

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILLETTE

September 13, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.
ALL: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
One: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.
ALL: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
One: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.
ALL: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
One: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.
ALL: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for delivering your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways, which must have been like an impossible dream coming true. Through these acts, you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world. We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became enfleshed in Jesus Christ. He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross. The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all. We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee UMH#89 vs1-3

Scripture Reading

Psalm 114

Sing the Children Forward: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
FWS 2193

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Message

Grace

Rev. Patricia Bell

Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace FWS #2171

Prayers of the People

Reflection Song

Forgiven

Crowder

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

Freely, Freely

UMH#389

Benediction

Building Communities in Love



Date:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Please mark all that apply

I have been looking for and have seen God at work this week._____

Today I spoke with someone I usually do not have a conversation with._____

I feel welcome here_____

I am a visitor_____

I am seeking a Church home_____

I give electronically_____

I would like more information on electronic giving_____

I would like a call/visit from the Pastor_____

Hymnals are available on the back tables. "UMH" denotes the hardbound United Methodist Hymnal.

"FWS" denotes the thinner, soft covered Faith We Sing song books. "W&S" denotes the green, soft cover Worship and Song books.

We love kids at FUMC! Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

A changing table may be found in the bathroom near the east entrance.

We joyously welcome all who have come to worship

Conflict

9/6/2026

Giving

Offering this Week	\$ 4,013.00
Needed Each Week	\$ 4,096.95
Difference +/-	\$ (83.95)
Offering YTD	\$ 133,814.00
Budget This YTD	\$ 147,490.20
Difference +/-	\$ (13,676.20)

Expenditures

Budget This YTD	\$ 147,490.20
Expenditures YTD	\$ 149,750.39
Difference +/-	\$ (2,260.19)
Giving vs. Expenditures	\$ (15,936.39)
Council of Community Serv.	\$ 32.43

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Presence

Worship Services 8am and 9:15 am

Service

We strive to live out our Faith in service to our Church, our Community, and our World.

Witness

Show God's love to all we meet
Invite others to Church!

Gifts

09/13/2026

General.....\$5815.00

Thanks to you all for your continuing generosity. Your commitment to keep up with your giving is vital to the life of the church. If you need an offering envelope, they are located on the back tables Again, Thank You.

First United Methodist Church is...

Building a Christian community where followers of Jesus advance God's mission

for all creation by...

**reaching up to God,
reaching across to our neighbor,
and reaching out to the world.**

