

The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church

Week beginning Sunday, September 27, 2026

Lections

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

1 John 4:9-12

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Ephesians 4:11-16

[Christ] himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reflections

Questions based on the weekly lections and theme for further thinking and reflection.

God's love is revealed in Jesus Christ. How have you experienced the love of God found in Jesus Christ?

Have you ever experienced the love of God through the love of others?

Paul writes that "we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). How are you growing into Christ? How are you growing, sharing, exemplifying the love of God found in Jesus Christ?

Faithful, healthy disciples of Jesus promote the body's growth in building itself up in love (cf. Ephesians 4:16). What does this look like? In what ways are you promoting the growth and health of the body?

Sunday Worship

10am

Join in-person in the sanctuary, via Google Meet, livestream or watch archived on YouTube. Joining information and past worship services can be found at franklinumc.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come as learners

students of the Way.

We come as followers

toddling after Christ.

We come to this place

to grow in Christ.

SONG

"The Risen Christ"

No. 3179, *Worship & Song* (2011)

PRAYER

This time of prayer is closed with "The Lord's Prayer" which is No. 895 in *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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.

READ

see "Lections"

REFLECT

with Pastor Jacob

SONG

"He Lives"

No. 310, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GIVE

DOXOLOGY No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER

SONG

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 159, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

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Franklin UMC Announcement

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Michael Backman. The next meeting is Monday, October 12th, at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda Z's home. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

SENIOR CENTER EXPO

The Franklin UMC will be participating in the Senior Center Expo on Friday, October 2, from 10a-1p. We will be handing out information about the Community @FranklinUMC. If you would like to help staff the booth, please reach out to Pastor Jacob.

SAVE THE DATE

October 2	Senior Center Expo @Franklin Senior Center
October 18	Blessing of renovated education space
October 24	Trunk or Treat
November 9	Annual Church/Charge Conference
November 22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @Franklin Federated Church

Onsite Wi-Fi Access

SSID	FranklinUMC GUEST
PW	URwelcome

Give Now



Grow in Christ @franklinUMC

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY SERIES

Growing in Christ is a lifelong journey shaped by God's love and lived out in community. Disciples are formed as they encounter Christ in one another, learn His way, practice His teachings, and allow His Spirit to shape their whole lives. This pathway describes how people experience that growth. Each stage (impress, engage, experiment, become) is a movement of grace, helping disciples take their next faithful step as they mature (grow) into the full stature of Christ and help others to do the same.

STAGE	DISCIPLE'S VOICE	SCRIPTURE	STRATEGY
IMPRESS	Show me who Christ is.	1 John 4:9-12	Let your life reveal the love of God found in Jesus Christ. Let people see Christ through your actions, your peace, your integrity, and your love.
ENGAGE	Invite me to learn more about Christ.	Ephesians 5:1-2	Invite others to learn about and live as disciples of Christ through Bible Study, accountability groups, and discipleship gatherings.
EXPERIMENT	I strive to be like Christ.	Galatians 5:22-25	Find and attend a study or group on a regular basis to learn and grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
BECOME	Christ shapes my life.	Ephesians 4:11-16	Allow the love of God found in Jesus Christ to shape and direct every part of life—developing stable spiritual rhythms, deepening theological understanding, embodying the fruit of the Spirit, and guiding others as they grow in Christ.

If you'd like to reflect more on this part of our discipleship pathway, go to franklinumc.org/discipleship/.