First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

LAITY SUNDAY | 11/8/2026

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. John Schluep, Pastor Emeritus



IN PERSON | ONLINE WORSHIP: SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

"No Matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

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LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Organist: Nancy Lynn Robinson

As you enter the sanctuary please be silent for those who are in meditation. Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

The chimes call us to a time of worship.

Greeting	Liturgist
Prelude	"Awesome God" - Mullins/Ray Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Introit

Leader:	Our help is in the name of the Holy One,
All:	**who made heaven and earth.**
Leader:	As we have gathered here to worship, let us stand and greet one another in the love of Christ.

*Gathering Song "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"



* indicates: please stand as you are able

*Call to Worship Liturgist

One: People of God, we gather as Christ's church, each of us called, gifted, and sent to serve.

All: Our God is an awesome God, working through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary love.

One: In classrooms and kitchens, workplaces and neighborhoods, God's Spirit moves through the ministry of all God's people.

All: We offer our gifts, our voices, our compassion, and our courage for the healing of the world.

One: Come, people of God, let us celebrate the ministry we share and the God who calls us together.

All: With joyful hearts we worship our awesome God and say, "Here we are, Lord—send us!"

*Opening Hymn "We All Are One in Mission" #552

*Opening Prayer

Awesome God, you call each of us to ministry and bless us with gifts to share. Awaken your Spirit within us, that we may serve with courage, love with compassion, seek justice with hope, and faithfully follow Christ. Together, may our ordinary lives reveal your extraordinary grace. Amen.

Anthem "Ride the Morning Winds" - Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Children's Message Wendy Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Community Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

552 We All Are One in Mission



WORDS: Rusty Edwards (1955-)
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

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HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

*Hymn of Preparation "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" #551

Sermon "There Our Hearts Will Be: Awesome God"

- David Hawley

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Invitation to Generosity

Moments of Silent Reflection
Response to the Call

One: God's word inspires us and sustains us.
All: May we build communities of generosity.
One: God's word challenges and provokes us.
All: May we build communities of justice.
One: God's word renews and heals us.
All: May we build communities of the heart. Amen.

*Hymn of Generosity "All Things Are Yours!" vs. 4 # 687

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

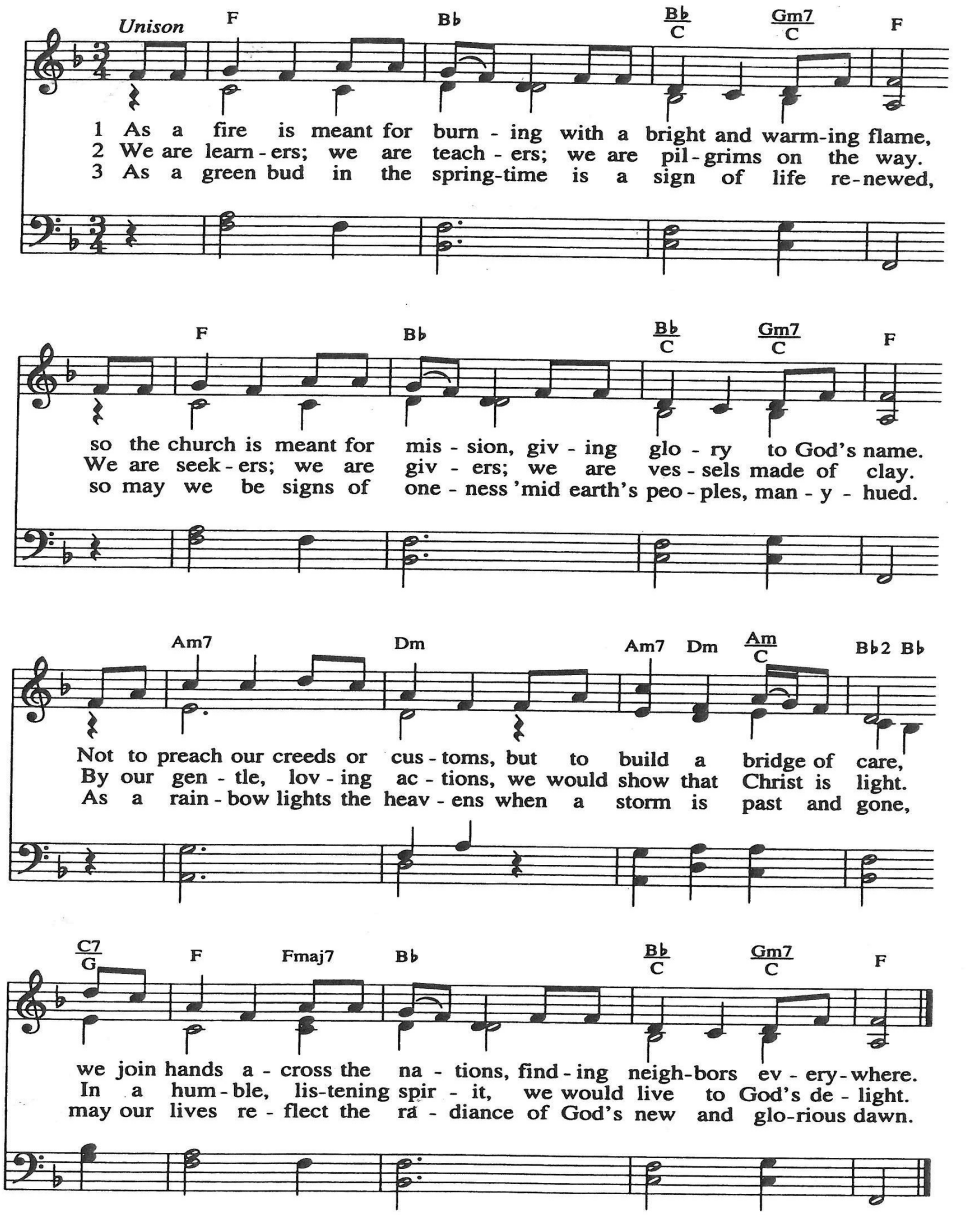
Offertory "Jesus Loves Me" - Bradbury/Payne

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 551



WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)
MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

BEACH SPRING
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All Things Are Yours! 687



WORDS: Bryan Jeffery Leech (1931-)
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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L.M.

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*Prayer of Dedication

Awesome God, receive these gifts as signs of our shared ministry and gratitude. Bless what we offer—our resources, talents, time, and lives—and use them to bring compassion, justice, healing, and hope to your world. Through every disciple, reveal your extraordinary love. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" #559

*Benediction

*Congregation Response (sung or said)

"Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love."

Postlude "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- arr. Hughes Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE



Tech Team: Scott Newcomer, Anne Pertick, Diana Fiocca

Liturgist: Thanks to all who helped with Laity Sunday!

Ushers: Sandy Haydu, Karen Huth, Becky Michael, Jane Charles

Greeters: Joe and Tom Labay

Today's altar flowers are provided by:

Don Simmons *"In loving memory of Glenna Rae Simmons"*



559 Here I Am, Lord



WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); arr. Michael Pope (20th c.), Daniel L. Schutte (1947-), John Weissrock (20th c.)

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Refrain
Am7 C Am G/B C6 slowing D D7/F#
light to them? Whom shall I send?
Word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I
life to them. Whom shall I send?
a tempo
G Gsus G D7/A C/E D7 G
am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
Cmaj7/G Am G/B C6 D D/F# D
heard you call - ing in the night. I will
G Gsus G C/G G C/E D7 G
go, Lord, if you lead me. I will
Am7 C/D D G C/G G
hold your peo - ple in my heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rake n Run
Sunday, November 8
11:00 AM

All UM youth are invited to Stay after worship today to for a potluck and leaf clean up.

Roots and Wings
Sunday, November 8
4:30 PM

Come make a pie and freeze it for Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome, but registration is needed for supply purchase. We will gather in the church kitchen, make pie dough, put pies together and prepare to freeze at home. They can bake from frozen. Plan on bringing your own pie pan and four cups of fruit (peach, apple, berry work great).

Meet the Author
Wednesday, November 11
7-8 PM

Join us for an inspiring Evening with the Author featuring Deb L. Brown, Christian fiction author and inspirational speaker, on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 PM. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education, this special evening will feature Deb's book, From This Day Forward, a Christian novel exploring marriage renewal, caregiving, and reinventing yourself in the second half of life.

Consecration Sunday
Sunday, November 15
10:00 AM

Our yearly stewardship campaign is underway. Please mark your calendar for Consecration Sunday on November 15. It's a day to respond to God's invitation with our financial commitments for the upcoming year!

Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 3
12:00 PM

Register now to join us at The Venue for our annual Christmas luncheon - a joyful gathering filled with fellowship, holiday cheer, and wonderful memories. We're delighted that our own Dan Doty will sing Christmas music for us! It promises to be a beautiful and festive time together. Cost = $35 per person. RSVP by November 22nd. All men and women are warmly invited to this event!

THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723 .

Cindie Anderson
Margarete Boschert
Bruce Buchholtz
Jim Caplinger
Matthew Chapman
Jane Charles
Patty Conely
Jeffry Cotton
Betty Cottrill
Bob Davis
Rylin Davis and family
Ron Drake
Ron Evans
Darrell Goodson
Ann Hagan
Eleanor Hall
Karen Huth
Jim Jackson
Nancy Johnson
Anita Kelly-Lahrmer
Joey and Mark Labay
Yvonne Larson
Bill Laymon
Roberta Lewis
Lt. John Norton
Donna Phillips
Bob Poff
Gary Rambler
Becky Rapini
Daniel Simmons
Ensign 5 Kaylie Spear
Lt. Maxwell Spear
Jeff Sullivan
Richard & Karen Thomason
Kim and Noel Walters
PO3 Kaitlyn Wetter
Don Woerz
Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group

Blessed be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm 66:20

Tallmadge Good Neighbors Christmas Giving
We are collecting gift cards for Tallmadge Good Neighbors again this Christmas holiday season. Gift cards can be donated during the month of November by putting them in the collection plate or dropping them off at the church office. Thank you in advance for caring about our neighbors who are less fortunate. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated.

Order Your Special "Witness to the Light" Sweatshirt
Celebrate the season with our special Advent sweatshirts and quarter-zip apparel featuring this year's theme logo! Visit our Custom Ink storefront to browse, order, and pay online. Orders must be placed by Friday, November 6, to ensure delivery to the church before Advent begins.
CustomInk.com link: https://www.customink.com/g/qts0-00d3-x2sg
May we journey together toward the light with hope and grace!

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Join us for Worship
Sundays @ 10 AM

COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
10:00 AM Worship/Laity Sunday
11:00 AM Rake and Run
4:30 PM Roots and Wings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12:30 PM Ladies Video Study
5:30 PM Social Action
6:00 PM Heritage
6:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
10:30 AM ACSG
6:00 PM Naranon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
9:00 AM Quilters
1:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Author Night

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
HERALD DEADLINE
10:00 AM WW
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM WW
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
7:00 PM 3-5TH Grade Lock in

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:30/9 AM WW
9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:00 AM Executive Council
8:30 AM Deacon's Meeting
8:45 AM Prayer Chain Meeting
10:00 AM Worship/Consecration Sunday