

# Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

November 1, 2026



## “A GREAT INHERITANCE” 1

This mandala (Sanskrit for “circle”) is designed as a stained-glass, depicting in traditional Christian symbolism, the first spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the center is the Jerusalem Cross – five Greek crosses – symbolizing Christ the Center, and the four Gospels launched into the four winds to the four corners of the earth.

At the top of the circle is the descending Holy Spirit giving power and inspiration to the ring of Christ's apostles (minus Judas), clockwise: John the beloved Disciple, Matthew the tax collector, Simon, James the Younger, Jude, Thomas (often called The Doubter), Philip, Andrew, Bartholomew, James the Elder, and Peter (also called Cephas).

The images in some of the circles symbolize professions of some of the apostles – fish for fisherman, tools for carpenters; in a few, the images symbolize the way the apostles are supposed to have died – a cross, a spear, a dagger, and a serpent. In Peter's circle, keys symbolize the “keys of the kingdom” conferred upon Peter by Jesus (Matthew 16:19). The shells symbolize baptizing; wheat and grains symbolize the 'sowing of the seed of the Word'.

A more careful reader of Scripture than I has shown me where there should be twelve apostles 'lights' in the window, this twelfth replacing Judas. Scripture says that two faithful men accompanying Jesus and the others were witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus; and so a lottery was cast to see which – Barsabbas or Matthias-- would be drawn. “The lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles” (Acts 1.26). So, counting the presence of the Holy Spirit among them at Pentecost, there should be thirteen 'lights'! Sorry. It gets like that, sometimes.

Bruce Sayre, October 24, 2025

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*Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus*

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| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Shall We Gather at the River</i> | arr. by Dale Wood   |
| Bringing Forth the Light                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                     |
| Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements)                                                                                                                          |                                     | Rev. Justin Ritter  |
| Prayer                                                                                                                                                                   |                                     |                     |
| *Procession of All Saints Banner                                                                                                                                         |                                     |                     |
| *Apostle's Creed                                                                                                                                                         |                                     | 881                 |
| *Remembering our Saints                                                                                                                                                  |                                     |                     |
| *Hymn of Praise                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Shall We Gather at the River</i> | see insert          |
| All Saints Remembrance                                                                                                                                                   |                                     |                     |
| Barbara Ochoa – 10/21/2026                                                                                                                                               |                                     |                     |
| All Saints Litany                                                                                                                                                        |                                     | see insert          |
| Hymn                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Hymn of Promise</i>              | 707                 |
| Offertory                                                                                                                                                                | <i>Softly and Tenderly</i>          | arr. by Cindy Berry |
| *Doxology                                                                                                                                                                |                                     | 95                  |
| <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;<br/>praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i> |                                     |                     |

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Rev. Justin Ritter

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**God of saints and sinners, we thank you that the communion table is a thin place in our lives. A place where heaven and earth collide as Christ calls us to feast with the saints. As we experience the retelling of the life, death, and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, through this Holy Sacrament, we confess that we also long to lay our grief and pain at your feet. May your gift of grace nourish our mourning souls, and prepare us to continue the ministry of the saints. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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**\*Benediction**

arr. by Cindy Berry

\*Congregation please stand, if able.

*The framed mandala on the All-Saints Table was drawn by Rev. Bruce Sayre. A writeup is in the bulletin.*

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of all our Saints. By Helen Hedden.*

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*If you are worshipping at LCUMC for the first time, we welcome you in the name of Christ! Please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so that Pastor Justin can send you a note.*

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey in Christ, you are welcome at LCUMC. You do not have to join in order to participate in worship, many areas of serving, and small groups. However, becoming a member of this body of Christ is an excellent way for you to fully live out your Christian commitment and deepen your faith. If you would like to become an official member of this community, Pastor Justin would love to have a conversation with you!*

*To reach a larger ministry audience, our service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube and recorded for posting on our website. Typically, the last 5 pews in the church are never "on camera" (near the street entrance).*

### **Prayer Concerns**

Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Betty Ambrose, Braelyn Hollensbe, Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehrens, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold), Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder), Joyce Hartsell, Ginger Roper(Davison's), Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Josh Howard(Lee), Ray(Linda Regnier), Michael (Linda Regnier's stepson), Randy and Gene(Elizabeth), Karen Garrett, Lynn Skelton and Family(Cindy), The Richardson family, Kris Ellenburg, Clara Wilks and Family, Meredith Dornenburg(Holly), The Bell Family, Mary Todd(Glenns), The Ochoa Family.

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Guest Pianist: Wesley Ramey  
Children's Director: Deanna Phiher  
Counter: Linda Middleton  
Greeters: Skip and Evelyn Davison  
Children's Church: Suzi Harmon and Sharon Match  
Acolyte: Lynn Kelley

### **Meeting Reminders:**

11/1 All Saints Sunday  
11/2 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.  
11/4 5:30pm Children/youth - dinner is provided.  
11/5 10:00am Luke in the Land meets in the library.  
11/11 12:00pm Senior Lunch - bring several dishes to share.  
11/15 11:30am Outreach Greeting Cards on sale in the fellowship hall. Final sale of the year.  
**4:00pm Charge Conference at Clemson UMC. Leadership Council members are encouraged to attend.**  
**All church members are invited to attend but will not have voting privileges.**  
11/19 10:00am Luke in the Land meets in the library.  
11/23 10:00am Decorate the sanctuary for advent. All are welcome to come help!

| Finance Summary,<br>September 2026     | Month       | Year to Date       | Budget               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Giving</b>                          | \$19,894.26 | \$183,023.37       | Monthly- \$22,248.00 |
| <b>Expenses</b>                        | \$19,765.08 | \$182,985.50       | YTD- \$200,232.00    |
| <b>Variance Expenses<br/>to Giving</b> | \$129.18    | \$37.87            |                      |
| <b>Capital Campaign</b>                |             | <b>\$55,525.89</b> | <b>\$100,000.00</b>  |

Website: [lawrencechapel.church](http://lawrencechapel.church) Email: [lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com)

**Nursery and Restroom facilities are in the Education Building across from the sanctuary.**

Church WiFi ID – LCMGuest Password – PeaceBeWithYou!

Phone 864-653-4461, Mailing Address LCUMC PO Box 117, Central, SC 29630

## THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."

\*\**universal*

## All Saints Sunday Litany

Ever living God,  
this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more.  
What happiness we shared when they walked among us.  
What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

**Their memory is a blessing for ever.**

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.

Our hearts yearn for them.

Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides;  
for the place where once they stood is empty now.

The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.**

We see them now with the eye of memory,  
their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.

So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.

We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**Their memory is a blessing for ever.**

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community.

To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.

May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

**Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.**

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.

As a great crowd of witnesses,

they surround us with their blessings,

and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**They are alive for ever more. Amen.**

## Shall We Gather At The River

### Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river  
Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God

### Chorus

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God

### Verse 2

On the margin of the river  
Washing up its silver spray  
We will talk and worship ever  
All the happy golden day

### Verse 3

Ere we reach the shining river  
Lay we ev'ry burden down  
Grace our spirits will deliver  
And provide a robe and crown

### Verse 4

Soon we'll reach the shining river  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace

Robert Lowry

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## Hymn Of Promise

### Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower  
In the seed an apple tree  
In cocoons a hidden promise  
Butterflies will soon be free  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see

### Verse 2

There's a song in every silence  
Seeking word and melody  
There's a dawn in every darkness  
Bringing hope to you and me  
From the past will come the future  
What it holds a mystery  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see

### Verse 3

In our end is our beginning  
In our time infinity  
In our doubt there is believing  
In our life eternity  
In our death a resurrection  
At the last a victory  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see

Natalie Sleeth

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## For All The Saints (Sine Nomine)

### Verse 1

For all the saints  
Who from their labours rest  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed  
Thy name O Jesus  
Be forever blest  
Alleluia

### Verse 2

Thou wast their Rock  
Their Fortress and their Might  
Thou Lord their Captain  
In the well fought fight  
Thou in the darkness drear  
Their one true Light  
Alleluia

### Verse 4

O blest communion  
Fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle  
They in glory shine  
Yet all are one in Thee  
For all are Thine  
Alleluia

### Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds  
From ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl  
Streams in the countless host  
Singing to Father  
Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia

Lloyd Larson, Ralph Vaughan Williams, William Walsham How  
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