Copies of the November/December edition of **The Upper Room** devotional are available today and in the office.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Kathleen Hoaglund
Our **Usher**: Lee MacDonell
Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson
Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Rachél Lather
Our **Altar Flowers**: Given by Louise and Polly Yarnall

This Week:

Tuesday, 11/10: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM
Wednesday, 11/11: **Veterans Day ~ Office Closed**
Friday, 11/13: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 11/16: PACT 10 AM
Wednesday, 11/18: Book Club 1:30 PM (*Kin* by Tayari Jones)
Sunday, 11/29: First Sunday of Advent

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Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button or scan this code using your smartphone.

You are invited to join our Prayer Team. The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, contact the church office.

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November 8, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship
Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer
Gracious God, you do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us. So you speak to us in parables, so we might pay careful attention to your words. You tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and theirs. Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, you make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need. On this day, we choose to serve you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn **#2193** **"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination
Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon "Keep Awake" Pastor Gabe

Hymn **#496** **"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, you seem absent when we struggle with suffering, but you are there with your strength. We forget you in the cares of everyday life, but you are there with us. We neglect to care for you in our sick and neglected brothers and sisters, but you want us to serve you in them. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us all our sins, and make us look for your presence. Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology **#94** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **#717** ***(v1,4,5)*** **"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

Benediction

Postlude

Matthew 25:1-13 NRSVue

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
young women took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps,
they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom
was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is
the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all
those young women got up and trimmed their
lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the
wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and
the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women
came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he
replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep
awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor
the hour.