First Methodist Church of Swainsboro

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 **Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM**

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Prelude Simple Gifts
Based on a Shaker melody

Call to Worship

I look up to You, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

As servants look to the ways of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God.

The Master has entrusted His servants with His property.

We come to worship the one who calls us to faithfulness.

Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord of all.

Alleluia! We rejoice in God's call to serve!

***Opening Hymn** Lead On, O King Eternal 478

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed 691

***Gloria Patri**

Passing of the Peace

***Gathering Chorus** The Family of God Bill Gaither

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Grant Abernathy

***Morning Hymn** I Stand Amazed in the Presence 122

Offering and Prayer

Offertory Be Thou My Vision arr. Mary McDonald

***Doxology**

Children's Moment Melinda Hall

Anthem

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon " Kingdom Living: Small Investment - Large Return "
Rev. R. Grant Abernathy

***Invitation Hymn** I Am Thine, O Lord 591

Benediction

Postlude O the Depth of Love Divine
Adapt. From *French Psalter, 1561*

Please stand as you are able. **Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

Nursery: 11:00 a.m. Fay Flanders
November Altar Guild: Daisy Reeves
Ushers: Peyton Frye, Brian Key, Richard McNeely, Phil Tatum, Bowen Ware

The Congregation wishes to extend their heartfelt condolences to family of Ms. Linda S. Dekle. Please know that our prayers are with each of you

With Heartfelt Thanks

Our family is deeply grateful for the love you have shown us following the loss of our beloved Mrs. Nancy. Thank you for the delicious family meal, calls, visits, cards, and memorial gifts in her memory. Your kindness and prayers have brought us comfort and reminded us what a blessing it is to be part of this church family.

With love and gratitude,
The Family of Nancy Flanders

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Cherry Curry, Linda Dekle family, Nancy Flanders family, Marilyn Freese, Janie Glenn, Melinda Hall's family, Jerry Hooks, David Kettles, Bonnie Lanier, Gail Lewis, Gary Mason. Sherry McCurdy, Bob Neil, George Smith, Richard Smith, Pat Tiller , Sally Willingham , Chuck Wofford

Extended Church Family:

Georgia Kate Anderson, Cal Avery, Tracy Avery, Brandi Brown, Lee Canady, Larry Canady, Marie Canady (Melissa Canady step-mother), Lynn Chance, Sam Daniels, Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel's nephew), Kenny Doss, Deborah Duckworth, Jean Hunnicutt DuPree, Kevin Edenfield, Lawson Edenfield, Wanda Ellison, Ruby Fagler, Martha Flanders, Judy Garrett (Kelli Torpy's Mother), Elizabeth Gilmer, Jimmy Gowen (Dean Gowen's father), Maralyn Graham, Phyllis Hutcheson (Karol Key's mother), Clay Johnson, Claire Kennedy, Fay Key, Cleve Kinard (Tony Waters brother), Billy Lively, Aubrey Long (Nancy Lisenby's niece), Brit Marchman (George Smith's son-in-law), Gloria Mason, Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield's father), Sandy Moody, Mike Morris, Belins Muniz, Eliza Noles, Tim Palmer, Marty Payne (Teresa Mason's brother), Bobby & Kay Peacock, Clark & Bonnie Petersen (Kathy Palmer's sister & brother–in-law), Charles Ragsdale, Richard Reddish, Dale Reeves, Chandler Rogers, Jackson Rhyner (Teresa Smith grandson), Lisa Shaw, Doris Lewis Small, Bonnie Rose Smith, LaRose Tapley, Wes Terry, John Terwilliger, Julie Todd, Gail Thompson, Kal Thompson, Roy Thompson, Connie Thurman, Heather Townsend, Shirley Underwood, Frances, Ashley Walling, Melody Smith Waters, Lamar Way, Dot West, Margaret White, April Whitehead family, (Lynn Taylor's Daughter-in-law), Sara Wilkes (George Smith niece)

This Week's Scripture Verses

Judges 4: 1-7
Psalm 123 or 76
I Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30

This Week's Schedule
25th. Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Early Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
4:30 p.m. - PLAY PRACTICE in SANCTUARY
5:30 p.m. - " ROOTED GROUP "

Monday, November 16, 2026
6:OO p.m. - 55 and ALIVE " THANKSGIVING MEAL MEETING " in Social Hall (covered dish)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
5:30 p.m. - S. P. R. C. Meeting in N. B. Classroom
6:30 p.m. - Vicki Rogers Circle in Social Hall - " PRAYER BIBLES "

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
5:30 p.m. - Prayer Time for our Church
6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

ADVANCE NURSERY SCHEDULE:

11/22 - Melanie Frye
11/29 - Tammy Gray
12/06 - Cindy Ware
12/13 - Teah Canady

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.

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We need your help in attempting to purge the Bulletin prayer list. Please check it closely to see if you know of anyone we can remove.

The November / December issue of the Upper Room is now available outside the Church Office.

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Last Sunday's Attendance

9:00 a.m. - Early Service	15
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School	40
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service	83
5:30 p.m. - " ROOTED GROUP "	16
Total Worship	114

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	$ 10008.00
Received for Budget	$ 13435.00
Amount over (Under)	$ 3427.00
YTD Budget	$ 451800.00
YTD Rec'd for Budget	$ 388600.14
Amount over (Under)	$ 63199.86
Received for Budget	$ 13435.00
Designated Giving	$ 2141.82
Total Giving this week	$ 15576.82

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KINGDOM LIVING
Small Investments - Big Returns
Matthew 25:14-30

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