



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
All Saints' Sunday
November 7, 2021
11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Howard Helvey

Mr. Justin Maxey
Mr. Rick Massengale

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 24:1-4

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

***HYMN 711 (Vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Dr. Martin and **People**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Let us pray together:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,**

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**we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Dr. Martin

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence and People

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Rev. Lawrence

¹Then 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 as their God; 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." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Saints Bound for Heaven
Mack Wilberg
Rick Massengale & Justin Maxey, piano

Chancel Choir

*Our bondage it shall end by and by, by and by.
Our bondage it shall end by and by.
From Egypt's yoke set free, Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return by and by, by and by.
And to Canaan we'll return by and by.*

*Our Deliv'rer He shall come by and by, by and by.
Our Deliv'rer He shall come by and by.
And our sorrows have an end, with our three-score years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day by and by, by and by.
And vast glory crown the day by and by.*

*And when to Jordan's floods we are come, we are come.
And when to Jordan's floods we are come.
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters He'll divide,
And the ransom'd host shall shout, "We are come," "We are come."
And the ransom'd host shall shout, "We are come."*

*Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice.
Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice.
Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice.
And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice.
Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice.
And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice.
We'll rejoice. We'll rejoice. We'll rejoice. We'll rejoice!*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

*Children are invited to return to seats.
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

***GOSPEL READING**

John 11:32-44

Rev. Lawrence

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."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heav'n___ and earth___ are full___ of your

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glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes___ in the

15
name___ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you—

***THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS**

Mr. Bill Webb
Lay Leader

Silence may be kept for the remembrance of names.

We remember with thanksgiving the saints of our church who this year passed
from the church on earth to the church triumphant.

Howard Taylor	October 30, 2020
Gary Williams	November 16, 2020
Norma Saunders	December 26, 2020
William (Bill) Grist	December 30, 2020
Quentin Cash	January 6, 2021
Howard Dunham	January 18, 2021
Rachel Colbert	January 30, 2021
Billy Arnold	February 1, 2021
Kathie Cochran	February 14, 2021
Carolyn Broady	February 17, 2021
Robbie Burton	February 18, 2021
Randy Baileys	February 24, 2021
John Littleton	March 31, 2021
Sarah Boulter	April 3, 2021
Louise Pearce	May 4, 2021
Jake Murphy	May 8, 2021
David McDuffie	May 27, 2021
Lurlene Perry	June 24, 2021
Faye Smith	July 30, 2021
Mary Alice Morris	July 4, 2021
Allen Shah	August 11, 2021
Ilene Watson	August 14, 2021
Thomas Roy “Buddy” Croft	October 25, 2021

and all the Saints gone before us who we now name in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other,
 and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the benevolence fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.

***HYMN 712**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
 May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
 May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
 May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Gloria from Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in C Major, Op. 115* Chancel Choir
Charles Villiers Stanford

POSTLUDE

Sine nomine
arr. Paul Leddington Wright

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

ABOUT COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, communion is a sacrament. It is sacred and set apart. A sacrament is a sign, a symbol, and a reminder. It reminds us of God's love. As a symbol, the wafer and the juice we use are things we can see and touch that remind us of something we cannot see and we cannot touch: the grace of God at work in all of our lives.

Today is All Saints Sunday. It is a day to celebrate with hope the life eternal of those who we have lost. May God grant them, and us, peace through this sacrament. We also have the opportunity to kneel at the altar this morning as we place our pledge cards in person or in spirit before God. As we celebrate communion, we do so as both receiving and expecting God's grace in our lives. This table is not a United Methodist table. This table does not belong to Fayetteville First. It is the Lord's table.

As you come, those serving will be dipping the wafer in the juice and handing you the elements. If you wish to have communion that isn't touched by the ministers, there are single serving elements located on the altar. In addition, there is a gluten-free option.

As you kneel at the altar this morning in body or in spirit, if you would like to leave a donation to our Benevolence Fund here at the church, you are invited to do so by placing your gift on the altar rail.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew	Richard Clayton	Chenelle Hernandez	Claudia Rhodes
Annelle Burch	Anne Free	Tangie Hubbard	Helen Voyles
Joe Byers	Margaret Grainger	Cindy Jennings	Mabel Wilbanks
Nancy Byers	Martha Hale	Doris Kerlin	Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Travis and Amanda Murphy and Andrew Jenkins upon the death of Amanda's father and Andrew's grandfather, Chuck Norman, on October 28.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the glory of God

and given by Anna Mayhew in memory of her mother, Marsha Minnick.



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