

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Setting: Dietrich Buxtehude

Greeting and Welcome

Creation Care Steps Levi Ezra (recording)

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

In the beginning, God imagined light, color, sound, and form—and called it good.

We come to praise the Artist of creation, whose imagination dances through us still.

The Spirit who inspired Bezalel and Oholiab breathes upon poets, painters, and prophets today.

We bring our gifts of word and movement, of music and making, of care and compassion.

Come, Spirit of the Artisans—shape us as living works of grace.

All: Let our worship be the art of love, offered to the glory of God.

+Hymn *Morning Has Broken* UMH #145

Unison Prayer

Creative Spirit,
you breathe beauty into being and call forth art from our hands and hearts. Thank you for all who shape, sing, write, build, and dream. Forgive us when we fail to see your artistry in ourselves and in others. Renew us, that our lives may reflect your divine imagination. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem *Ready, My Lord*
Jonathan Lewis

Call to Prayer
Singing Bowl

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Genesis 1:1-5
Exodus 35:30-35
Ephesians 2:10

+Hymn *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*
UMH #122

Message The Spirit of the Artisans

THANKSGIVING

Generosity Campaign Tim Goodwin

Offertory Music

Offertory Liturgy
From the first artisan to each of us today,
God delights in gifts offered from the heart. Our offerings—of money, melody, and mercy—become part of God's ongoing creation.

In gratitude for the Spirit's inspiration, we join the divine artistry of grace.

All: May the beauty of God's love take form among us and through us.

+Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
UMH #147

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Blessing

Go forth as God's artisans—
crafting beauty, justice, and joy in all you do.
The Creator's Spirit breathes through you;
Christ's love shapes your living; and the divine
imagination shines in you. Go in peace, to
create with God. Amen.

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Setting: Johann Pachelbel

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Tracy Goodwin, Reader
Joanne Rodland, Organist & Piano
Deborah Rae Miller, Choir Director

Creation Care Step - Week of October 26:

Support effective climate action by backing scientifically-sound, non-partisan groups like the Citizens' Climate Lobby or Fresh Energy. Use resources like Charity Navigator to assess organizations, recognizing that policy changes are necessary since individual actions address only a fraction of the overall problem.

If you are new here . . .

- ✧ We are so glad you joined us!
- ✧ **If you would benefit from a large print bulletin or a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.**
- ✧ +Please stand as able when you see this symbol as we move through the order of worship.
- ✧ Words for congregational liturgy and song are listed in the bulletin or projected on the screen at the front of the sanctuary. Most hymns can be found in the hardcover *United Methodist Hymnal* (2-3 digit) or soft cover *The Faith We Sing* (4 digit) located in the pews. We also have Bibles for following along with Scripture.
- ✧ Check our website for more information.

For Parents

- ✧ Want to learn more about NUMC's ministry with children, youth, and families? Join our email list! info@northfieldumc.org
- ✧ Staffed nursery available for children during worship.

Northfield United Methodist Church Mission

We are companions in Christ, called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, devotion, compassion, and justice.

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor &
Interim Children's Ministry
Kristen Twitchell, Interim Youth Director
Ruth Kruse, Parish Nurse
For more information visit our website at
www.northfieldumc.org.
Miss a week?
Watch our worship service online
on our website!

*Jesus Christ calls us to offer welcome,
hospitality and God's gracious love to all.*

Upcoming Events

Sundays

9:30 am – Worship
9:40 am – Children's Church
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – Adult Forum

Wednesdays

3:30 – 5:30 pm, (K-5th Grade) Fun, Faith & Food
Snack
5:30-6:15 pm – Community Meal
6:15 pm – Adult Choir
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
6:30 pm – Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 26, 1:30-2:30,
NUMC parking lot

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, October 28, 9:00
am, room #120

Mission Sewing, Wednesday, October 29, 9:00 am,
room #120

Pumpkin Carving, Wednesday, October 29, 6:00
pm, Fellowship Hall (bring your own pumpkin)

Men's Breakfast, Friday, October 31, 8:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

River Bluffs Cluster Charge Conference, Sunday,
November 9, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Formation – 10:30 Reception Room

Spirituality of the Arts, Facilitator: Tim Goodwin

10/26 – Spirituality of Writing – Paul Kluge and Tim
Goodwin

11/2 – Spirituality of Church Musicians – Richard
Collman and Joanne Rodland



October 26, 2025 9:30 am

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