

First Church at Worship

On All Saints we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

In observance of All Saints Sunday, we wish to invite you to light a candle in memory of a loved one(s) you have lost this year or in years past. Votive candles are placed along the Chancel Rail for you to come and light prior to the beginning of worship through the playing of the Jazz Voluntary as we remember the many saints in our lives.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

O God, our merciful redeemer, **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In you great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the name of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake, God forgives all our sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

* THE GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

* JAZZ VOLUNTARY

FUMC Festival Brass

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 711

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:-6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mr. Josh

Children ages three through first grade may go to Children's Church in room 123. Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON

A Word of Life

Rev. Kyle Randle

NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD

The names of the members of First Church who have died within the past year will be solemnly read with a moment of silence for each. As names are read, a representative of the family is invited to come forward to light a candle in their memory.

Bobbie Jean Davis

Shirley Singleton Hardwick

Amy Lovell Timbes Jenkins

Irby Lee Koon

Lois Elizabeth Sechriest

Carole Lynn Gatlin Stevens

Nancy Gochenour Stiltner

Lois Watts Harper Vaught

Paul Steven Grimm

ANTHEM

Souls of the Righteous
Men of the Choir

John Waters

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS

O God of both the living and the dead,

we praise your holy name for all your servants who have finished their course in faith, especially those we have named here today.

We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be partakers with them of the inheritance of the saints of light; through the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

FUMC Festival Brass

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

No. 13

*Taking the Bread and Cup

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to Backpacks for Haiti, which serves the local needs of the community.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

Here Is Bread
Wesley Treble Choir

Graham Kendrick

Bright Canaan

Shaw/Parker

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 702

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Hymn to Joy

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUMC Festival Brass

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the saints who have entered the Church Triumphant.

We Welcome FUMC Festival Brass to our worship this morning:
Michael Elliott, *trumpet*; Conrad Kenner, *trumpet*;
Nick Lewis *trombone*; Neil Abercrombie, *tuba*; and John Case, *timpani*

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

Prayer Concerns:

Ronny Thompkins, Jimmy Jones, Karlene Rudolph, Janet Von Deck, Suzanne Owens, George Jenkins, Betty Folks, Catherine Causey, Sylvia Avant, Rebecca Howell, Julia Land, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

Friday through Sunday

November 9th - 11th

UMYF and Bridge Ministries are on retreat to Asbury Hills.
Please keep them in your prayers.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Brass Rehearsal / Sanctuary
- 9:10 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. High School MYF / Family Life Center (FLC)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School MYF / FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Bridge Group / FLC

Monday, November 5

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, November 6

- 10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Senior Room
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
- 11:00 p.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC Gathering Room
- 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC 102
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC 104
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC 102
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC 101

Wednesday, November 7

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Room 123
- 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
- 4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
- 5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
- 5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Room 205
- 6:15 p.m. Ladies BSF Study / Room 216
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Study / Room 218
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, November 8

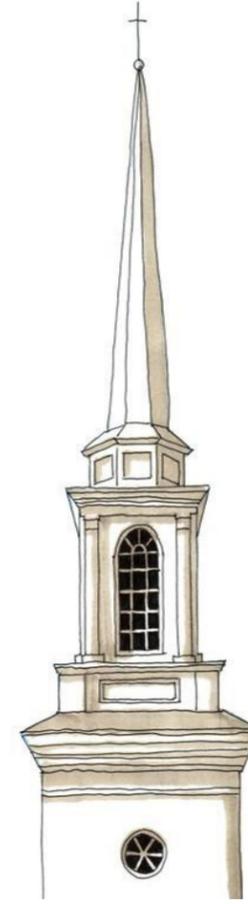
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 11:30 a.m. UMW World Thank Offering Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. CAP Meeting / FLC Room 101
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
- 7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Student Activities / Education Wing

Friday, November 9

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, November 10

- 9:30 a.m. Asbury Ringers Bell Camp / Room 211



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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 4, 2018
All Saints Sunday
10:30 a.m.

To us the ashes
Of our ancestors are sacred
and their resting place
is hallowed ground.

The DEAD

LIVE
All see the glory of God!