

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Pastor- Jeffery White

Interim Minister- Rhonda Tucker, CLM

Lay Leader-Christine "Chris" Mosig

Pianist- Melodi Huston

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28, 2026---SPRC meeting 6:30pm

October 1, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom-
"Unbreakable Courage—Strong Faith in an Age of anxiety, Chaos and
Exhaustion" by Max Lucado

October 2, 2026—WORLD SMILE DAY Free Drive-thru Coffee
7:30am-8:30am Epworth parking lot.

October 4, 2026—World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2026—Administrative Council meeting 6pm

October 8, 2026-- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom

October 8, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom-
"Unbreakable Courage—Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos and
Exhaustion" by Max Lucado

October 11, 2026--- Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 15, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom-
"Unbreakable Courage—Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos and
Exhaustion" by Max Lucado

October 18, 2026---Laity Sunday

October 22, 2026-- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom

October 22, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom-
"Unbreakable Courage—Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos and
Exhaustion" by Max Lucado

October 15, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom-
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Exhaustion" by Max Lucado

October 31, 2026--- Trunk or Treat 3pm-5pm



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH

September 27, 2026

Epworth United Methodist Church

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Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Presiding Bishop

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

***PRAISE HYMN**

Hymn No. 98 “To God Be the Glory” vv. 1, 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Hymn No. 400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Moses listened to the guidance of the Lord
rather than the quarreling of the people.

**We will set aside our grumbling and quarrels,
that we may hear the voice of God more clearly.**

The poetry of the psalmist invites us to “give ear”
to Divine teaching.

**We will incline our ears, and listen for ways
to share the presence of God.**

The letter to the Philippians encourages them and us
to have the same mind as Christ,
and to empty ourselves, that we might be filled.

**We will humble ourselves as Christ was humble,
opening our very lives to the ongoing call of God.**

UNISON PRAYER

Guiding God, you led our ancestors in faith through the wilderness as a
pillar of cloud by day and a fiery pillar by night. You quenched their
thirst and shared manna to satisfy their hunger. We often wish we could
see you now in such celestial wonders. Yet we know you are near.
We feel your Spirit presence, sustaining us along life’s journey. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE Let us share signs of encouragement, compassion,
consolation and love, as we pass the peace of Christ.

+JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” v.1

+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

TITHES AND OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn No. 95 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

2nd Lesson: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

3rd Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13**

4th Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

Lectionary Reading* Sermon Lesson *

HYMN OF PREPARATION,

Hymn No. 140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

SERMON Faith Gets A Workout

Minister Tucker

RESPONDING IN FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

***CLOSING HYMN**

Hymn No. 467 “Trust and Obey”

***BENEDICTION**

Go into your lives, listening for the call of God.

Go into your communities with Christ-like humbleness.

Give ear to the whispers and shouts of the Holy Spirit.

Go in peace and stay in courage. Amen.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able

