

Clear Vision, Generous Hearts



Oct 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

11 AM

Worship Booklet



Our Mission

*We exist to reach,
nourish, and serve the
community so all may
experience healing and
new life through
Jesus Christ.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Matt Sergent Deb Crawford
* Worship Through Song	<i>"Great Are You Lord"</i> <i>"Broken Vessels"</i>	Praise Band
Children's Message		Kristi Swanson
* Song of Preparation	<i>"Better Than a Hallelujah"</i>	Praise Band
Scripture Readings	2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NRSV)	
Message	"Generous Hearts: Following Christ's Example"	Rev. Matt Sergent
Prayer Time		
Confession, Pardon & Peace		
Generous God, you call us to sow bountifully, to give freely, and to trust that you will provide all that we need. Yet we confess that too often we give sparingly—out of fear, habit, or reluctance. We hold tightly to what we have instead of opening our hands in gratitude and trust. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that everything we have is a gift from you. Renew our hearts, that we may give not reluctantly or under compulsion, but cheerfully and with joy. Make us channels of your grace, sowing generosity and reaping thanksgiving to your glory.		
<i>Pastor:</i> Hear the good news: God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.		
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made generous by his grace.		
Thanks be to God! Amen.		
The Great Thanksgiving		
Offering Invitation		
<i>Please place your Connect Card along with your tithes and offerings in the brass offering plates by the aisle at the front of the Sanctuary as you come forward for Communion. (or feel free to give electronically or via text).</i>		
Sharing the Bread & Cup	<i>"From the Inside Out"</i>	Praise Band
* Closing Song	<i>"Shout to the North"</i>	Praise Band
* Blessing		Rev. Matt Sergent
* Sending Music		Praise Band

*** Please stand as you are able.**

WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! May you experience God's blessing upon you. If this is your first time visiting, please visit the Welcome Desk on your way out for a gift bag with a homemade loaf of bread and more complete church information. We invite you to take a look at this week's announcements and feel free to participate in any activities that interest you. If you would like to take part in any activities, please indicate it on the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate, or if you're joining us virtually, please complete the online registration on our website, StThomasUMC.org/livestream.

Check out our website for more information about:

- Children
Youth
Small Groups
- Choirs & Music Groups
Sunbeam Children's Center
Local Missions & Food Pantry
TND - Kitchen Ministry

Hearing Impaired

Devices are available with earphones connected to our sound system to help amplify the service. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer concerns and praises by completing the Connect Card and placing it in the offering plate or online at StThomasUMC.org/prayer.

Altar Flowers Dedication

If you would like to dedicate, please visit our website and click Resources.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God!



CONNECT CARD

Welcome to St Thomas UMC!

Name: _____

Child(ren): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

_____ *Check if any contact info has changed.*

_____ 9 am Service	_____ 11 am Service
_____ 1st Time Guest	_____ Regular Guest
_____ Out of Town Visitor	_____ Member(s)

I would like to:

_____ Receive Offering Envelopes

_____ Help with Children's Church

Signup:

_____ Tuesday Night Dinner

_____ # for Dine In _____ # Curbside

_____ # Adult Meals

_____ # Kids Meals

_____ # Kids Meal as Adult Entrée

_____ # Gluten Free

_____ I/we will attend the OWLS Outing

_____ # Attending

CONNECT CARD

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ Children's Ministry
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Adult Ministry
- ☐ Older Adult Ministry
- ☐ Music Ministries
- ☐ Food Pantry Ministry
- ☐ Short Term Mission Opportunities
- ☐ Sunbeam Children's Center
- ☐ Hospitality & Kitchen Ministries
- ☐ Congregational Care Ministry
- ☐ Community Outreach & Events
- ☐ Communication Ministry
- ☐ Media / Technology Ministry
- ☐ Usher & Welcome Team

I am Interested In:

- ☐ Learning more about Baptism
- ☐ Learning more about STUMC
- ☐ Becoming a member of STUMC

I would like to:

- ☐ Receive ☐ or ☐ Unsubscribe
- to The following:**
- ☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Special Events E-Blasts
- ☐ Newsletter

I have the following prayer request:

I would like this request to be:

- ☐ Placed on Prayer Chain
- ☐ Placed in the Bulletin ☐ Private

I would like the Pastor to call ☐ or visit ☐ me.

Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Today | 1 pm

Join us on the lawn in front of the stained glass window.

All well behaved, vaccinated & leashed or crated animals are welcome.



TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER



Ground Beef & Yellow Rice Casserole
Green Beans
Chocolate Cherry Cake
Kids: Chicken Nuggets

OCT 21 MENU

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sun, Oct 26 | 4 - 6 pm

Food, Music, Bounce House & More!

See the Signup Board in the Narthex or visit our website



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clear Vision, Generous Hearts 2025 Stewardship Campaign

This year, our stewardship theme invites us to see with *clear vision* and respond with *generous hearts*. When we focus our eyes on Christ, we see where God is leading—and we follow with gratitude, hope, and joy. The ministry of St. Thomas continues to thrive because of your faith, prayers, and generosity. Each gift of time, service, and resources helps us live out God's vision for our church and community. As you pray about your commitment for the coming year, we invite you to join us in this campaign prayer: *Gracious God, you are the giver of every good gift. Open our eyes to see your vision for our church. Open our hearts to give with joy and generosity. Guide us to be faithful stewards of all you entrust to us, so that Christ's love may shine through our lives and this congregation can be a blessing to furthering your kingdom in our community and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Be sure to join us for Commitment / Celebration Sunday on Sun, Oct 26.

Blessing of the Animals Service: Join us **today at 1 pm** on the lawn in front of the stained glass window. All well behaved, vaccinated, leashed or crated animals are welcome.

Tween Halloween Party: 3-5th Graders join us **today from 5 - 6:30 pm** for a Halloween party and dinner with the PACK. Signup on the Events page of the website.

Police Officer Pilot Program Survey: The Church has conducted a Police Officer pilot program. The pilot involved having a Police Officer at the

Church on Sunday mornings to protect our Church family and provide an immediate response to any active shooter, violent threat or other emergency. **Hard copies of the survey are available at the welcome desk. The survey closes on Mon, Oct 20.** If you did not receive a link to the online version and would like one please reach out to Samantha Bouquet at samantha.bouquet@stthomasumc.org.

Tuesday Night Dinner: Dine-In is 5-5:45 pm, Curbside pickup is 5:30-6 pm. Cost is \$7 per person, (\$25/ family of 4, \$5/additional family member above 4) Kid's meals are \$4 per person. Kid's entrées as adult meals are \$7 per person. Please sign up by visiting the church website or by calling the church office and leaving a message by noon Monday.

Oct OWLS Outing: Our next OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Seniors) outing is **Fri, Oct 24 at 1 pm** at Great American Buffet, 8365 Sudley Rd, Manassas. Please RSVP via Connect Card or by contacting Marian Ludlow or Lynn Furlong by Tue, Oct 21. OWLS is open to everyone 55+.

Trunk or Treat: Join us **Sun, Oct 26 from 4-6 pm** for our Hawaiian themed community-wide Trunk or Treat! We'll have food, fun, games, prizes, movies, cake walk, and of course CANDY! Visit the Events page of the website to signup to host a trunk or see how else you can help. Please leave candy donations in the bin the Narthex.

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Veteran's Day Dinner: Veterans & active military, you and your family are invited for a meal in your honor hosted by our Tweens and Youth on **Sun, Nov 9 from 5-7 pm.** You are welcome but not required to share your experience. RSVP on the Events page of the website.

Angel Shop Donations Needed: We are still in need of more toys for the December Angel Shop. Dolls, trucks, dinosaurs, games, puzzles, arts and crafts etc. Please no stuffed animals. Each child will receive 2 toys and this may be the only thing they get for Christmas. The toy box is located in the Narthex next to the coat room. Thank you for those who have already participated and to those who will.

White House Ornaments: White House Ornaments are now on sale in the church office. Cost is \$25. Proceeds support United Women in Faith sponsored missions.

Food Pantry Updates: Jon Weed (jon.weed@stthomasumc.org) and Janie Russell (ptjanie1@gmail.com) have taken over managing the Food Pantry. if you would like more information on how to volunteer with this important church ministry, contact them or check out volunteer opportunities on the website under the SERVE tab and choose your task and time to serve.

Supplies we need:

Plastic grocery bags, and cooking oil.

Current volunteer needs include:

- Another team of two people to deliver to seniors on Thursday afternoon
- Running the computer on Saturday morning during distribution (training available!)
- Assisting during Saturday distribution
- Assisting with sorting food from deliveries on weekday mornings
- Fund raising (applying for Grants or finding ways to increase donations)
- Assisting with volunteer coordination.
- Substitute drivers for pickups

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon, Oct 20 - Sun, Oct 26

Activities marked with an (*) occur in Hybrid Format.
If you do not have the access code for ZOOM, please call the church office.

Mon, Oct 20

10:00 AM UWF Executive Meeting

Tues, Oct 21

8:30 AM Arise & Pray Group
5:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner | Dine-In
5:30 PM Tuesday Night Dinner | Curbside
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:40 PM Handbell Rehearsal
8:30 PM AA Meeting

Wed, Oct 22

10:00 AM Quilts for Kids
7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal

Thu, Oct 23

7:00 PM Church Council *

Fri, Oct 24

1:00 PM OWLS Outing - Great American Buffet

Sat, Oct 25

8:00 AM Men's Group *
9:00 AM Food Pantry | Clothing Closet

Sun, Oct 26

8:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School class
10:00 AM Adult Sunday School classes
10:00 AM King's Kids Sunday School
10:00 AM Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
11:15 AM Children's Church
4:00 PM Trunk or Treat

PRAYER CHAIN

We invite you to pray for those in our church family who requested prayer for illness or other needs. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please indicate so on your Facebook registration.

Donna R. Alexander
Martha & Jeff Barlow
Debbie Bowers
Amelia Boyton
Allison & baby Bruton
Carill-Vanover Family
Jan Chambers
Karen Cole
Danielle Davy
Richard Himes
Khalil Family
Lora Ometz's loved ones
Aaron Priest
Marcine Roland
John Rosko
Michael Sheetz
Wayne Smallwood

Nursing Home Residents

Liz Fontaine | Regency Care
1785 S. Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202

Livestream Worship

To listen to or download today's worship service or previous worship services, visit StThomasUMC.org/resources/livestream-worship.html or on the church's Facebook page or on YouTube (search St Thomas UMC Manassas).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Adult Sunday School beginning next Sunday:

- **9:30 am | The Jesus that Paul Knew**
Led by Paula Renfro
- **10 am | Joshua**
Led by Pat Dodson
- **10 am | Hebrews ***
Led by Earl Amstutz



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THE PACK
ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PACK YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Student Ministry, 6—12th Grade

All youth are welcome to join the Adult Sunday School classes listed above.

Middle schoolers have the additional option of attending the King's Kids Sunday School class (see more info below).

If you are a high schooler and want to help out with King's Kids you can signup on your Connect Card.

Interested in a Youth Sunday School Class that's just for your age group? Let us know on your Connect Card!



KING'S KIDS
ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KING'S KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

***Age 3-5th Grade, Tweens (3rd-5th Grade),
Nursery (6 weeks-3 years)***

Sunday School is from 10-10:50 am in the Children's Worship Center. For more info, please contact the Children's Ministry Director, kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org

How Can I Give to Support Ministry?

All are invited to contribute their tithes and offerings in whatever way works best for them! Here's how:

- Mail a check to the church office, or place your offering in one of the offering plates when you come forward for Communion, or when you enter or exit the Sanctuary.
- Text 833-940-1381 and follow the prompts
- Give online by scanning the QR code or visiting stthomasumc.org

