

All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"The Holy City" Stephen Adams/Paul Mickelson

**Call to Worship

Praise the God of love!

We rejoice in this abundant love!

Praise the God of hope!

We sing praise for this life-giving hope!

Praise the God of new beginnings!

We give thanks for this chance for new life.

**Opening Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" UMH #731

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of new beginnings, wipe away our tears, that we may come before your throne with hearts full of song and with souls on fire. Help us live as those who are prepared to die, yet know that life is everlasting by your grace through faith. May our worship this day express our hope in you. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "How Like a Gentle Spirit" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #115

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory

"That Will Be Glory For Me" Carol Stewart
Charles H. Gabriel

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"King, Prophet, Priest" Erika Stone, vocal solo & piano

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21: 1-6

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon

"The Home of God" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Remembering Our Saints

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" UMH #712

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"When We All Get to Heaven" Carol Stewart
Emily D. Wilson/Cindy Berry



The Altar Flowers are given in remembrance of all the Saints who have gone on to the kingdom of God.

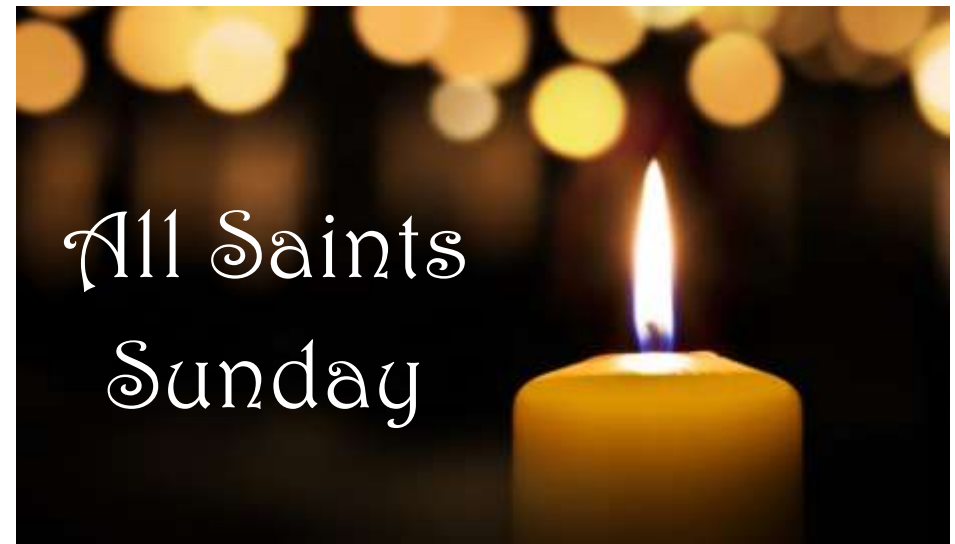
Scripture Reading – Revelation 21:1-6 (CEB)

New heaven and new earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring."

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 3, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spittler, Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeters	Gerald Mahan, Judy Mahan
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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Friday 8			
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"A Life of Sacrifice"
Gospel Lesson

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Mark 12: 38-44 (NIV)

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WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet **Monday, Nov. 18 at 1:00pm in the Parlor**. DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 1:00pm in FH 15A**.

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