

Upcoming events

- ✧ Bible Study
Tuesday 10AM and Wednesday 6:30PM
- ✧ Nursing Home Service Wednesdays 2PM
at DV Rehab. Nov. 4th
at DV Personal Care. Nov. 11th
at Milford Rehab. Oct. 21st
- ✧ Family Night Oct. 30th (Fri) 6-9PM
- ✧ Would you love to be our church member?
Please contact pastor Sung.

The 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



October 18, 2026

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Opening Hymn	“Open My Eyes That I May See”	# 454	Gospel Reading	John 16:5-15	Insert
Welcome	Carol Birtner		Sermon	“Can You Focus?”	Donna Frable
Call to Worship			Centering for Prayer		
Leader: I will praise you oh Lord			Prayer of People		
People: I will bow down toward you.			Leader: We go with hope, O God, with an intentional faith:		
Leader: I will praise your name for your love and faithfulness			By studying the scriptures, constantly praying,		
People: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me;			and joining holy conversations that reflect your grace and Gospel.		
your love Oh Lord endures forever. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.			Wherever we encounter those made in your image,		
Hymn	“Breathe on me Breath of God”	# 420	we bring the covenant hope that is written on our hearts.		
Opening Prayer			As we grow deeper in faith and live well for others,		
Gracious and loving God,			we pray for your church and the world you so love.		
on this Laity Sunday we gather with grateful hearts,			People: For a new passion to search scripture		
giving thanks for the faithful men, women, youth, and children			for the words of life that mend our connection and our world.		
who answer your call to serve you.			Leader: With all who are called to follow you		
Today we pray that you may break through			and lead others to faithful life in Jesus Christ.		
our fears, our complacency, and our doubts.			People: God, hear our prayer.		
Open our hearts to love as Christ loves			Leader: For those whose shattered wholeness cries out		
and open our hands to serve with joy and compassion.			for saving presence and help.		
Fill every disciple with the power of your Holy Spirit,			People: God, hear our prayer.		
so that we may be bold witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ.			Leader: With your persistent friends who are called to serve and witness		
Use our gifts, and our lives			through deeds and words that heal and free.		
to bring hope to those who are discouraged,			People: God, hear our prayer,		
justice to those who are oppressed,			and help us reflect your life, hope, and salvation		
and welcome to those who long for belonging.			– amplifying your call for love and justice		
As we worship you today, renew us as one body in Christ.			in a distracted and all too indifferent world...		
Send us from this place ready to make new disciples,			The Lord’s Prayer (On The Screen)		
transform communities, and reflect your love wherever you lead us.			Passing the Peace of Christ		
We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.			“Peace be with you.” / “And also with you.”		
Amen.			Special Music	“Come Just as You Are”	Youth Group
Children’s Time			Offering Prayer	Mary Balton	
Scripture Reading I	Psalm 51:1-4 and 10-12	Insert	Online giving at www.dfumc.com / Text giving: 570-701-8282		
Scripture Reading II	1 Corinthians 2:10-16	Insert	Closing Hymn	“Sweet Sweet Spirit”	# 334
Hymn	“Spirit of The living God”	# 393	Benediction	Church Copyright License #1798425	

Scripture Reading I

Psalm 51:1-4 and 10-12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. ² Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. ³ For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Scripture Reading II

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

¹⁰ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

¹² And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. ¹³ When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

¹⁴ But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.

¹⁶ For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 16:5-15

⁵ "But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶ Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more.

¹¹ Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged. ¹² "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

"This is the Word of God." **"Thanks be to God."**