

ANDERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

“EL SHADDAI”

ANDERSON YOUTH CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

BRO. PAUL HARRION (8:00 A.M.) SIS. MADISON GIBSON (10:15 A.M.)

Leader: The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus?

People: The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Leader: Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.” How is God at work in us?

People: God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Leader: Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.” How do we work on our own salvation?

People: We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Leader: Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

All: We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG “WE’VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH”

OPENING PRAYER

BRO. PAUL HARRION (8:00 A.M.) SIS. MADISON GIBSON (10:15 A.M.)

Most wonderful God, the beauty we see in Jesus is your beauty veiled in human flesh The love we witness from Bethlehem to Golgotha is your love contracted to a span. If Christ’s life is so holy as to fill us with wonder, how much more would your unveiled beauty leave us overwhelmed and trembling? You are more than the eye could bear, more than the mind can ever fathom. Yet you have so carefully made us that although we cannot fathom you, we can yet love you. Gratefully, we bring our little lives to you, asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love, and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul’s desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

“I’M NOT TOO YOUNG”

ANDERSON YOUTH CHOIR

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

BRO. PAUL HARRION (8:00 A.M.) SIS. MADISON GIBSON (10:15 A.M.)

DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

BRO. PAUL HARRION (8:00 A.M.) SIS. MADISON GIBSON (10:15 A.M.)

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. **Amen.**

OFFERING

“HOSANNA”

ANDERSON YOUTH CHOIR

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 21: 23-32

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MUSIC MINISTRY

“I’M AVAILABLE TO YOU”

ANDERSON YOUTH CHOIR

SERMON

“THE AUTHORITY OF YIELDING”

REV. JOHN ALLEN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. JOHN ALLEN

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

REV. JOHN ALLEN

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

will be held on Tuesdays, September 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the conference room.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

“How The Truth Can Affect People In Different Ways” Matthew 21: 33 - 46 Please wear your cultural attire.

JOIN US AS WE RECOGNIZE PASTORS’ APPRECIATION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Rev. Charlton Johnson will preach during the 8:00 a.m. worship experience.

Rev. Dr. Benetra Johnson, Pastor of Seven Springs Methodist Church,
will preach during the 10:15 a.m. worship experience.

“Celebrating the Shepherd, Honoring the Team, Advancing The Mission”

**AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY / IRON SHARPENS IRON
TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

will be held at Starkville First United Methodist Church in Starkville, Mississippi
on Friday, October 16th from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. for Clergy only
and Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for Clergy and Laity

- Friday only: \$20, includes lunch — Clergy only
- Saturday only: \$20, includes lunch — Clergy and Laity
- Both days: \$30, includes lunch both days — Clergy only

Register at www.mississippi-umc.org. Registration closes October 14, 2026.

LAITY SUNDAY: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

“Together By Grace: Be Grounded In Love” Ephesians 3:17

Our Laity speakers are: Sis. Tina Gustavis at 8:00 a.m. and Sis. Darla Palmer at 10:15 a.m.

PINK SUNDAY: SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

Anderson will recognize Breast Cancer month by wearing Pink.

Join the Anderson Cancer Care Ministry Team as they support the American Cancer Society Central Mississippi Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The Run/Walk is Saturday, October 24th at Liberty Park in Flowood, MS.

See members of the Cancer Care Ministry and stop by the Pink Table in the NarthEx, to sign-up or donate.

LEGACY GIVING

We want to introduce another important way that you can support Anderson’s ministry in the future. It is called legacy giving. Legacy giving is not only for people with great wealth. Legacy giving is simply intentional planning that allows your generosity to continue beyond your lifetime. It may include remembering Anderson in your will, naming the church as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy, or using other planned-giving options as part of your estate plan. Legacy giving is an opportunity to use the resources God has entrusted to us to continue advancing His Kingdom long after our earthly lives have ended. We are enjoying the ministry of Anderson today because generations before us prayed, served, sacrificed, built, and gave. Legacy giving gives us an opportunity to do the same for the generations that will follow us. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Cook, Senior Pastor

Rev. John Allen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Linda Williams, Associate Pastor