

PRAYER CONCERNS

Randy Boyer	Margaret King	Mary Neitzke	Kathi Parker
Rose Breeden	Nell Kirkpatrick	Ronnie Nicholson	Harriett Silvey
Tammye Green	Jacob Markus	Jim Page	Lucille Thompson
Alexis Greenstreet	Mary Meilcarek-Clark	Virginia Page	Kathy Winn

WORSHIP:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

ROUTINE FACILITY USAGE:

Tuesdays	Thursdays
5:30 pm Soccer Practice	7:30 pm N A
6:30 pm Cub Scouts	Saturdays
Wednesdays	6:00 -11:00 pm N A
7:30 pm N A	

BIBLE STUDY &

CHILDRENS MEETING

on hiatus

THIS WEEK at ST. B:

November 5: Office Closed for Election Day **HOWEVER** from 6p-8p, we will have a time of prayer and contemplation. There will be prayer stations set up around the sanctuary. You are invited to join in praying for our neighbors, praying for our state, and praying for our nation.

November 6: FUEL at 10:00 am; **AND ALSO** Ann's Closet from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

November 8: Night Circle Meeting at 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 12: Anne Doris Circle Meeting at 10:30 am

November 15: Family Game Night at 6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

November 10: We will discuss Conversation 11 in our "Upward!" study guide

November 24: A Soup and Sandwich Potluck and the traditional Hanging of the Greens will follow our worship service.

Handbell practice Sunday mornings during Sunday School 9:00 until 9:45 a.m.

Anyone with an interest in and would like to be apart of the **Chancel Choir**, please contact Margaret Fisher. We will begin practice for the Advent Season and our Christmas Cantata; days and times TBD.

Pastor Corrie is collecting **fabric scraps** to be used during Advent. No scrap is too big or too small, too plain or too colorful.

Upper Room: Pickup a copy, at either Sanctuary entrance, to guide your daily devotional.

Attendance: Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of your pew.



Growing disciples of Christ for the transformation of our community.

Paul W. Chilcote
Steve Harper

Upward!

Wesleyan Formation
in Three Movements

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All Are Welcome As We Gather To Worship
All Saints Day
November 3, 2024

PRELUDE *Faith Unlocks the Door* Margaret Fisher
 Words and music by Samuel T. Scott and Robert L. Sande

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE INTO OUR FAITH
 Liturgist, Doyle Clark

GREETING: Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

L: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

P: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

*HYMN *For All the Saints* UMH 711

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS Please See Insert

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* UMH 707

*THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (con't)

you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen."

The Wesley Covenant Prayer (Updated)

HYMN *Sing With All the Saints in Glory* UMH 702

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6A Doyle Clark
 Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON: Forming Mystic-Prophets for the World Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

OFFERTORY *When We All Get to Heaven* UMH 701

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Please See Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Please See Insert

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Please See Insert

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Please See Insert

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*HYMN *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above* UMH 709

*SENDING FORTH Please See Insert

*POSTLUDE *Rejoice in God's Saints* UMH 708

***Please stand as you're able in body or spirit**

Remembering the Saints

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smile. And now, beyond the veil that separates this world and the next, all we see is the glow of their Christ-light, flickering as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

Dorothy Burney

Gene Wyrick

Elmus Ezell

Ed Kelley

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their soul lives on in their Creator. Their Christ-light shines just as brightly as before, unbound by the physical limitations of their earthly bodies. They are now part of the glory that awaits beyond this life. Thanks be to God.

I invite you now to come forward and light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life.

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we entrust these souls to you. As you formed them from the earth, we have returned their bodies to the earth. And as you breathed your breath of life into them, their souls have returned to you, Source of All. Hold them close, and hold us close, too. Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory. In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

When we remember the saints, we do so with rose-colored glasses. We watch the highlight reels of their lives in our minds, leaving their missteps and mistakes on the cutting room floor. We want to hold on to the very best of them, but in doing so, we forget the complexities that made them human—that make us human. God wants every part of us, not just the highlight reel. So let us come before God with honesty and authenticity. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

L: Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

P: Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.

L: Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

P: Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.

L: Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human too.

P: Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

L: Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us and hold us secure in the promise of future glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

Invitation to the Table

The saints have gathered around this Table week after week for thousands of years because this simple meal of bread and wine brings us together as only our Holy Parent can, across space and time, one family of faith, existing in the eternity of God's grace. This meal is for you. Whether this is your first time or your thousandth, you are welcome at this Table because it is Christ himself who invites you. So come to the family meal. The saints are saving you a seat.

Sending Forth

Children of God, as you leave this place, know that you are not alone. You are surrounded by the company of the saints, held by the God who made you, and led by the Spirit who binds us all together. Now go forth to love and serve the risen Christ. Go in peace. Amen.