Today's Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:7–10, 14, 16–18

7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but
we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this
great treasure. This makes it clear that our great
power is from God, not from ourselves.
8 We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we
are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven
to despair.
9 We are hunted down, but never abandoned by
God. We get knocked down, but we are not
destroyed.
10 Through suffering, our bodies continue to share
in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may
also be seen in our bodies.
14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus,
will also raise us with Jesus and present us to
himself together with you.
16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies
are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.
17 For our present troubles are small and won't last
very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly
outweighs them and will last forever!
18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now;
rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be
seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone,
but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Kids & Youth

The Nursery
Infants - 3yrs.Old 9:30am and 11:00am

Roots Kids Ministry
Preschool - 4th grade
meet in Centrum at 11:00am

Quest Sunday School

5th grade and above
meet in Centrum at 11:00am

Sign up for Remind:
Youth Group 6th thru 12th
text @ygsumctumc to 81010

Director of Family Ministry
Lisa Wackler
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kidsminlisa@gmail.com

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 1st, 2026

SAINTS
OF THE CHURCH

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Shawnee UMC is on a spiritual journey to connect people with God and one another, equip disciples to do the Lord's work in the world, and restore our community, one heart, one home, and one neighborhood at a time, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Values

Community, Inclusion, Respect, Compassion, Service

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Traditional Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Call: We gather today in the presence of God, who was and is and is to come.

Response: We come surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those who kept the faith, finished the race, and now rest in God's peace.

Call: We give thanks for the saints who showed us the way: prophets who spoke truth, teachers who opened Scripture, friends who prayed, and loved ones who lived the gospel before us.

Response: Their witness reminds us that the church is not bound by time or place. In Christ, death does not divide us but unites us in one body.

Call: So let us lift our hearts in praise to the Lord of every generation, whose grace was sufficient for them and is sufficient for us.

Response: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation, forever and ever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, You are always at work, shaping ordinary lives into faithful witnesses of your grace. As we worship you today, continue your work within us. Refine our hearts. Deepen our love for you. Strengthen our faith. Make us more like Christ, so that our lives may bear witness to the hope we have in him. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Hymn of Promise Hymn 707*

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Blessed Are You*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 4:7–10, 14, 16–18 (NLT)
The Word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God****.*

SERMON: One Simple Act of Love ~ Pastor Eva Marie Wolfe

OFFERING ✦ **DOXOLOGY Hymn 95**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Gracious God, all that we have comes from your generous hand. Receive these gifts, and receive us as well. Continue your work within us, that our lives may become faithful offerings of love, bearing witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Use these gifts to meet the needs of your people and to share your grace with the world. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG *It Is Well With My Soul Hymn 377, vv, 1-2*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN: *Because He Lives Hymn 364*

BENEDICTION *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.* ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

CALL TO ACTION

As you pour your first beverage of the day, pray,
"Lord, may my life become one simple act of love."
Let that prayer shape your day.

Contemporary Worship

OPENING WORSHIP AND PRAISE

New Name Written Down In Glory

WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

CONTINUED WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Trust In God

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TIME OF REFLECTION

Ain't No Grave

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

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That's Enough

CLOSING SONG

Graves Into Gardens

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Breaking the Bread and Lifting the Cup

Invitation to Communion

Giving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion
God has fed us on grace,
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