

Sunday's @ 8:40 AM



Monday's 10:00 AM-1:00 PM;
2:00 PM-5:00 PM



Given By: Connie & Steve Strange
In Honor of: Connie's Parents, Bob and Dot Hill
for their Anniversary on November 3, 1943

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Last Sunday:
November 1, 2026
Attendance: 45
(in person & online)
Offering: **3,280**

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Prayer Requests

The Steele Family, Bob Spratlin, Jim Whitesell, Patti Smyer, Haley Davis, Violet McKenney, The Loy Family, Duncan Bunch, Reynolds Hayden, Alex Cone, Tommy Keller, Donna Padgette, Butch Evans, Beth Warshaw, Bob Foster, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Booser, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren, Morgan Family

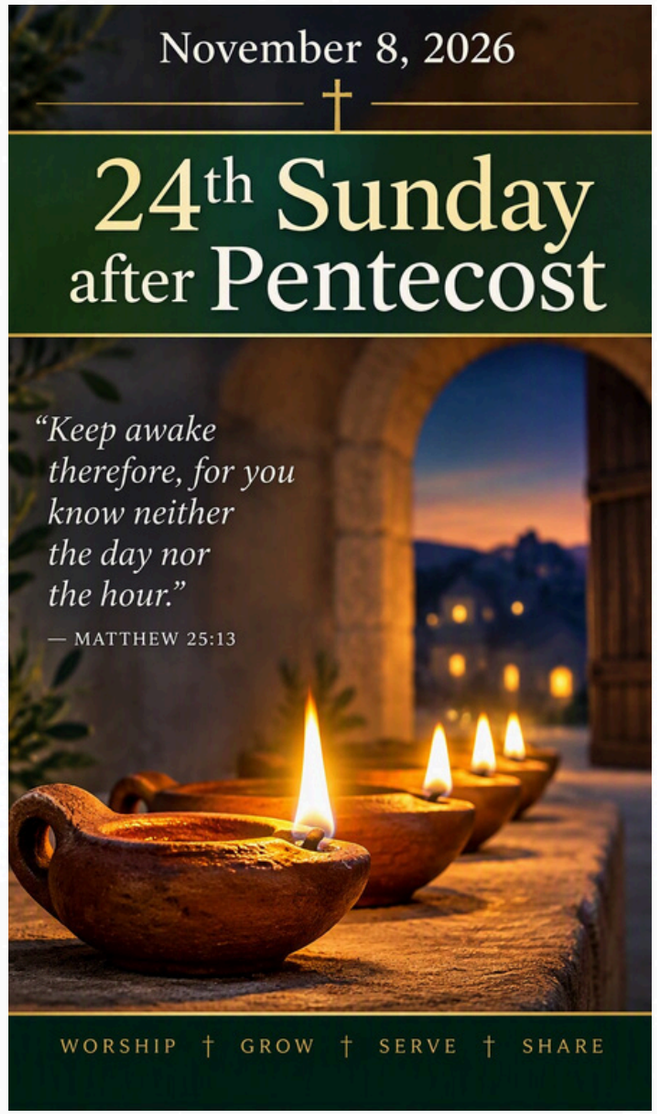
Worship Participants:

Donna Padgette, Johnelle Mische, Steve Strange





Next Sunday's Readings:
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30



EDISTO ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

PRELUDE
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #328** "Surely the Prescence"

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choose this day whom you will serve.
We will serve the Lord, whose grace has brought us this far.
Tell the coming generation of the wonderful works of God.
We will set our hope in God and remember God's faithfulness.
When grief surrounds us and the night grows long, do not lose heart.
For Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.
Keep your lamps burning and your hearts ready.
We wait not in fear, but in faith, hope, and love.
Come, let us worship the God of resurrection and life!
We will serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

***OPENING PRAYER**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Gracious and faithful God, you have called us by grace and invited us to choose the way of life. Keep our lamps burning when the night grows long and our faith grows weary. Free us from fear and speculation about tomorrow, and teach us instead to be faithful today. Fill us with resurrection hope, deepen us in holiness, and make us ready for Christ by making us ready to love our neighbors. May our worship renew our faith, strengthen our witness, and send us into the world as people of mercy, justice, and hope. Through Jesus Christ our risen and coming Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #529** "How Firm a Foundation"
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON
Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
Merciful God, you call us to choose whom we will serve, yet too often we choose ourselves. You call us to trust your promises, yet we surrender to fear. You call us to keep the lamps of faith burning, yet we neglect prayer, mercy, justice, and love.Forgive us when we seek certainty instead of faith, power instead of service, and escape instead of loving the world you have given us. Awaken us by your grace. Renew us by your Spirit. Teach us to live as people of resurrection, ready to meet Christ by faithfully serving him today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.
(In silence, let us now confess our sins)
Hear the good news: Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINTATION
Living God, you have spoken through prophets, apostles, and Christ our Lord. Now speak again through your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to understand, our hearts to trust, and our lives to respond, that your Word may become living faith within us and light for the journey ahead. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT	Joshua 24: 1-3a,14-25
PSALTER #799	Psalm 78: 1-4
NEW TESTAMENT	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
***GOSPEL LESSON**	Matthew 25: 1-13

SERMON **"**Oil for the Long Night"

***HYMN #396** "O Jesus, I Have Promised (v.1,3,4)
GLORIA PATRI #70 "Glory Be to the Father"
We rejoice on this day in the Baptism, Confirmation, and Reaffirmation of Faith of LINDA WOODS and reception into the membership of The United Methodist Church and Edisto Island United Methodist Church of Linda and Ben Woods.
***HOLY BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS #33**
The Baptismal Covenant I
(1,2,3,4,6,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16)
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
OFFERING
ANTHEM
***DOXOLOGY #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OFFERING PRAYER
Gracious God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts and use them for the work of your kingdom. But receive also our lives. Keep the lamps of our faith burning brightly, that through our generosity, mercy, and love, others may see the hope of the risen Christ. Make us faithful stewards of your grace until your kingdom comes in its fullness. Amen.

***HYMN #714 "**I Know Whom I Have Believed In (v.1,2,4)"
***SENDING FORTH**
Go into the world with lamps burning and hearts awake.
We will serve the Lord with faith, hope, and love.
When the night is long, do not lose heart.
Christ is risen, and our hope is secure.
Feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the grieving, seek justice, practice mercy, and love your neighbor.
By God's grace, we will be faithful.
Go now to serve the Lord and to bear the light of Christ.
We go in peace to love God and serve our neighbor. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Oil for the Long Night
Read: Joshua 24:14–15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13
The Big Idea
Jesus' parable asks us not to predict when Christ will return, but to consider **how we are living while we wait.** The sermon describes the "oil" as a life continually formed by God's grace through prayer, Scripture, Holy Communion, Christian fellowship, mercy, forgiveness, and love.
Questions for Reflection
1. "Choose this day whom you will serve."
Joshua reminds us that grace calls for a response. What does choosing to serve God look like in your ordinary life right now?
2. What is the "oil" in your lamp?
What practices help keep your faith alive when life becomes difficult, uncertain, or simply exhausting?
3. How do we wait faithfully?
The bridesmaids had to wait longer than expected. Where have you experienced a "long night" when God seemed slow in answering or acting?
4. "We do not grieve without hope."
Paul gives the Thessalonians the promise of resurrection not so they can predict the future, but so they can encourage one another. How does Easter change the way Christians face death and grief?
5. Faith cannot simply be borrowed.
Others can teach, encourage, and inspire us, but eventually inherited faith must become living faith. Who helped give you faith? How are you passing it to someone else?
Take It Home
The sermon offers a simple challenge:
"Do not spend your life trying to predict midnight. Spend your life making sure there is oil in the lamp."
This week, choose one way to add "oil" to your lamp:
Pray. Read Scripture. Come to the Table. Forgive someone. Feed someone. Visit someone who is lonely. Comfort someone who is grieving. Tell a child about Jesus. Love your neighbor.
Closing Prayer
Gracious God, when the night is long, keep our lamps burning. Fill us with your grace, strengthen our hope, and teach us to wait for Christ by loving and serving our neighbors today. Amen.

Rev. Len Ripley