

Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**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.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2197 *Slane*
Lord of All Hopefulness
vs. 1 - 3

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach*
Toccata and Fugue in D minor

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in
honor of the Music Ministry and the Streaming Ministry,
by Daved Kinard.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, October 31

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / All Ages / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 103
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary & Live Online
4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat / 5th Avenue

Monday, November 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:30 a.m. UMW Circles Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Room 105
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, November 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC Gathering Room
8:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Wednesday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2nd Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / 2nd Floor Commons
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, November 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Room 105
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

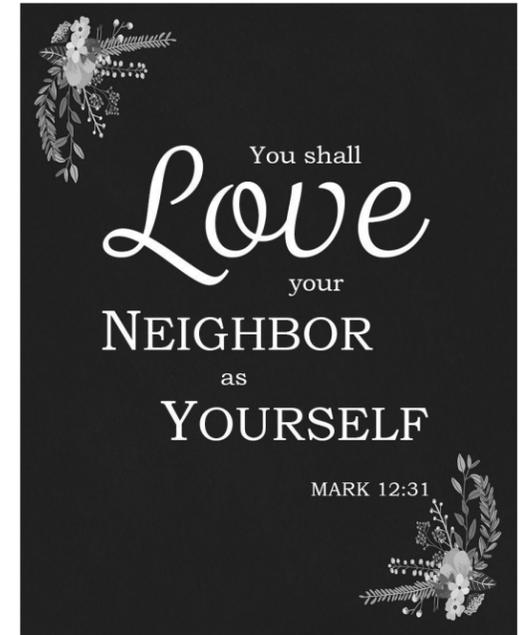
Friday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC Gathering Room
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

First United Methodist Church

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Adagio* (from **Sonata I**) Felix Mendelssohn

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE GREETING

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
vs. 1-3 & 7

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM (10:30)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
FUMC Quintet

C.H.H. Parry

THE FIRST LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they

went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge,
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"

¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 146

**Happy are they whose hope is in
The God whom Jacob knew;
Who made the heavens, earth, and sea,
Whose promises are true.**

**To those oppressed, the Lord our God
Gives justice constantly;
He feeds the hungry and all those
In prison he sets free.**

**The Lord lifts up all those bowed down
And gives the blind new sight;
The stranger, widow, fatherless,
He strengthens by his might.**

**God brings the wicked to their doom,
And he will reign always;
From age to age, O Zion, sing
To God unending praise.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
vs. 1

Message

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
vs. 3

Message

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. **Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

The Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM (10:30)

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.