
WELCOME TO
Commitment
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
BELIN MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Commitment Sunday ▪ November 8, 2026 ▪ 8:45 AM & 11 AM

Please note: the 8:45 AM service is livestreamed.

GATHERING Sellers

CENTERING "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"

"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, my God.
How lovely is Your dwelling place, is Your dwelling place, O God!"

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* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

* **GREETING** Malambri

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord; exult in our God
People: for he has clothed us with the garments of salvation;
Leader: he has covered us with the robe of righteousness,
People: as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Leader: For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
People: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

* **HYMN** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" No. 540

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Barber

"The Apostles' Creed"

* **GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 71

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COLLECT

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have brought us from the busyness of our week into the quiet of this moment. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHORAL CELEBRATION "This Train"

"O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. All aboard. This train is bound for glory, this train. This train is bound for glory, this train. This train is bound for glory, no one rides but the righteous and the holy, this train is bound for glory, this train. This train. This train done carried my mother, this train. This train done carried my mother, this train. This train done carried my mother, carried my father, sister and brother, this train is bound for glory, this train, this train, this train, this train. This train don't carry no gamblers, this train. This train don't carry no gamblers, this train. This train don't carry no gamblers, no hypocrites, no midnight ramblers, this train don't carry no gamblers, this train, this train. All aboard this train. This train don't carry no liars, this train. This train don't carry no liars, this train. This train don't carry ho liars, truth is the thing the Lord desires. This train don't carry no liars, this train. Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land. O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land. This train is bound for glory, this train. This train is bound for glory, this train, this train. This train is bound for glory, no one rides by the righteous and the holy. This train don't carry no gamblers, this train don't carry no liars, this train is bound for glory. This train is bound for glory, this train, this train, this train. All aboard!"

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EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN** "Seek Ye First" No. 405

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON "While Waiting" Malambri

OFFERTORY "As the Morning Sunlight Appears" Paxton

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord who does not wait idly for redemption and healing, but pursues us with goodness and mercy, guide us by your Spirit to pursue holiness, justice, and peace. Help us to grow in faith and devotion, walking humbly with you, and contributing our part that ripples of grace may enhance lives in your name. We give you thanks for the many ways that we are blessed by you to be a blessing for you. Amen.

* **HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" No. 369

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL**

PLEASE remain in place and join in singing.

"Lift High the Cross"

Lift high the cross,

the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

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* **POSTLUDE** "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" Traditional

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***Rise in body or spirit.**

MODERN WORSHIP

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	WELCOME		Stevens Poirel
	OPENING PRAYER		
*	**SONG**	"Rise Up"	
*	**PASSING OF THE PEACE**		
*	**SONG**	"Not in a Hurry"	
*	**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**	"The Apostles' Creed"	
	CELEBRATION OF GIFTS		
	SONG	"The Reckoning"	
*	**GOSPEL LESSON**	Matthew 25:1-13	
	MESSAGE	"Living in the Delay"	Stevens Poirel
	PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*	**SONG**	"Sometimes by Step"	
	BENEDICTION		

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, Sandra Stevens Poirel

Ministers: Belin Congregation | **Minister Emeritus:** Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Bill Barber, Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, George Howle, Jonathan Nettles, Connie Stinson

Announcements

The Sanctuary altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Ellen and Mike Keigher by Susan Keigher Ocker.

The Giving Star: November 8–December 6
Choose a star from either the Santuary or FLC narthex trees, shop for someone special, and help brighten a child's Christmas through Belin Memorial's annual giving ministry.

Rollie Hanna Breakfast: Wednesday, November 11 | 8:30 AM
Join us for a special Veterans Day program featuring Bill Barber, retired Navy senior chief and member of Belin Memorial's Pastoral Cabinet, as we reflect on the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

Women's Selah: Thursday, November 12 | 6:30 PM
Join us for a fun evening of fellowship as we prepare appetizers to freeze and enjoy throughout the holiday season! Bring a dish to share and enjoy time together.

Discover the Walk to Emmaus: Sunday, November 15 | 3 PM | FLC
Discover the Walk to Emmaus, a Christian renewal experience focused on faith, fellowship, and spiritual growth. All are welcome!

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group: Wednesday, November 18 | 11 AM
Connect with others who understand the challenges of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Join us for encouragement, helpful resources, and a supportive community.

Senior Bus Trip: Thursday, November 19 | 10 AM
Join us for a fun day of local thrift shopping and lunch! Discover hidden treasures, enjoy great company, and spend the day exploring together.

Epworth Kinship Care Dinner: Thursday, November 19 | 5 PM –7 PM
Help welcome local Kinship Care families! Adult and youth volunteers are needed to serve dinner.

- **November 9** 9 AM & 6 PM: Belin Book Club (FLC)
- **November 9** 9 AM: Oyster Shell Art Class (FLC)
- **November 9** 10 AM: Bridge (FLC)
- **November 9** 10 AM: Dancercise (FLC)
- **November 10** 9 AM: Sweetgrass Basket Weaving Class (FLC)
- **November 10** 9 AM: Yoga (FLC)
- **November 10** 10 AM: Mahjong (FLC)
- **November 11** 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC—Room 5)
- **November 11** 8:30 AM: Rollie Hanna Breakfast (FLC)
- **November 11** 9 AM: Belin Gardners
- **November 12** 9 AM: Brewing at Belin (FLC)
- **November 12** 11:15 AM: Beginners Pickleball (FLC)
- **November 12** 12:30 PM: Open Pickleball (FLC)
- **November 12** 6 PM: Women's Selah (FLC)
- **November 13** 9 AM: Yoga (FLC)

In Worship Together

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your weekly offerings
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Belin Memorial UMC Give Now

Worship Attendance 11.1.26

The Sanctuary: 1012
The Harbor: 458

Giving Week of 11.1.26

Envelopes/Checks	$26,876.81
Cash	$1,689.00
Online Giving	$12,165.88
Total	$40,731.69

Starting Point: Sunday, November 8 | 10 AM | FLC Room 13

New to Belin Memorial? We'd love to get to know you! Join us for Starting Point, a relaxed and welcoming gathering where you can meet our pastors, discover what makes Belin Memorial special, and explore ways to connect, grow in faith, and become part of our church family.

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