

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30 AM.....Men's SS, Laura Thompson room
 8:45 AM.....Wesleyan Class, Chapel
 6:00-7:30 PM.....Youth, Messy Thanksgiving

The office will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holidays

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
 DUE TO THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE,
 WITNESS**

Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Poinsettia Orders:** We are accepting orders for poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for Poinsettia Sunday, December 17th and Christmas Eve, in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms may be picked up in the narthex or church office. Each poinsettia is \$16 (please make checks payable to FMC). All orders are due by Thursday, December 7, 2023.
- **Adopt a Family:** One of the joys of the season is knowing that we can help make Christmas special for a needy family in North Baldwin County. We will again be Adopting-a-Family to ensure that every child has a Merry Christmas. Information concerning how you can adopt-a-family is available in the Narthex and FLC.

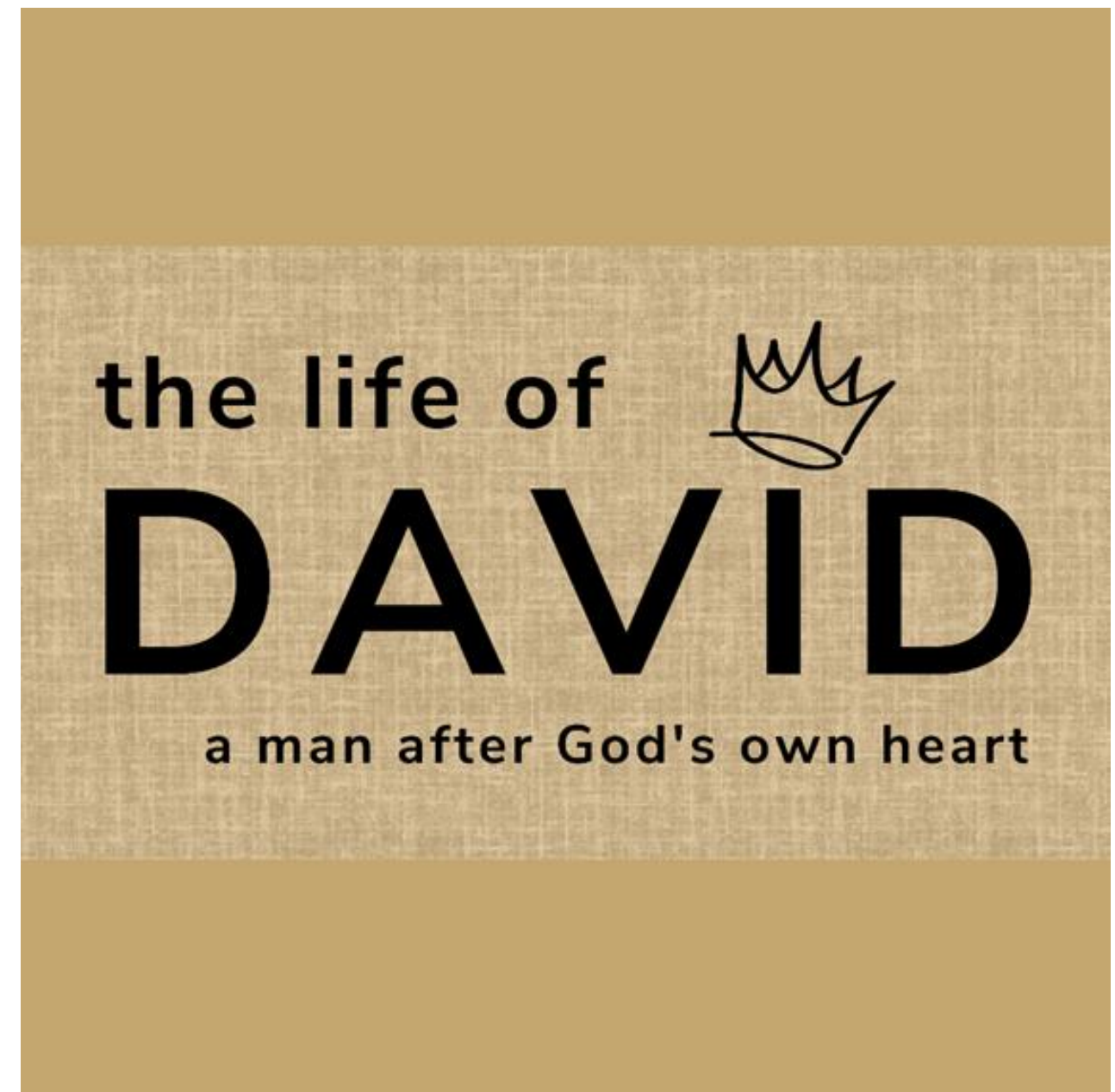
Prayer Concerns

At Home: Charlotte Robertson, Donna Newton, Willie Petty, Steve & Carolyn Capps, Carol Jean Barrow, Janice Hendrickson, Al Denmark, Sue Edwards, Marjorie Gibson, Gail Jaye, Sue Nelson, Pat Ringold, Karen Robertson, Martha & Bob Salter, Addie Phillips, Pat Goodwin, George & Anne Price, Ame Wilters, Evelyn Shankle, Jesse Jordan, Greg Robinson, Jeanne Thomaston, Kip Nix, Virginia Liles, Rich & Lynda Touart, Linda McAdams., Robin Rhodes.

Crown Health: Shirley Plymesser
The Brenntity Daphne: Virginia Liles
 Cleveland Robertson
The Brenntity Fairhope: Melvin Fleming
The Haven, Gulf Shores: Barbara Mitchell
William F. Green: Turpin Ashurst
Westminster Village: Anne Pridgen
 John & Carrol Anne Chason

11-19-2023

Attendance: **Offering**
 In Person: 92 \$9,200.00
 On-Line: 24



First Methodist Church

Rev. Marty Hamilton
Senior Minister

Paulette Clark
Director of Music

Abby Bennett
Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Order of Worship

November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

GREETING Rev. Marty Hamilton

PRELUDE Come, Ye Thankful People Come Margaretha Christina de Jong

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Come, Ye Thankful People Come** 694

Call to Worship Wendy Smith

L: We lift up our eyes to you, O God, longing for a glimpse of your grace.

P: **We watch for you ... and wait, trying not to miss your presence, trying not to miss our very lives.**

L: Today, we come to you awake—clothed in faith, decked out in love, wearing hope for all to see.

P: **Come and meet us here, O God, in your mercy and your grace.**

INVOCATION

Holy One, have mercy on us. When we cannot take any more of this world, we know we must turn to you. When our souls have had their fill of trouble and unease, we seek your protection. We come to you in faith and love, in the hope of your salvation, now and always. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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.

MORNING PRAYER Eugenia Trawick

*HYMN OF PREPARATION **What Gift Can We Bring** 87

OFFERTORY PRAYER Alicia Gourlay

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Be Still, My Soul Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow** 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**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Jane Snell

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 17:1-58

SERMON *The Battle is the Lord's* Rev. Marty Hamilton

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Those desiring to unite with this church by profession of faith in Christ or
by transfer of membership are invited to come forward during the hymn of invitation*

*HYMN OF INVITATION **Now Thank We All Our God** 102

*BENEDICTION Rev. Marty Hamilton

POSTLUDE Opening Voluntaries John Zundel

Today's Acolytes:
Korbyn Larson, McKinley Chisholm, Nassar Brooks

**Please stand as you are able.*

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