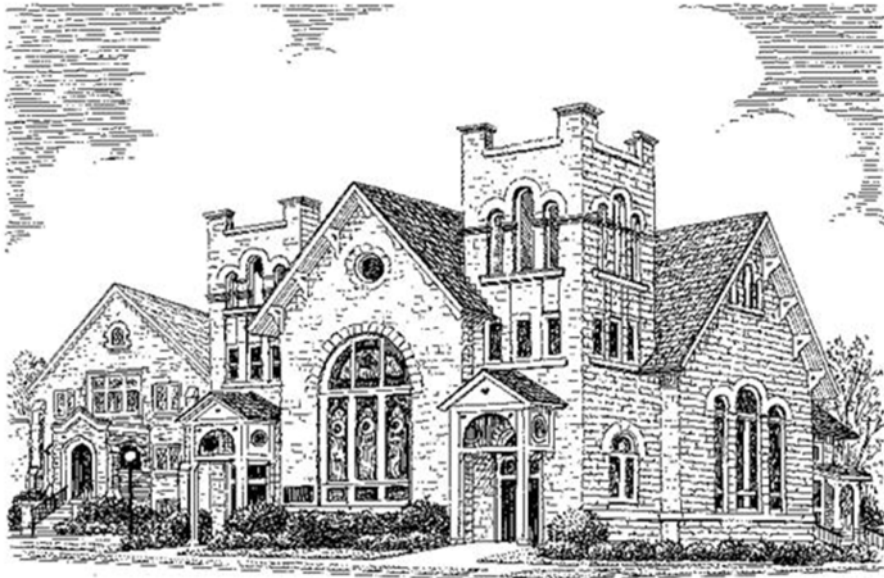


Welcome to



First United Methodist Church
West Point, Georgia

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2026



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Rev. Ed Archer, Pastor

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Invite. Grow. Serve.

The Worship of God

Prelude	<i>"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"</i> Gail Douglas	Teschner/Krug
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Ed Archer
Choral Call to Worship	<i>"O Worship the Lord"</i> Chancel Choir	Hal Hopson
*Call to Worship		Rev. Archer
From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges. Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant! The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread. We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world. Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders. Let our spirits be grateful for the opportunities God gives us to serve. Lord, you place before us the images of the small – the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure – and remind us that we are not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in thankful remembrance of the ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives. Amen.		
*Hymn	<i>"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"</i>	UMH #540
Prayer Praises & Concerns		Rev. Archer
Choral Call to Prayer	<i>"Holy Spirit, Fall on Me"</i> Chancel Choir	Mary Kay Beall
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Archer
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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
*Hymn	<i>"You Are My All in All"</i>	W&S #3040
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Archer
Offertory	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross "</i> Gail Douglas	Mason/Krug

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

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.

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Archer

As the children leave for Children's Church, you are invited to take a few moments to greet those near you.

Anthem

"The Windows of Heaven"
Chancel Choir

Stewart/Courtney

You bend from the windows of heaven, where there is no darkness or night
to shine on this imperfect servant and fill me with Your perfect light.
Your Spirit, the breath of my service, that fans into flame as I move
in an ever widening circle, where the center is always You.

Your light shining within me; the times I serve alone;
the hands that work beside me beyond these walls of stone;
the joy and pain of living; the gift of gratitude.
All these windows around me as I make my way to you.

I sing to the windows of heaven, to the heights I cannot see,
a song beyond music or language, from the depth of Your love for me.
I sing! O I cannot be silent, for the sound of my voice must rise
to join with the saints in Your service and sing in Your house of light.

You bend from the windows of heaven and fill me with Your light.

*Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

Rev. Archer

Sermon

"Hidden Treasures"

Rev. Archer

*Hymn

"More Precious Than Silver"

FWS #2065

*Benediction

Rev. Archer

*Choral Benediction

"Blessed Be the Name"
Chancel Choir

Camp Meeting Chorus

*Postlude

"O Worship the King"
Gail Douglas

Haydn/Keveren

**Please stand as you are able.*

UMH—United Methodist Hymnal
W&S—Worship and Song
FWS—Faith We Sing

Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

We greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you require assistance in some way, please see an usher. A nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level. Should you have questions concerning baptism, church membership, or your spiritual journey, please reach out to Pastor Ed. May you experience and know the peace and love of God always!

The Resurrection Banner in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God by Rev. Ferris Hardin.

Prayer Concerns:

J. R. Bowen, Robert and Debbie Eason, Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, Don Mathena, Nell Oates, Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi, Barbara Ruddick, Mona Sikander, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Julie Squire, Nelle Sturdivant, World Conflicts, Our Country, Unspoken Requests, Victims of violence, Victims of fire and natural disaster, Those suffering from dementia and their families

New Prayer Request: Ellen Downs Beaulieu (Joe Downs' daughter)



Monday, July 27:
4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, July 28:
1:00 pm: Food Closet
6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, July 29:
6:30 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 30:
12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, July 31:
6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast



Every Sunday in August:
Camp Meeting Worship at 11 am,
followed by Lemonade on the Lawn

Wednesday, August 5:
Wednesday Night Supper resumes.

Sunday, August 9:
Blessing of the Backpacks
Handbell practice resumes.

Tuesday, August 11:
Hoedown Lunch-In

Thursday, August 13:
Game Night resumes.

Sunday, August 23:
Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event