

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 2, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints Sunday



Waiting for the Blessing by Mykola Pymonenko, 1891

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*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 worship at First United Methodist Church of Belmont! This morning, 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 turn to the Prophet Habakkuk, who spoke in a time of turmoil long ago, calling God's people to wait for the Lord with hope. On this All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for those who have shown us what such faithful waiting looks like, and commit to taking up the race of faith in our own time.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Sine Nomine"

arr. Leo Sowerby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2

Quanna McAlister

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, disregarding its shame,

And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore, with the saints on earth and in heaven,

Let us worship the Lord in gladness and in hope.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 711

"For All the Saints"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have cried to you, but have not trusted your promise. In our grief, we have doubted. In our waiting, we have grown weary. On the journey of faith, we have stumbled. Forgive us, O Lord. By the witness of the saints who have gone before us, renew our faith, deepen our hope, and kindle our love, that we may live as your faithful people, running with perseverance the race set before us until that day when we join the great cloud of witnesses around your throne in glory. 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

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

J. Michael Beech

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

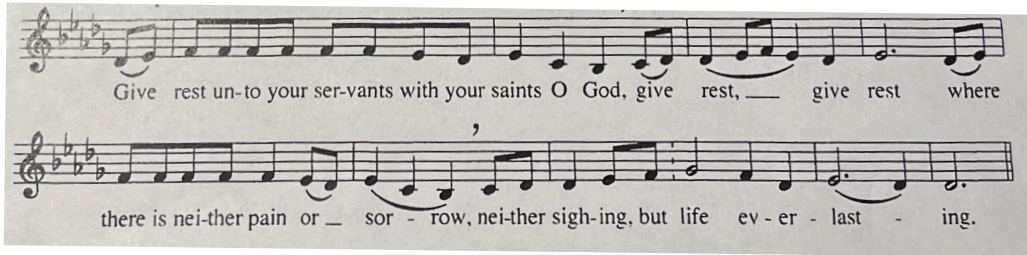
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words: Lord, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

KONTAKION



NAMING THE SAINTS

Elizabeth Ann Thomas Bunce

Anne Wilson Tria

Beverly Jane Dixon Karr

Marie Vaught Widenhouse

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

KONTAKION

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"He Shall Wipe Away All Tears"

David Ellsworth

Behold the saints of God arise!
Called up to meet Him in the skies;
Set free from mortal grief and pain,
their Lord and Master comes again.

And He shall wipe away all tears;
Their Lord shall wipe away all tears.
The mighty God, the Lord of Hosts,
Shall wipe all tears from their eyes.

As on the wings of eagles born
we shall come forth upon that morn
and sing with joy through time and space

and greet our Savior face to face!
And He shall wipe away our tears;
Our God shall wipe away our tears;
The Lord with us shall ever dwell
and wipe all tears from our eyes.
And He shall lead me by my hand,
to living fountains in this land;
All former things have passed away;
With my Redeemer I shall stay.
For He shall wipe away my tears,
My Lord shall wipe away my tears.
And I shall live eternally, Within His healing light,
in robes of purest white.
The Lord shall wipe all tears from my eyes.

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 No. 17-18)

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

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep"*
Sally Bashant, soloist

Howard Goodall

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Taylor and Patty Hayward, Scott and Sam Peecksen

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 163 URW

"Blest Are They"

*POSTLUDE

"Oh When the Saints Go Marching In"
Doug Moody, alto saxophone

arr. T. Curd

**Those who are able please stand.*

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 and stages of life. 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!

Welcome, New Members This morning we are blessed to welcome new members into our church family. Joining today at our 11:00 service by Transfer of Membership are Taylor and Patty Hayward from Seven Hills Presbyterian Church in Somerville, Massachusetts, and Scott and Sam Peecksen, from First United Methodist Church of Denton, Texas. If you would like more information about joining our church family, please call or email Pastor George (704-249-0645 or george@fumcbelmont.org) or speak with him after the service today.

Today's Bulletin Cover features *Waiting for the Blessing* (1891) by Ukrainian artist Mykola Pymonenko. The painting depicts villagers gathered on Easter morning, holding loaves of bread to be blessed by the priest. In Ukrainian tradition, the blessing of bread and food is a central part of the Paschal feast, a sign of God's provision and resurrection joy. On this All Saints' Sunday, the image invites us to see ourselves among them—waiting together for God's blessing, remembering the saints who have gone before us, and trusting in the promise of new life.

Prayer after each worship service is available in the prayer room off of the Narthex. Our Congregational Care Ministers and retired clergy are available to pray with you.

Save the date! Administrative Council Meeting - Monday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.
FUMC Belmont Annual Charge Conference following at 6:30 p.m.

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Sunday School

Disciple: If you are wondering what we teach the youth in confirmation classes visit the Disciple class. They will talk about essential lessons of the Christian faith and Methodism.

Route 66: *"Faithful and Inclusive"* by Robert Fuquay

Salt & Light Fellowship: A place to have real conversations and build relationships.

Wanderers: *"The Bible Jesus Read"* by Phillip Yancy



Join the Ladies of Square 2

Thursday | November 6 | 11:45 a.m.

Enjoy lunch at the Community Cafe
Then stay to prepare surcies
for our college students.

Bring one or two \$10 gift cards for our
college students, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, etc.

Contact Pam Stowe for more information:
wstowe5612@yahoo.com



Men's Meetings
November 7th
6:30 a.m. - Youth House

All men are welcome. Come for a
light breakfast, short study, and
fellowship.

Led by Ryan Dayton
Contact Tony Wilson for more
information: kingsmtntony@yahoo.com

GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

Crossroads meets today from 5:30-7:30 Please note drop off will be in the Old Fellowship Hall, but pick up will be from the Youth House. We will finish our discussion on priorities.

Anticipate Advent, our reimagined Advent Workshop, is on Sunday, November 16. All ages are invited to join us from 4:00-6:00 to create a Jesse Tree to use throughout the Advent season. Each family will receive a copy of the devotion book *Anticipate Advent*. Register at www.fumcbelmont.org/signup.

GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday School: Did you know the phrase "Do not fear" appears 365 times in the Bible? During our current Sunday School study, we are exploring this phrase and how we can lean on God when scary things happen in our lives. Join Kim and Tresca while we talk about taking one step at a time and persevering with God's love.

Nov. 2 Connect: Tonight all youth are invited to Connect for Game Night! We will play board games first and then play the popular game Grog later in the evening. Youths need to wear white so you will glow in the dark.



Nov. 30: All youth are invited to our annual youth Christmas party. We will go out to lunch at Culver's and then ice skate at the Whitewater Center. Signups end on November 12. Email Quanna today if you have questions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Serve as an Offering Teller Looking for an easy but important way to serve? Offering Tellers work in teams to count the Sunday offering after the 11:00 service, helping us be good stewards of the gifts God provides. To learn more or sign up, contact Russell Tindall at rbtindall@gmail.com.



Join us for Lunch
on Thursdays 11:45-1:15

Dahlia Grove cooks lunch here at FUMCB.
Invite your friends and neighbors to dine with us and support the women in the Dahlia Grove community who are survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, or addiction.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Connect
- 5:30 p.m. Crossroads (4th/5th Grade)
- 6:00 p.m. Stories to Live Small Group

Monday, November 3

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Care Minister Mtg.

Wednesday, November 5

- 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6

- 11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Endowment Committee Mtg.
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Connect

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Barbie Rollins, Cindy Griffin's friend
Linda Winebarger. Mary Butler's sister
The Underhill family (Cindy Griffin)
Owen Harris
Josh & Courtney Poynter's family & friends, after
her sudden passing (Nichole Stanforth's friend)
The family of Margaret "Peggy" Robinson, David
Surratt's grandmother, who passed away
Cindy Jenkins on the passing of her father, Claude
Ward
Chip Stansell's sister, Regina
The Slayton family in the loss of their sister
Sima Ellis
Clay Jones, a friend of Mary and Pete Rutledge
Judy Fann (Cassie Fann's mother)
Patty and Taylor Hayward
Jeff Byrum, Jacob Somers, and Lisa Brooks
(Barbara Byrum)
South Point teacher, Brian Ziemer (Leigh Nance)
The family & fiancée of their nephew, Justin Martin,
who died (Thomas & Heather Taylor)
Deborah Cornwell, friend of Teri and Claude Wilson
The family of Marie Widenhouse, who passed away
The family of Anne Tria, who passed away
Ginger Feimster
Marshall Stowe, brother of Sally Bashant and Wes
Stowe
Murphy Clark and family
For our ZOE communities in Rwanda, especially:
Adelphine 16, head of household, and sibling,
Bernadette 13

You can submit prayer requests to
prayers@fumcbelmont.org

*Prayers remain on this list for 4 weeks. If your loved
one needs continued prayers, please resubmit a
new request.*

Ways to Give at FUMC Belmont

Online – Visit fumcbelmont.org/online-giving to give securely anytime.

By Mail – Send your gift to the church address listed on the front of this bulletin.

In Person – Drop your gift in the secure Drop Box outside the church office, available 7 days a week.



MISSIONS NIGHT
Nov 5 | 6:30 pm

ALL AGES ARE NEEDED TO SERVE

Cards for our military
Sandwiches for our Unhoused Neighbors
Flood Buckets

Feed the HOUSE

Help the families in residence at Catherine's House by dropping off a simple meal on November 10 or November 24
www.fumcbelmont.org/signup

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