November 8th 2026, 11:15 a.m.
24th Sunday After Pentecost Liturgical Color: White

Making Good Choices



Asbury – St. James United Methodist Church
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Reverend Timothy G. Shaw
Church Lay Leader: Luke Shaw
Musician: Herb Spear
Crucifer: Charlie Holder

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2 ESV

Prelude: "Rejoice the Lord Is King"

Procession of the Cross, God's Word, and Light

Welcome and Invocation

Please use this time as a period of quiet personal reflection and reverence for the opening of our time of worship.

***Call to Worship**

Pastor:	The God of our ancestors has called us here.
People:	**We are witnesses.**
Pastor:	The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
People:	**We are witnesses.**
Pastor:	The choice to follow God has called us here.
People:	**We are witnesses.**
Pastor:	The Lord of life has called us here.
People:	**We are witnesses.**

***Hymn:** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" Pg. 514

***Psalter:** Psalm 78:1-4 Pg. 799

***Gloria Patri** Pg. 70

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed** Pg. 881

**Congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

New Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25 Bett Myrick

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion** Pg. 15

Words of Assurance (All)
We worship a God of mercy and love. Choose the Lord each day you will live. Amen.

The Sermon Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

The Sermon: "Making Good Choices"

Pastoral Intercessory Prayer – Joys & Concerns

You may write a prayer request or praise report on the slip located on the pew back. Your request will be picked up.

Chancel Choir: "Whom Who Sits on the Throne"

Offertory: Please bring your offering to the Altar

***Doxology** Pg. 95

***Hymn:** "I Am Thine, O Lord" Pg. 419

***Commissioning & Blessing**

***Postlude:** "Awesome God"

Choose God this day, and keep your lamps lit. We go with hearts ablaze with God's love. Choose God this day, and shine with God's light. We go with lives kindled with the call to serve. Choose God this day and enter into fullness of life. We go to embrace the life we have received.

Stewardship Reporting

	Giving	Attendance & Streaming	Bible Study
October 25th	$590.00	115	8
November 1st	$786.00	125	8
Year-to-date	$ 65,326.00		

Pew Fans

You'll notice newly donated personal fans distributed throughout the pews. Please leave the fans in the pews for future use when a little cool breeze would be welcome. ***The church thanks State Farm agent Zack Jones for this donation.***

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

As part of our outreach, once again we'll be filling shoeboxes for needy children. Empty boxes are available for packing. Or, Susan Bullock has offered to fill a box for $20 (includes postage) for anyone who prefers that method versus filling a box themselves. The boxes will be gathered and blessed on November 15th.

Welcome Visitors!

If you're visiting, we welcome you and would enjoy talking with you. Please fill out a Visitor Card. Reverand Shaw is available to you and your family.

Join Us for Bible Study

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Education Building. See Pastor Tim for more information.

In Our Prayers

The Austin Family, Joe Boyd, Alyse Chandler, baby Bennett Fischer, June Harrell, Paula Hehn, Alta Kaiser, Barbara Shaw, Tom Walters, Sr.