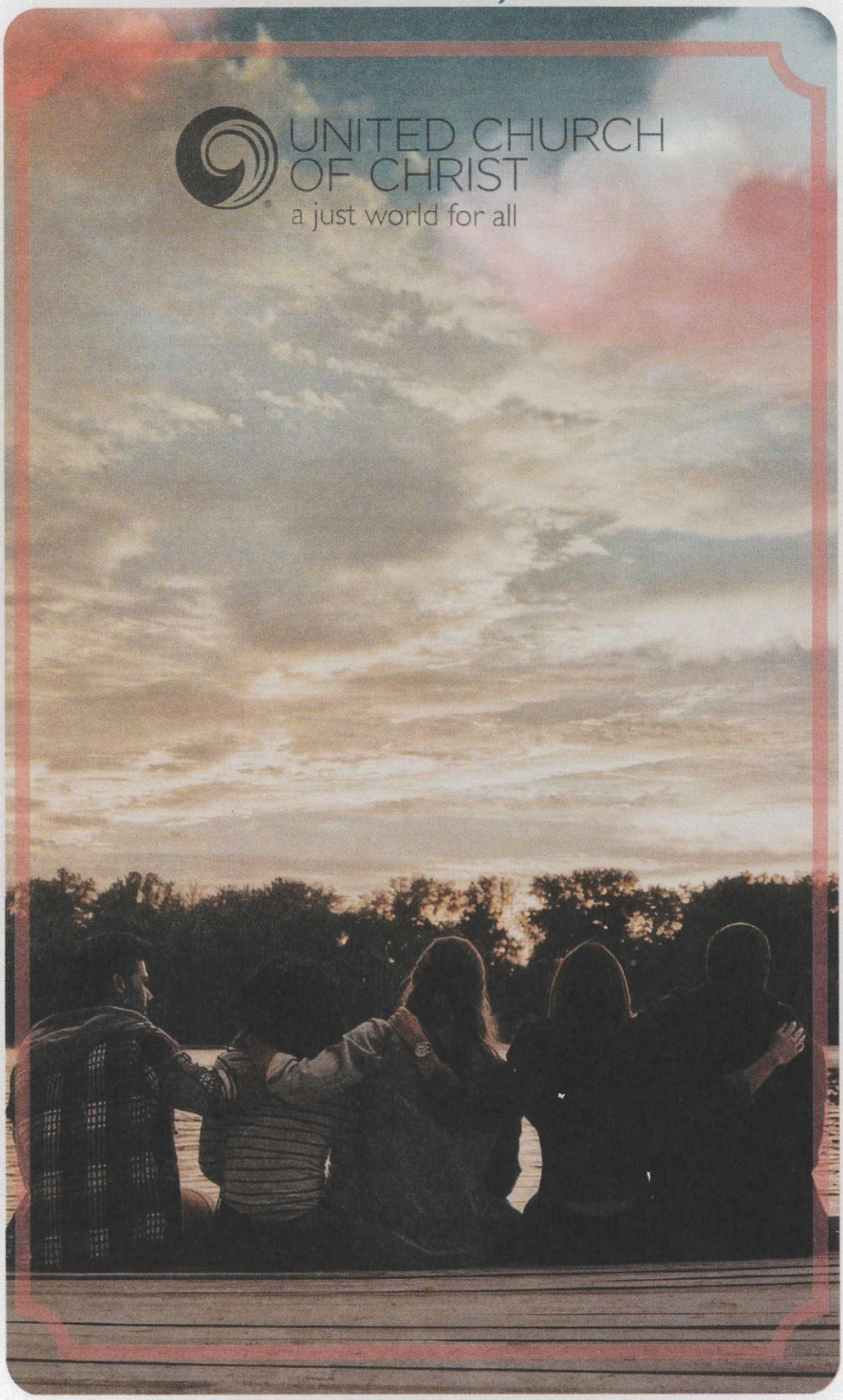
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

Thank you for worshiping with us at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

If you are a guest, please visit us at the Welcome Table in the lobby. We would love to meet and learn more about you, and we are available to answer your questions. Please also feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. We encourage you to join us in the Community Room for Fellowship after the worship service for casual conversation and connection over light refreshments.

ERUCC is an Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ. We welcome into the full life and ministry people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

For Children: We have trained nursery staff for ages 0-4. A deacon or greeter can guide you to the nursery. Children aged 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are in the rear of the sanctuary and a children's table is available for quiet activities at the front of the sanctuary.

We ask that you **please silence your cell phones** during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Restrooms, accessible and equipped with changing stations, are located on the 2nd floor, below the sanctuary, and on the 1st floor, outside the Community Room. Single-occupant, all-gender, accessible restrooms are located outside the North and Flora Rooms on the 2nd floor.

There is more information about our church in this bulletin and on our website: www.erucc.org.

Mission Statement of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

We, the members of this congregation, seek to celebrate in word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ, by nurturing spiritual growth through worship, study and prayer; by caring for one another as God cares for us; and by proclaiming God's love for all people as we work to help our neighbors near and far.

We commit ourselves to develop and implement specific programs to fulfill our mission.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED
United Church of Christ
– An Open and Affirming Congregation –

October 25, 2026 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal
**All who are able may stand*
Bold text read in unison

REFORMATION SUNDAY

BRASS PRELUDE Market Street Brass
The Earle of Oxford's March – William Byrd
Air from "Water Music" – George Friedrich Handel
La Mourisque – Tielman Susato
Bransle Quatre Bransle – Tielman Susato
Highland Cathedral – arr. by Adrian Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Josh Privitt

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CENTERING BREATH**

BRASS ANTHEM Market Street Brass
Te Deum – Marc-Antoine Charpentier

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jenna Duranko
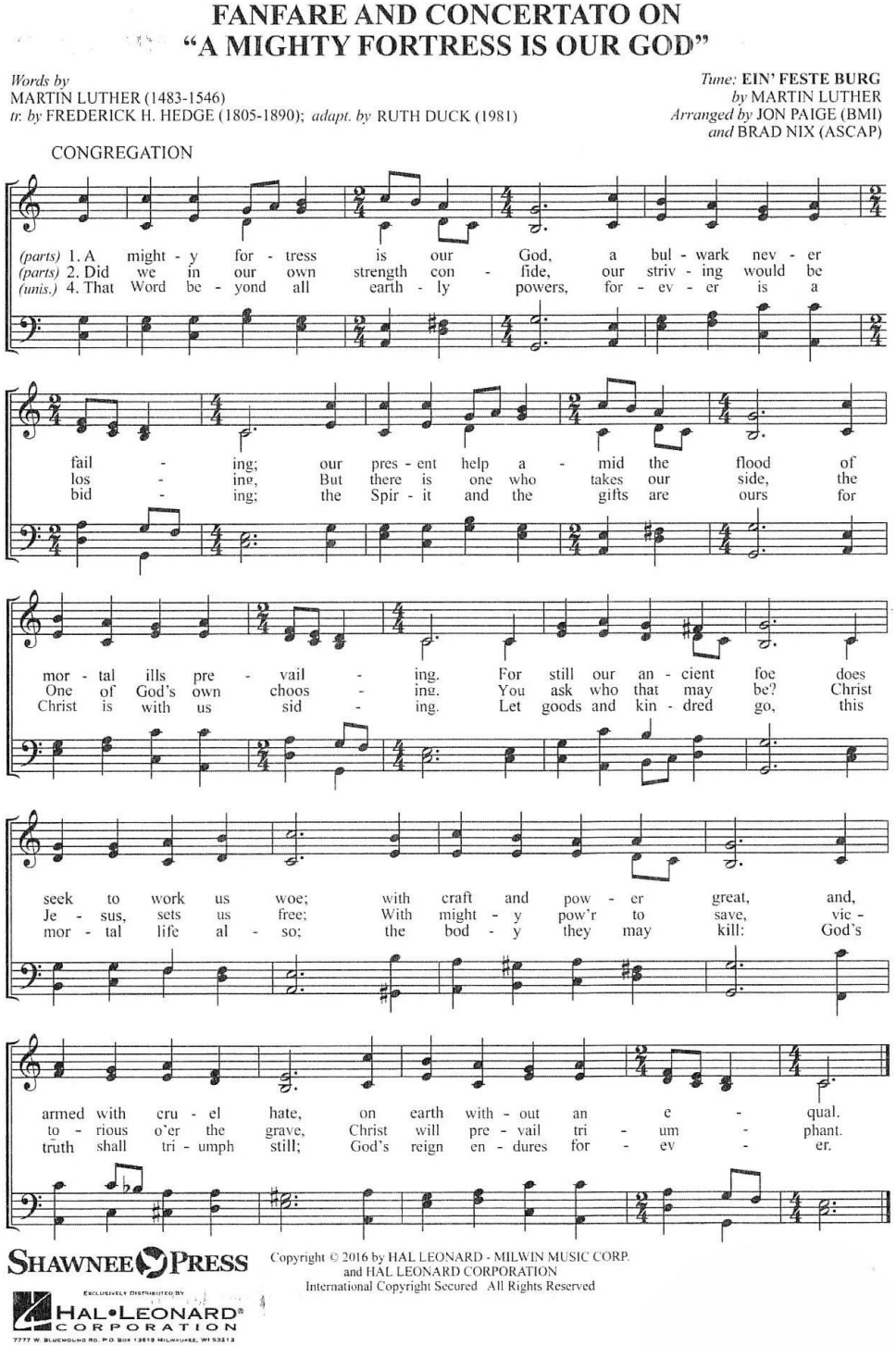
Happy, joyful, blessed are those who follow the ways of God.
The way of love and compassion. The way of faithfulness and wholeness.
They are like trees with more than enough water,
where fruits of ministry are visible. Lives are changed. Systems and structures made right.
For God watches over ALL the righteous.
God is present always. God's Spirit leading and guiding wherever we are to go.
Come, let us worship this faithful God!
We shall give God praise, forever and ever.

***OPENING PRAYER** (adapted from a prayer by the Lutheran World Federation)

Praise be to you O God, for the good transformations set in motion by the Reformation, and by struggling with its challenges. Praise be to you, for those who have worked and keep working to bring your Gospel message to all peoples. Sustain your transforming power among us. Lead and guide us in an ongoing Reformation, continually awaken, affirm and strengthen the faith of all people. Come, Holy Spirit! Lead us in Your Way. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – arr. Paige/Nix



***PRAYER FOR GRACE**

For the times when we ignore new voices.
God forgive us.
For the times when we exploit Your Word for our own gain.
God convict us.
For the times when we stifle different expressions of worship.
God open our hearts.
For the times when we think we know it all.
God free our minds and spirits.
All: Holy One, grant us grace to pursue your way. Keep us open to your Spirit and the ways she moves and changes. Tend to our hearts and minds that we may follow your Truth even if it's hard to hear. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – MELITA, arr. C. Courtney

Stanza 1 Choir

Stanza 2 High Voices

When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Stanza 3 Low Voices

Christ's oath and covenant and blood Support me in the rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Stanza 4 All

When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Love be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY Jenna Duranko

Children, youth, and all who wish to join them are invited to come forward for a special message.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*Children aged 5 through 5th grade who wish to participate in **Junior Church** may meet leaders at the back of the sanctuary. Children will return to their families in worship by 11:30 AM.*

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THE SCRIPTURES (NRSVue translation) Willa Coen

Psalm 1
Matthew 22:34-46

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Josh Privitt

MORNING PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

This is a time during worship when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift to our church's ministries and programs. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts to share God's love.

If you wish to give, you can give online at www.erucc.org, by placing your gift in the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary before or after the service, or by scanning the QR code to give from your phone.

OFFERTORY Senior Choir

Jesus Is A Rock In a Weary Land – Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us these gifts, we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another. Accept, bless, and multiply these gifts for your reign here on Earth. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – arr. R. A. Hobby

for choir, congregation, brass, and organ

Stanza 1 All

Praise be to God, the Almighty, the God of Creation!
O my soul, praise God, for God is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to God's temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Stanza 2 All

Praise be to God, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by God's gracious ordaining.

Stanza 3 Choir

Praise be to God, who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do if God with love will befriend you.

Stanza 4 All

Praise be to God! Oh, let all that is in me adore God!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before God!
Let the amen Sound from God's people again. Gladly forever adore God.

BENEDICTION (by Cole Arthur Riley)

May the God who allowed Thomas to press into his wound, guide your hands toward a belief that is compassionate and tender. May you be protected from the tyranny of certainty and breathe in divine mystery daily. *Amen.*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You – Lloyd Larson

During the postlude, please remain seated and let the music flow over you as a closing blessing.

POSTLUDE Market Street Brass
A Mighty Fortress is Our God – Martin Luther

We thank Market Street Brass for joining us in worship!

Trumpet:	Daniel Cheston
	Frank Gorecki
Horn:	Oscar Cabello
Trombone:	Daniel Twentey
Bass Trombone:	Brian Hinkley

Worship Notes: Liturgy is adapted from

Please join us for **Fall Fun Fellowship** with light refreshments, pumpkin decorating fun, and time for casual conversation after worship in our Community Room (1st Floor).

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of Dan Marshall by his family who love and miss him.

The yellow rose is presented by Felecia Bishop in thanks of the Ray, Bishop, Nicholson, Cuffee, and Jones families for their continued military service since the Civil War to the present time.

Attendance Last Sunday: 19 at 8:30 AM, 117 at 10:30 AM, and 98 online.

Watch Worship Live

Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 AM or on-demand:
https://erucc.org/visit/sunday-live-stream

Serving Today: Oct 25		**Serving Next Week: Nov 1**
Deacons:	Angela Brittain	Mark Ulrich
	Jim Brittain	Quynn Adkins
Elder:	Susan Kulp	Peter Brehm
Scripture Reader:	Willa C.	Holly Davis
Acolyte:	Wyatt P.	JD B.
Greeters:	Paul McGinley, Susan Kulp	Felecia Bishop, Robert Morris
	Cliff Barr, Rob Smith	Rob Smith, Paul McGinley
Welcome Table:	Eric Weakly, Sue Pinner	Molly Black, Betsy Selby
Audio/Visual:	Jeff Schaeberle, Jeffrey Baker	Ethan Kline, Kelly Esslinger
	David Howard	
Nursery:	Vivi B.	
Fellowship:	Linda Coyle, Shelley Weakly	Julie Clark, Joe Adkins
	Eric Weakly, Tommie Bradshaw	Quynn Adkins, Kyle Miller
	Colleen Baldree, Chuck Baldree	Pat Dorsz, Zaydan York
Communion Prep:		Cathie Duncan
Communion Clergy:		Rev. Richard Leslie

Next Sunday: November 1 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Day

1 John 3:1-3 & Matthew 5:1-12

We will share in Holy Communion at the chancel rail on this All Saints Sunday as we remember in prayer members of the congregation and friends and family who have died in the past year. The Rev. Josh Privitt will preach. The Senior Choir will sing.

PRAYER LIST

We invite you to hold the following people in your prayers this week. Though we may not know the specifics of their needs, God does, and our prayers are a meaningful way to surround them with love and support.

ERUCC seeks permission before adding a name to this list or in worship announcements. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Christian Brady Tolbert Neely (daughter of cousin of Mary Boswell)
Sally Jane Bussiere (friend of Mary Boswell)
Barbara Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley)
Peg McGuire (sister of Nan McNamara)
Sherry Hoover (mother of Ashley Coen)
Susan Slade (mother of Arthur Slade)
Jack (nephew of Pastor Kirstin in military duty)
Jessica Snyder (niece of Janice Staley)
Debbie Jennings
Betty Schaeberle
John Maslowski
Dan Rice (partner of Alison Shafer)
Daniel Schaffer (neighbor of Kathleen & Niel Jefferson)
Mike Simms
Carroll Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)
Tom Ford
Ingrid Jacobsen
Charlie Woodward
Izzie Sims (friend of Molly Black)
Robert Debonis (uncle of Sophia Carliss)
Barbara Heverley
Todd Starr (nephew of Mary Staley)
Sharon DiDonato (aunt of Darryl Glick, friend of Mark Ulrich)
Ginny Peters
Karen Stitely
Donna Baumgardner Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)
Bill Cassell (brother of Ave Barr)
Sandra Trout
Mary Staley
Pat Condo
Wells Condo
Tom Frazier
Pauline Marendt
Colton Pudvah (great-nephew of Kim Sexton)
Carol Spera (mother of Mark Ulrich)
Emogene and Don Wyand
Bob Pinner
Jim Baldree (father of Chuck Baldree)
Lee Thomas
Marcia Eisenstein
Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie and Gaylon Cornell)
Wayne Kolb (friend of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza)
Jeannette Johnson
Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of Betsy and Phil Selby)
Paige Coffey
Fran Wenner
Bonnie Devilbiss
Tina Prescott (daughter-in-law of Barbara & Bill Prescott)
Heleen (sister of Karin Mens)
Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)

Please notify the church office when you want your request removed from the prayer list.

PASTORAL CARE

ERUCC wants to be there for you when you're experiencing an illness, hospitalization, or other life event for which you or someone you love may need a visit.

Members who are in nursing homes and those who currently reside in their homes but are unable to come to regular Sunday morning services will receive communion from our pastoral team. Our Faithful Friends Team also makes visits, calls, and sends care cards. If emergency pastoral care is needed in the case of crisis, death, or severe illness, please contact the church office at (301) 662-2762 or erucc@erucc.org.

Activities, Events, and Announcements

WINTER COAT AND HYGIENE DRIVE

October 1 – November 30

We are collecting NEW coats and winter gloves, hats, and scarves for babies, children, and adults and hygiene items (soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, laundry pods, and hand and feet warmers) for our first giving opportunity of the season! These items, collected in partnership with Asbury United Methodist Church, will be distributed to community members by ten local non-profit organizations in our community. Last year we collected 40 coats, 42 hats, and 80 pairs of gloves… how many items can we collect this year?

Bring NEW winter items to the collection box in the Sanctuary Lobby through November 30!

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 1

Mortgage Assistance: On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special opportunity for giving towards Mortgage Assistance. Donations fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about $153,000/year.

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays
Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

Experience tranquility and wellness in this Gentle Yoga Class. Led by experienced Yogamour instructors, this nurturing practice focuses on gentle postures, mindful breathing, and deep relaxation techniques. Participants of all levels are welcome. Each drop-in class is $10. Questions? Contact Renae, rdkline15@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY AMONG THE PEOPLE WITH REV. DR. REBECCA SHILLINGBURG

Tuesdays
North Room / Zoom, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom: tinyurl.com/tuetap

Join us as we read and discuss *Genesis for Normal People* by Peter Enns and Jared Byas. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. JOHN SHILLINGBURG
Sunday, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
North Room / Zoom: http://tinyurl.com/ERUCCsunstudy

Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
North Room / Zoom: http://tinyurl.com/ERUCCwedstudy

Each week there are two opportunities to engage in Bible study with other adults--Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Both classes are hybrid: you can join in person in the North Room or via Zoom.

LET'S TALK – FACING DEATH, FINDING HOPE
A Six-Week Conversation About Death & Dying
Sundays, October 11 – November 15 | Adult Sunday School
Community Room, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

An honest and open exploration of death and dying through Scripture, personal experience, practical preparation, and conversation. **Bring your questions—there are no questions we're afraid to ask, and no expectation that we all have the same answers.**

October 25 — Near-Death Experiences
Rev. Richard Leslie
What do people experience when they come close to death? We'll share stories and explore different perspectives.

November 1 — Grief & Loss
Jenna Duranko, Thanatologist & Author of ***Good Grief***
What happens to us when someone we love dies? We'll explore grief, mourning, healing, and how we walk with one another.

November 8 — Preparing for Death
Cathie Duncan
How do we begin meaningful end-of-life conversations with the people we love? We'll explore sharing our wishes, making plans, and helping our loved ones know what matters to us.

November 15 — Open Forum
Questions, stories & conversation
A final gathering to explore what we've learned, what we believe, and what we're still wondering about.

FALL FUN FELLOWSHIP – TODAY!
Sunday, October 25
Community Room, during Fellowship

Join us for Fall Fun Fellowship TODAY during our 11:30 a.m. Fellowship time as we decorate pumpkins and eat fall snacks together. Join a table of diverse people to decorate your BEST pumpkin (and yes, you can bring your own supplies). The winning pumpkin will get a prize and bragging rights.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LIFE TRANSITIONS
Tuesday, October 27 (monthly, 4th Tuesdays)
Flora Room, 2:00 PM

Join us for our monthly gathering to share stories and challenges related to life's changes, body limitations, and shifts in dependency. This is a sacred space to listen, pray, and connect as we navigate these transitions. This time of holy sharing emphasizes the importance of leaning on each other and recognizing that we are not alone on our journeys.

Contact Ave Barr or Linda Coyle with questions.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Sunday, November 1

On All Saints Sunday, we will remember those in our congregation, as well as loved ones and friends, who died during the past year. During the prayers at both the 8:30 & 10:30 AM services, the names will be read aloud, followed by the tolling of a bell. You are invited to bring a photo of the ones we will remember to place on the table in front of the chancel rail.

If you wish to include the name of someone who has passed away since November 1, 2025, please share the name(s) with us by October 28. You can tell Ann/Melissa at the reception desk on Sundays, or contact the church office at erucc@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 1
Community Room, 8:30 – 10:15 AM

The ERUCC Youth Group invites you to an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast with pancakes, meat, fruit, yogurt, and breakfast beverages all included. You get all of this for any monetary donation! Fundraising will benefit ERUCC Youth Germany visit in Summer 2027.

CONVERSATIONS FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH
Saturday, November 7
Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Successful congregations understand the importance of connectivity, relationality, and boundaries. Join our associate conference minister, Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, in the sanctuary on November 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as she leads a discussion on the foundations of good pastoral beginnings, positive relational practices, and sound decision making around the nuts and bolts of active church life.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - EXPERIENCING GOD'S GOODNESS AND LOVE
November 13 – 14
Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center
1600 Harpers Ferry Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758

We pray that this weekend of time apart gives us full view of the gift of God's goodness in our warm community of friends, expressions of poetry that we read and write, exploring in the outdoors, practicing gratitude, and fun ways to "Taste and See that the Lord is Good!" We will gather Friday night as early as 5:00 p.m. and have a crockpot dinner together around 6:30 p.m. We will depart Saturday around 4:30 p.m. to give time for those who want to attend Jenna Duranko's evening book signing at ERUCC to do so.

Sign Up: https://bit.ly/46TWhMw



Walking Together Toward Racial Justice:
A Learning and Action Series

The Central Atlantic Conference is offering a seven-session evening Zoom series for individuals and congregations that are curious about, in early stages, or just needing a review on how to work toward racial justice. We will explore what racism looks like across major life domains and person-to-person interactions. We will also identify ways that we as the church can work towards changing systems and institutions that promote and maintain racism. We CAN make the future better than the present and the past! Join us. Find your unique place in the work against racism, gain energy through our faith, get to know others engaging in the work, and learn about resources available generally and through the Conference.

We'll be meeting Thursdays – 7:00- 8:30 pm ET
Start date: October 22nd (excluding Thanksgiving). End date: December 10th
Facilitators: Rev. Marty Kuchma, Vivian Jackson, Saskia Campbell
Register at https://www.cacucc.org/events/p/walking-together-2026

ALISON'S RETIREMENT PARTY
Sunday, November 8
Community Room, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Our beloved Alison retired in August, and we are celebrating her 40+ years of ministry on November 8th. After honoring her during worship, we will gather in the community room to further the celebration with a meal and some other surprises. You don't want to miss it! RSVP via this link or call the office (301-662-2762) with any questions.
https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/event_invite_reply.php?id=277&tk=c24618da730f0fb6afecdc0efd0aa64d

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RINGERS NEEDED! The ERUCC handbell choir is reforming and seeking adults interested in joining! Being able to read music is not required, but enthusiasm and joy in music certainly are. Contact Jonas at music@erucc.org for more information.

SENIOR CHOIR, NOW RECRUITING TEENS AND UP!

Our Designated Director of Music, Jonas, is actively recruiting for the senior choir and wants to expand the group to include teens and up. He's also weighing changes to the rehearsal schedule to accommodate more people if that has been a barrier for you. If you're interested in joining, there are only a few requirements:

1. You must have a love for music and collaboratively making music with others
2. You need to be willing to sing solo in front of me for an audition
3. You need to be willing to commit to attending rehearsals and Sundays when the Senior Choir sings (actively from September through May, and as availability allows over the summer)
4. Having experience and confidence singing in parts is of course very welcomed, but is also not required. You just have to be willing to learn!

We currently rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30PM and Sundays following the 10:30AM service until about 12:30PM-1PM.

DONATE TO THE FREDERICK FOOD BANK

Did you know that in addition to our monthly "Pack the Pantry" initiative in support of the Frederick Community Fridge, we also collect food for the Frederick City Department of Housing and Human Services' (DHHS) food bank every week? Donations are needed to meet the growing need for services in our community. You can donate through ERUCC by bringing items to the baskets located in the narthex of the Sanctuary.

The Frederick Food Bank's most needed items are:

- Non-perishable foods: canned fruits, canned vegetables, snack items, cereal, and condiments.
- Hygiene items: toothbrushes (singles), toothpaste, disposable razors, shampoo, deodorant, and shaving cream.
- Bottled water.

Also, the Food Bank and Community Table are very low on volunteers and need more helping hands. Whether you can volunteer regularly, occasionally, or just when you're able, every hand makes a difference. Please consider signing up for a shift and invite a friend to join you! Sign up here: https://frederickmd.gov/VolunteerSignUp

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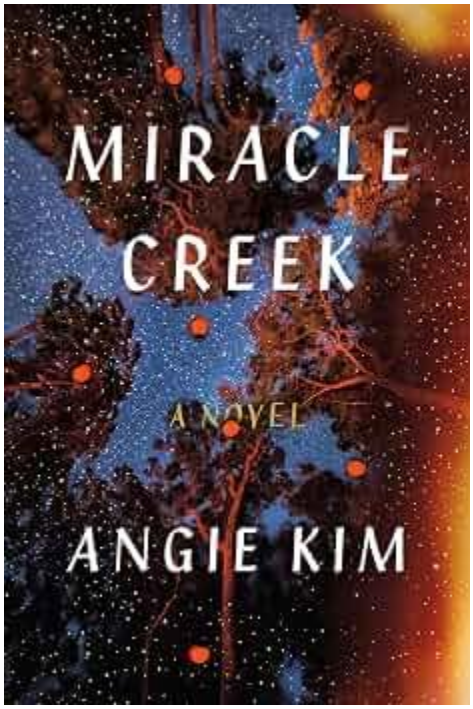
CONSECRATION SUNDAY – A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP AND REFLECTION

This year's Season of Stewardship will conclude on Consecration Sunday, November 22, when we formally offer our Estimates of Giving to the church for the coming year and joyfully join together after the 8:30 AM worship service for a Celebration Breakfast or after the 10:30 AM service for a catered Celebration Luncheon. We are again using the spiritually focused stewardship program this year, and we hope you find it meaningful.

The Consecration Sunday program is grounded in Biblical teaching that financial stewardship is part of our faithful response to and worship of God. It provides us with a structure in which we can, together, examine our values and our patterns of giving and think consciously about what percentage of our income God is calling us to give.

We are grateful to be on this spiritual journey with you and look forward to celebrating with you on November 22!

ERUCC BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, November 24, 2026
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom: bit.ly/ERUCCbooks



The ERUCC Book Group's upcoming selection for discussion is ***Miracle Creek: A Novel*** by Angie Kim, a Baltimore author.

A literary courtroom thriller about a Korean immigrant family and a young single mother, who is on trial for murdering her 8-year-old son, who is on the autism spectrum. The story begins with an explosion at an experimental oxygen chamber called the "Miracle Submarine," which kills two people and leads to a murder trial that uncovers secrets and lies within a community. The book draws on Kim's experiences as a former trial lawyer, an immigrant, and the mother of a child with a disability. Here's a podcast interview with the author: https://www.sarahsbookshelves.com/podcast-episode-22-literary-mysteries-angie-kim-author-miracle-creek/.

For more information, please contact Barb Barry at ebbarry1@gmail.com or Rebecca Shillingburg at rebecca.shillingburg@gmail.com.

Children & Youth Activities, Events, and Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Join us for a joyful hour of learning, connection, and faith formation with classes for all ages.

All classes are in the Main Building. Children and Youth check in at the Kieffer Lobby.

Children in K – Grade 5: please check in at the reception desk in the Kieffer Lobby. Class is held in the Liz Coffey Room.
Elementary classes will be learning one Bible story for 3-5 weeks using different modalities, including games, art, cooking, science, spiritual practices, and more!

Pickup: All families must check out children from the leaders in the Liz Coffey Room at 10:15 a.m.

NEW: Elementary and Middle School will begin together for a 15-minute gathering of songs and celebrations outside of the Thomas Room and then divide for lessons at 9:30.

Middle and High School Youth: Please check in at the self-service kiosk in the Kieffer Lobby before proceeding to your classroom: Middle School in the Flora Room, High School in the Alcove.

JUNIOR CHURCH
2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays

Children in K – Grade 5 are invited to Junior Church most Sundays during the school year. Children begin worship at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary with their families and, after the Thought for the Day, are dismissed for creative, well-supervised spiritual formation activities. On the first Sunday of each month, children remain in worship to participate in worship and receive communion with their families.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT
Friday, October 30
ERUCC Parking Lot and Patio, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Group is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 30, on an early dismissal day for Frederick County Students. All ages are welcome to attend, though snacks and games will be geared toward elementary-aged children. We are looking for help from people who are willing to bring a car, decorate your trunk, and hand out candy and/or treats! You may bring your own candy or use candy donated to the church. AND we will have games, snacks, and decorated pumpkin judging.
Sign up to decorate a car or donate treats:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DA3FBC34-66284236-trunk#/

GOD'S KIDS' CLUB
Tuesday, November 3

Join us on Tuesday, November 3 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a fun-filled day at ERUCC's God's Kids Club! This program is designed for elementary-aged children to come together for a day of learning, creativity, and fellowship. Activities in November will include a focus on Mini-mission projects related to organizations in Frederick, Maryland. Youth helpers can also sign up at this link: https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/112/responses/new.

One project will be to make Art kits for kids in the Family Shelter. Please consider bringing one or more of these items to help pack kits that day.

- Washable markers — the star of the show!
- Drawing paper or a small sketch pad
- Colored pencils or crayons
- A small coloring book or activity book

Sign-up link: https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/112/responses/new, or scan

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BIBLE GIFTING SUNDAY
Sunday, November 8
4th grade and 9th grade are significant transition points in life. We as people start to understand our Sacred Stories more deeply and ask important questions. To honor these transition points, we as ERUCC will be gifting our 4th and 9th graders Bibles. Join us on Sunday, November 8 during our 10:30 am worship service as we honor and celebrate these folks!

STAFFED NURSERY SCHEDULE

10/25 - Ashley & Vivi
11/8 - Ashley & Julie
11/22 - Ashley & Cam
12/6 - Ashley & Linda
12/20 -Ashley & Molly
1/3 - Ashley & Kate F.
1/17 - Ashley & Katie
1/31 - Ashley & Vivi

IMPORTANT "SAVE THE DATES" FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

October 30	Trunk or Treat at ERUCC, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
November 1	Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.
November 1-15	Care Package Collection for College Students and Faithful Friends
November 3	God's Kids' Club
December 6	Youth Dress Up Dinner
December 11	Kris Kringle Hot Cocoa Outreach

Staff News

WE'RE HIRING!

ERUCC is seeking a Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant to work 2 Sundays a month from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., $25 per hour. Staff member will provide a safe and caring environment for infants and children. Stamina to work with toddlers, ability to lift 40 pounds, and good communication skills are expected. Building trust with children and families is critical. Applicants should share inclusive values of welcoming diversity in a variety of ways, including church LGBT membership and leadership. Email erucc@erucc.org to apply. Provide a resume and 2 references. Visit https://erucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nursery-Assistant-Position-.pdf for the complete job description.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	**Early Worship**, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	**Coffee and Conversation,** Kieffer Lobby
9:15 AM	**Adult Bible Study,** North Room
9:15 AM	**Let's Talk – Facing Death, Finding Hope**, Community Room
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM	**Nursery Care**
9:15 – 10:00 AM	**Children's Sunday School** *Pre-K,* Nursery *K – 5th Grade,* Liz Coffey Room
9:15 – 10:15 AM	**Youth Sunday School** *Middle School Youth,* Flora Room *High School Youth,* Alcove
10:30 – 11:30 AM	**Worship**, Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org **Junior Church,** Thomas Room *Participating children are dismissed from Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays)*
11:30 AM	**Fall Fun Fellowship,** Downtown Community Room

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