FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 1, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.
The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday



All Saints I, 1911 by Wassily Kandinsky

United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond

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Good morning and welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We are glad you are here! Today we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, remembering those members of our church family who have died in the past year, and all those we love but see no longer. We're also continuing our series, THRIVE, exploring five marks of congregations that are flourishing in God's grace. Today we turn to kinship: the gift of belonging to one another, in this church and beyond our walls. Our scripture is Psalm 133, a song pilgrims sang on the road to Jerusalem, reminding us that we never make the journey of faith alone, but walk it together, with one another and with all the saints.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE *Highland Cathedral* Michael Korb
Scott Cawley, bagpiper

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from the *Te Deum Laudamus* (4th century) Jennifer Martin

You are God: we praise you.
You are the Lord: we acclaim you.
The glorious company of apostles praise you;
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;
throughout all the world, the holy Church acclaims you.
With the saints we have loved and see no longer, and all who walk this pilgrim way today,
we join the endless song of heaven and earth: Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 711 *For All the Saints*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and ever-living God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship, and set our feet upon the pilgrim way. We confess that we have gone our own way, as though we had no need of you, or of one another. We have hidden our burdens and guarded our hearts, and forgotten that we do not travel alone, that your saints, seen and unseen, journey with us still. Forgive us, gracious God. By the power

of Christ's resurrection, gather us again into the company of your saints, that we may walk together in love, until we share with them the fullness of your blessing, even life forevermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 133

SERMON The Rev. George Ragsdale

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO PRAYER *To You, Oh Lord* Marty Haugen

To you, Oh Lord, I lift my soul;
To you, I lift my soul. (Repeat)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, we enter into prayer together with these words:

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***.

SUNG RESPONSE *Blest Are They*

Rejoice and be glad;
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad;
Yours is the kingdom of God

NAMING THE SAINTS

Mary Kaye Butler
James Paul Harris
Benjamin Lee Millspaw
Beulah Hux Mullinax
Benjamin Marshall Stowe, Jr.
Carol Ann Goodrum Tomlinson

This morning, we ring a chime after reading the name of each member who has joined the Church triumphant in the past year. As each name is spoken, family members and friends are invited to stand in remembrance.

SUNG RESPONSE *Blest Are They*

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your servants who having finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Give us grace, that as we are encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be partakers with them of the inheritance of the saints in light;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *No Night There* Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be no night there. No crying there.
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*ACT OF PRAISE *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia!

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Hymnal 17-18)

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal No. 895)

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EXTENDING THE TABLE

This morning, lay communion servers come forward to receive consecrated bread and juice from worship to share with homebound members who cannot be present today. We pray for them, remembering God's grace unites us as one within Christ's holy church. If you are aware of someone who would like to receive but cannot be present, speak with Pastor George after service.

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*HYMN No. 733 *Marching to Zion*

*BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL *Amazing Grace* John Newton

** Those who are able please stand.*

WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We're glad that you've chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to explore all the opportunities we have for children, youth, and adults of all ages. We seek to be a community of faith that welcomes all as we grow to be more like Jesus Christ for our community, loving and serving God and one another in all that we do.

If you are a guest, we are honored to have you with us. Please stop by the information center as you leave this morning to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We look forward to getting to know you in the days to come! Welcome!

Weekly Devotional Guides offer daily Scripture readings, reflections, and questions for contemplation and discussion. Each guide follows the theme and content of Sunday's sermon and includes a prayer for the week. Copies of the guides, along with transcripts of today's sermon, are available at the Information Center. You may also sign up to receive the guides by email, along with other church updates, at www.fumcbelmont.org/emails.

Today's Bulletin Cover features Wassily Kandinsky's *All Saints I* (1911). Born in Russia, Kandinsky gave up a career in law to study art at the age of thirty. He became one of the pioneers of abstract painting, convinced that color and form could speak directly to the soul the way music does. Here, saints and angels move in procession at the sound of heaven's trumpet. But they are only half-visible, melting into great washes of color, as if the boundaries between figures, between earth and sky, were beginning to give way. The whole canvas rings with a joyful gathering, every color reaching toward the others, the company of heaven and earth coming home together.

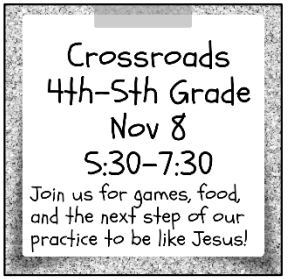
Praising God for the birth of Henry Aaron Tyson, born to Aaron and Carolyn on October 22. Siblings Olivia, Ivy, and Miles are all smitten with their new baby brother!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ways to Give at FUMC Belmont:

Online – visit fumcbelmont.org/online-giving.
By mail – Send your gift to the church address on the front of this bulletin.
In-person – drop your gift in the offering plate or the church office drop box.

GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN





GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday School – Join us for a timely discussion on faithful civic engagement.

TONIGHT, Sunday Night Youth, 5:30-7:30 – Join us tonight for Game Night. Bring a card or board game to share. We will play Grog after dinner. Get ready for some fun!



Sunday, November 8, Sunday Night Youth-5:30-7:30 – Join us next week as we discuss our sermon series "Thrive." We will discuss why we are better together as we study the Bible in small groups. Don't forget to share your "Thrive" photos with Quanna, too.

Youth Christmas Party, November 29, 12:00-4:30 – Join us for lunch at Culver's and ice skating at the Whitewater Center. Signup through Quanna's email or through our church website.

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Sunday School options can be found at fumcbelmont.org/join-us/adults/sunday-school-adult





WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Game Night

Monday, November 2
- 6:30 p.m. Service & Missions Meeting

Tuesday, November 3
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group: The Shape of Living
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Care Min Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group: Disciple

Wednesday, November 4
- 6:30 p.m. Service of Unity and Peace

Thursday, November 5
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group: The Shape of Living
- 7:00 p.m. Square 2 Get-Together

Friday, November 6
- 6:30 a.m. First Friday Men's Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. Hood Memorial Port-A-Pit Fundraiser

Saturday, November 7

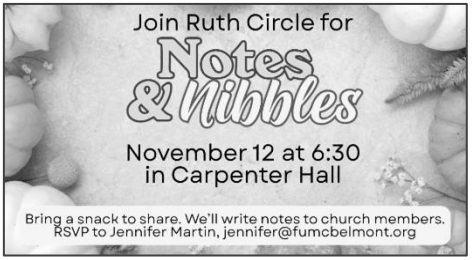
Sunday, November 8
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Pastries with the Pastor
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Crossroads
- 5:30 p.m. Youth: Thrive

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mark Moore's 84-year-old cousin
Lee Allen (Director of S.O.C.K.S. and Preston Taylor's friend)
Ginger Feimster
Murphy Clark and family
For the Zoe communities in Rwanda, especially Jean Baptiste (19) head of household, and siblings Jacqueline (12), Jeannette (9), Jean de Dieu (3)

Submit prayer requests to:
prayers@fumcbelmont.org.
Prayers remain on this list for 4 weeks.
For continued prayers, please submit a new request.





CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 9, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we give thanks for the last year, while committing to another year of being Jesus Christ for our community and beyond. We will also elect leaders and approve the 2027 budget.

All church leaders are encouraged to attend.
All church members are eligible to vote.





Christmas Poinsettias

$15 each due by Nov. 29.

We will be decorating our worship space with poinsettias during the Advent season.

Order forms are at the Information Desk and online at **fumcbelmont.org/poinsettias**



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