

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 2, 2025 – 8:30 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.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*OPENING SONG

"Our God Saves"

CCLI Song # 4972837

*PRAYER

Quanna McAlister

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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

Dave Lange

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As a forgiven and reconciled child of God, you are invited to give your offerings and gifts to God by placing them in the offering plate when you come forward to receive communion.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

NAMING THE SAINTS

Elizabeth Ann Thomas Bunce

Beverly Jane Dixon Karr

Anne Wilson Tria

Marie Vaught Widenhouse

During the Great Thanksgiving this morning we name and remember those members of our church who have died in the past year and joined the Church Triumphant.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BREAKING THE BREAD (gluten free option available)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

"Endless Praise"

CCLI Song # 7183423

I can't wait for eternity

Join the song they're already singing

Holy holy holy are You Lord

Just to bow down before Your throne

See Your face I'll cry out because You're

Holy holy holy are You Lord

Jesus King of Kings Jesus Majesty

Standing with those who have heard well done

Proclaiming forever that You're the One who's

Faithful faithful faithful are You Lord

What can we give You but endless praise

The heavens roar as we shout Your name is

Jesus Jesus Jesus You are Lord

Worthy worthy worthy Lord

Another glimpse of glory

We sing once more

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"Hymn of Heaven"

CCLI Song # 7168994

**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!

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.

k Ways to Give at FUMC Belmont k

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, November 10

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.*



FUMC FELLOWSHIP
Pizza Dinner!
 WEDNESDAY, NOV 05 | 5:30 PM | CARPENTER HALL
FREE | PIZZA, SALAD, DESSERT

Join us before Missions Night



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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