



Dunbar United Methodist Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

*Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.*

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE Sharon Cline, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Nancy White

*CALL TO WORSHIP Keith Southall
In times of busyness and stress, surrounded by challenges...
We gather to strive for the faith of the gospel.
In times of joy and rest, feeling the goodness of God’s provision and abundance...
We gather to strive side by side for the faith of the gospel.
In times of conflict and distress when it is hard it is to live in unity together...
We gather to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...
As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

*OPENING HYMN “Come, We That Love the Lord ” UMH#732

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always.
Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray, saying,
We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. Forgive us, Presence of Peace. May we be ambassadors of grace. May we carry compassion to the hurting. May we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
This is the good news: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Helen Southall

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1: 21-30

SERMON “Pressing on ” Pastor Nancy White

SPECIAL MUSIC

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN “More Love to Thee, O Christ” UMH#453

*BENEDICTION As you go from this place, may God bless you with wisdom, courage, and perseverance to live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ as you work, rest, play, and strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

worship Notes: “UMH” denotes the navy The United Methodist Hymnal located in each pew.
“TFWS” denotes the black supplemental hymnal “The Faith We Sing”; “W&S” denotes the green supplemental hymnal “Worship & Song”
CCLI License #: C-71179; CCLI Streaming License #: B-20459670; One License #: A-736012; CVLI: 505515971
The call to worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, UM Discipleship Ministries (adapted)
Written by Thom Shuman, from Lectionary Liturgies

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for September is Saltine Crackers. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you’d like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$30 and can be given in honor or memory if you’d like.

Archery registration is at 5:15 and classes start at 5:30 today. Youth group meeting will be at 5:30 and any youth that will be participating in archery will do so at 6:15pm.

UPCOMING DATES:

- World Communion Sunday – October 4
- Hike for Hunger (Sponsored by Heart & Hand) – October 4
- Milton Corn Maze -October 11 following church
- The DISC Sing is scheduled on October 13 at First Baptist Church at 6:30pm. All food and monetary donations will go to the Dunbar-Institute Samaritan Center.
- Children’s Sabbath, Undie Sunday and Tailgating Sunday – October 18

The altar flowers are in honor of Kenny & Cathy’s anniversary on September 18.

Fellowship time: If you would like to sign up to bring and serve during fellowship time, please sign up on the door outside the office. There are two individuals who have offered to donate money to help with the fellowship time.

Our worship participants next Sunday, September 27, Liturgist: Cathy Tucker;
Children’s Sermon: Libby Tolley; Ushers: Lynn Thornton, Bruce Wilson & Bill Reid;
Fellowship Time Host: Brian & Dee Childers
Contact Information for Pastor Nancy White 304-549-0496

DUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Last Week’s Offering Total: \$
2,403.70
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: \$16,314
Annual Apportioned Amount: \$48,896
Payout Percentage:33%

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Tuesdays – 6pm Bible Study at the Ron & Teresa Boggess’ House
Monday – Friday at 12:00pm – women’s exercise group, Gymnasium
Wednesday at 6pm Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary

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