



Welcome to

Maggie Valley United Methodist Church
November 12, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY *We greet our neighbors in Christ's name*
PRELUDE When We All Get to Heaven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
**If you have a prayer request or celebration that you would like to share with us, please complete the prayer card and an usher will collect them during the first song.*

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.
P: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.
L: Today God's love will be poured into your life.
P: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.
L: Today God's grace will be open to those who wish to receive.
P: Fill us, Holy Spirit, so that we might be your grace to all.
ALL: This is the day of the Lord! We give thanks and celebrate God's presence with us.

HYMN OF WORSHIP **"Near to The Heart of God"** **#472**

PRAISE AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Good and Gracious God, **we confess that we neglect to acknowledge you as God in our lives.** We live like we have complete control over our own future. **We forget that you created us and that we are the sheep of your pasture.** We separate ourselves from the flock and abandon our bonds with one another as we try to do it all on our own. **We have traded gratitude for individualism and thanksgiving for self-reliance. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.** (Silence is kept.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Receive the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever! While we were yet sinners, God made a way for us to return to God and to return to one another. By God's grace, we are a forgiven and reconciled people. **Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rick Stillwell
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.
CHORAL AMEN

GLORIA PATRI **#71**
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.

HYMN OF PRAISE **"Seek Ye First"** **#405**

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Holy Shepherd of all people, we bring our gifts this morning with thanksgiving and praise! We present these tithes and offerings not from hearts of obligation or debt, but with the confidence and joy that through your love made incarnate in your son Jesus, you've forever removed our debt. Our joy and gratitude are hard to contain. Use our gifts and our lives to do your work of compassion, mercy, and redemption. In Christ's name, we pray. **AMEN.**

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir- Blessed Assurance

DOXOLOGY **#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

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
MESSAGE

"Newness"

John 3 (selected passages)
Pastor Mike

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" #328

THE BLESSING
POSTLUDE

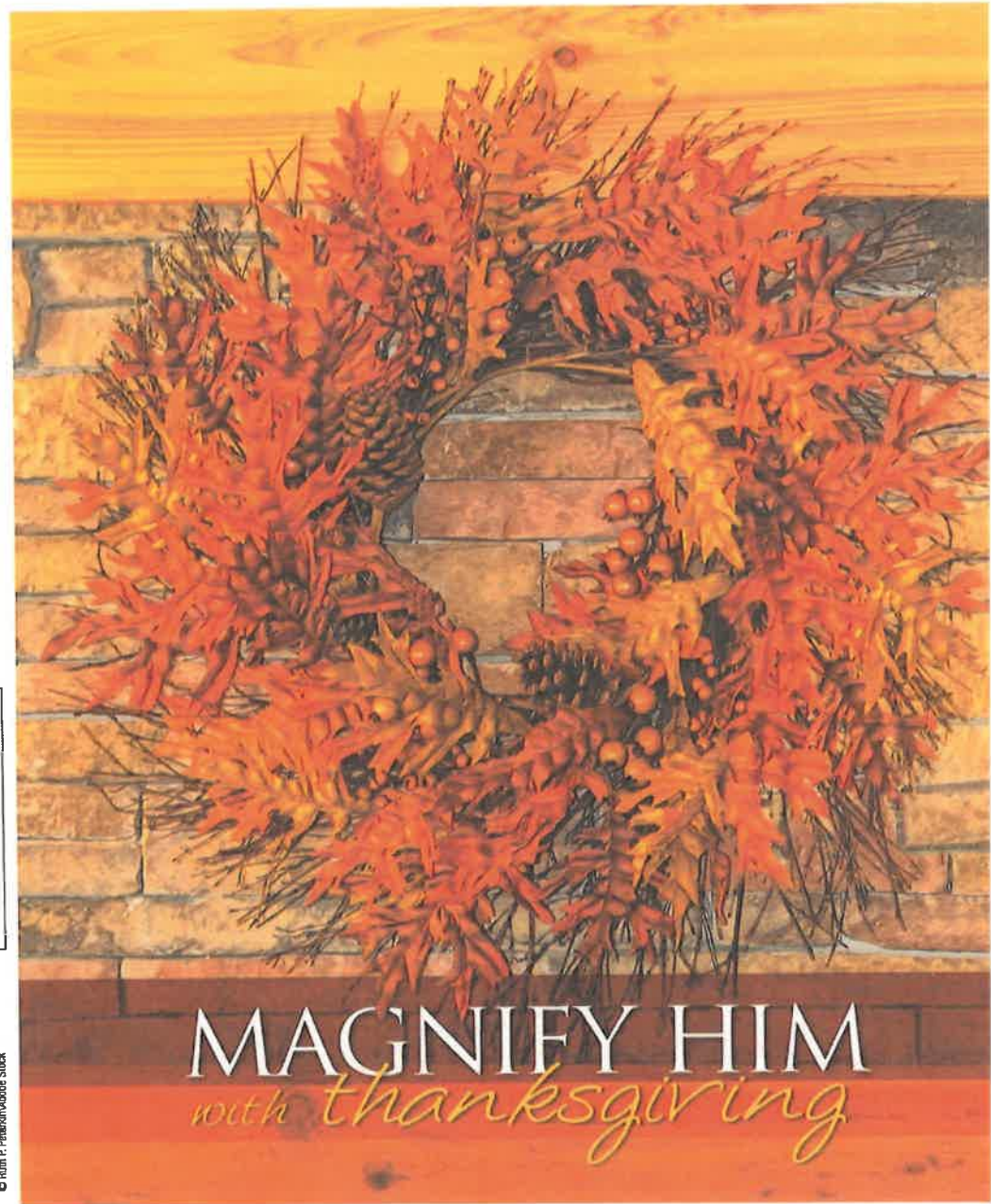
Sing With All The Saints In Glory

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SCAN ME

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MAGNIFY HIM
with thanksgiving

Upcoming Events

Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon. We are asking that everyone in the congregation **bring BAR SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES/TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, RAMEN NOODLES, FRUIT GRANOLA BARS, GRITS, INSTANT OATMEAL, CRACKERS, and COOKIES this month.** Personal hygiene items are appreciated also. Thank you for helping! If anyone has winter coats they would like to donate, please bring them to the Food Pantry. **We will be closed on Wednesday, November 22nd.**

We will not have "Sacred Seeing" this month.

There will be a charge conference on Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The One Board will meet following the charge conference in the Fellowship Hall.

All "Love in Action" articles for December are due to Belinda by Thursday, November 16th.

The Men's Group WILL meet on Thursday, November 16th at 5:30 and will have the Men's breakfast on Saturday, November 18th at 8:00am in the Grace Classroom. All men are invited.

Surviving the Holidays

Dates: November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19: 1:00-3:00

Location: Grace Classroom

Contact: Sue Shirley (804) 714-6320 to register or for more information

The holiday season will soon be upon us. Surviving the Holidays is here to help those who may be impacted by the loss of a loved one.

The Church Office will be closed November 22nd and November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holidays. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory/honor of a loved one, please contact Belinda at the office. The cost of the poinsettia is \$8. You may take the poinsettia home after the service on December 26.

We will be decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 26th at 11:30. Nothing gets you in the Christmas spirit as much as listening to Christmas music and decorating our church with friends. It wouldn't take long if everyone could help for about an hour.

We will be putting up the Nativity Scene on **Tuesday, November 28th at 10:30pm.** Meet out front of the church – thank you for your help! **In case of bad weather, we will meet on Thursday, November 30th at 10:30.**

Pastor Mike & Sue Shirley invite you to join them for Connections Sunday School Class. We will meet every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grace Classroom. Bring a Bible and join us! All are welcome!

This year's date for the **Holiday Boutique is Saturday, December 2nd.** We are accepting donations of slightly used men and women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry, scarfs, Christmas, and nice gift items. Also, if you have crafts to donate, we would love to have them for sale. This is an important mission here at Maggie Valley UMC with proceeds going to our food ministries. Last year the boutique raised over \$8,000. The money was given to the Shepherd's Table and the Food Pantry. Please contact Judi Ferris at 828.734.0156 or Pastor Cole for any questions.

Pastor Cole's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to come! **We will NOT meet on November 23rd due to Thanksgiving Holidays.**

Lectionary Scriptures for Next Week:

**Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11),12; Judges 4:1-7; Matthew 25:14-30; Psalm 123;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**