

# Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church of Tandrum

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      9:30 AM    NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

PRELUDE      Ms. Susan Davis, pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor

INVOCATION      Rev. Bowers

GATHERING HYMN      *The Church in the Wildwood*      Cokesbury # 121

HYMN      *This Is The Day*      UM Hymnal # 657

THE APOSTLES' CREED      *—Traditional version*

**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.**

*\* Universal*

RESPONSIVE READING      *Psalms 78*      UM Hymnal # 799  
Mr. Mason Grigg, Reader

MORNING PRAYERS:      Rev. Bowers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY      The Ushers and Congregation

HYMN      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*      UM Hymnal # 454

SCRIPTURE READING      *Joshua 24: 1-3a (p 205)*      Rev. Bowers, Reader  
*1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (p 193)*

GOSPEL READING      *Matthew 25: 1-13 (p 25)*      Rev. Bowers, Reader

SERMON      *Preparing for the Known Future*      Rev. Bowers

**A cordial welcome** is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

**The altar flowers** today are dedicated to the Glory of God and provided by Dr. Hugh Mathis in memory of his father, Raymond Mathis, whose birthday was November 12.

**Praying the Psalms Bible Study**, led by Rev. Mike Bowers, meets at Operation Hope in Landrum on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. The Bible Study is only for the month of November.

**Thanksgiving Coffee Cakes** are here! See Elaine Belk to pick up your order. Christmas orders will start next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and run through December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Let's Sing!** If you would like to be a part of an informal, casual and fun singing group please contact Susan Davis or Peter Howell.

Attention *keyholders*! There will soon be an **Alarm System** installed in the church. All keyholders will need to see Rich Peto to obtain an alarm code.

Both the **Church Directory** and **Newsletter** (2<sup>nd</sup> issue) will be ready January 2018. Please see Marvin Beach if you need to have your picture taken or would like to update your picture for the directory. If you have information for the Newsletter, contact the Church Administrator, Susan Davis,

Did you know you can access the scripture *and* sermon topic before Sunday? Visit our **website**: <http://jacksonsgrove.org/> and "like" us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JacksonsGroveUMC/>.

***Got an idea? Need a suggestion? Want to get involved? Just want to talk? Facing a challenge? The person below is eager to listen!***

Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor,

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**Therefore** *keep watch, because you do not*

*know the day or the hour.*



Matthew 25:13