First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Order of Service

November 15, 2026 – New Members & Anniversary Sunday

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Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand in body or spirit

Candle lighting Music: "Aleluya yin Oluwa" Traditional Nigerian
Reverberations choir; Kevin Tran, piano

(sung in Yoruba & English)

Aleluya yin Oluwa.
Aleluya yin Oluwa.
O seun, O seun, O seun, O seun baba
Aleluya yin Oluwa.

Alleluia, praise the Lord.
Praises, high praises
now bring to the Lord.
Alleluia, praise the Lord.

Songs of joy sing to the Lord.
Dancing and singing
your praises to God.
Songs of joy sing to the Lord.

Beat the drums; sing out for the Lord.
Praises, high praises,
give thanks to the Lord.
Beat the drums; sing out for the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Opening Prayer with Land Acknowledgment Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** TLUS #138 "Let's Go Together" – verses 1 & 2 Mark A. Miller
with guitars: Roland Beach & Barrie Evans

Welcoming New Members: Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence,
Glenna Hall & Karin Symonds

Ifeoma Aguezeoma
William Akpevweoghene
Bernie & Tina Bax
Heather Clark
Peter Dekoker & Angela Shepard
Oni Funmilayo
Marsha Lemon
Pat Martin
Joanne Sutherland
Kingsley Wowo

Leader:	*Do you come willing to question and practice, to learn and be changed?*
New Members:	I do.
Leader:	*Do you commit to this community not because you have arrived, but because you are willing to keep traveling?*
New Members:	I do.
Leader:	Do you, inspired by the witness and work of Jesus, moved by the Holy Spirit, and embraced by God's love, promise to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?
New Members:	I do.
Congregation:	**In Christ, we receive you not as you will be, but as you are. We promise to grow alongside you. Welcome home.**

***Hymn:** TLUS #138 "Let's Go Together" – verse 3 (final refrain sung twice) Mark A. Miller
with guitars

Children leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Judges 4: 1-7 Emma Dickson
One: A Word of God for all people,
ALL: thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: "Chosen Family" Rina Sawayama,
Reverberations choir; Kevin Tran, piano arr. Simon Pearson

***Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Changing Worlds, Changing Lives"

***Hymn:** TLUS #57 "We Wait for God" OUR HOPE
with guitars

Prayers of the People:
One: God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

Prayer of Jesus: (unison)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Musical Offering: "Crowded Table" arr. Andrea Ramsey
Adult Choir; Margaret Trethewey, flute

Gratitude Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Blessing:
The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!

Sending Music: "Fugue in E Flat" ("St. Anne") J. S. Bach
Chris Fischer, organ

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Marilyn & David Beach and Lillian Reid
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Scott Agboola, Robin Neaves, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood
Coffee and Conversation: Board of Trustees
Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Barb Ridgewell

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

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