

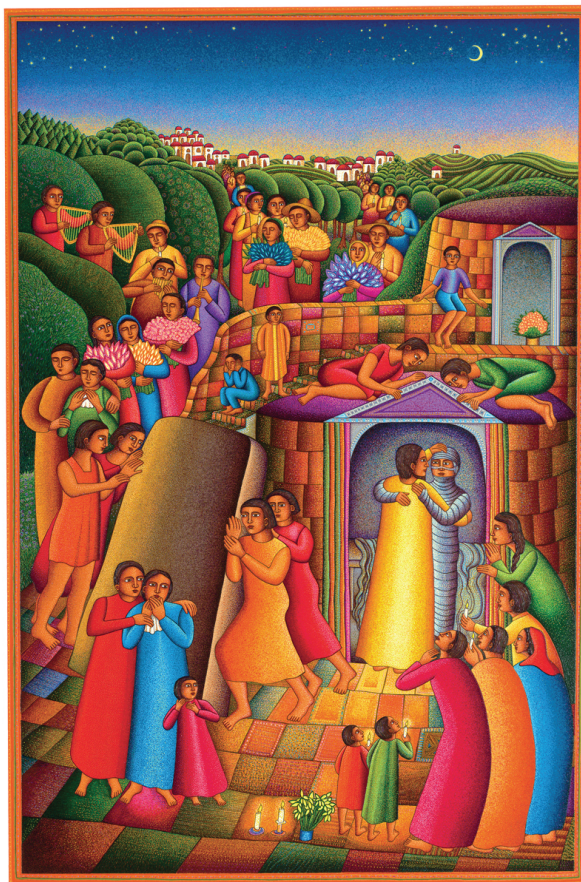
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 3, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

All Saints' Sunday



Take Away the Stone by John August Swanson, 2005

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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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All Saints Sunday

Give rest, O Christ, where sorrow and pain are no more...

Welcome to worship! This morning, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, remembering all those who have died in the Lord, celebrating their life and faith together. With hope in the good news of Christ's resurrection, we remember those members of our church family who have died in the past year, and all those we love but see no longer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Highland Cathedral"

arr. Christina Harmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 25, Psalm 24

Jennifer Martin

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

We come, seeking the face of God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 711

"For All the Saints"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, although we are the communion of saints, we are also a circle of sinners. We cling to death, hiding in tombs that we have carved out of fear and stubbornness, ignoring your call to come out. We fail to unbind each other from oppression, poverty, and abuse. You lay a feast before us, but we fill ourselves with selfishness and wonder why we are hungry. We are convinced that our best days are behind us, not believing that you are making all things new. Forgive us, we pray, and show us the light that we yearn to see. Lead us out of the cave and into your everlasting way, 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

PSALTER No. 755

Psalm 24
Response 1

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:32-44

Marsha Harris

This is the Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

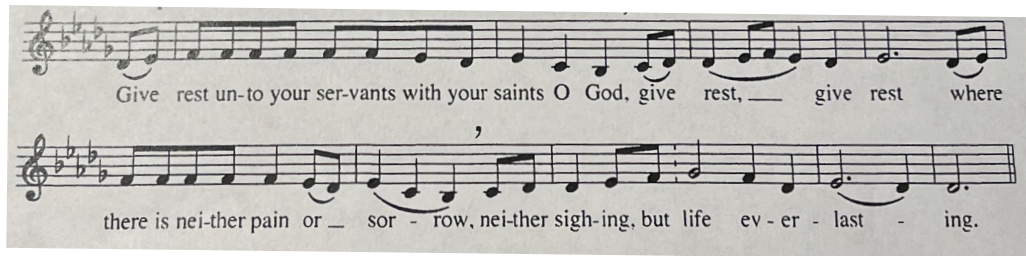
SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

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

Richard Hunter Armstrong, Sr.
Joyce Elaine Pratt Henkel
Esther Gertrude "Trudi" Kinney

Mary Comptom Layne
John C. "Jack" Page

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

"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 No. 17-18)

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

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Deep River/Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go, to that Gospel feast,
That Promised Land where all is peace?
Shall we gather at the river
where bright angel feet have trod?
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Elizabeth Boney, Larry Bradmon, duet

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

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 163 URW *"Blest Are They"*

*POSTLUDE *"When the Saints Go Marching In"* arr. Tim Curd
Doug Moody, alto saxophone

**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 the work of John August Swanson, an American visual artist known for works in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, as well as serigraphs, lithographs and etchings. His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. Over the course of five years, Swanson explored the Raising of Lazarus with various drawings, including an original watercolor which was later developed into a serigraph edition. He writes, "In this visual narrative I have sought a richness of color, tonality and texture. The tomb is not located in a desolate place. It is surrounded by numerous figures carrying the things of life – candlelight and flowers, music, tears and prayer. The picture contains many elements but has a central focus. It seeks to present, with simple clarity, the reality of death in the midst of life and the miracle of life in the midst of death."

WHAT IS A KONTAKION? This morning as we celebrate All Saints Sunday we will sing a portion of modern Kontakion. A Kontakion is a form of hymn from the Byzantine liturgical tradition. The word derives from the Greek which means "rod" or "stick," and refers to the rod around which a scroll is wound, a reference to the fact that kontakions tended to be lengthy, requiring a great deal of "scrolling," in the ancient sense of the word!

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



Meet in the Middle

Please sign up to help serve
or clean up at
fumcbelmont.org/meetmiddle

Midweek Fellowship Meals
Wednesday - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 6: Corn Chowder and butternut squash soup, salad, chicken nuggets and dessert.

Meals cost FUMC \$10 per adult, \$5 for children. We ask those who join us to contribute what they can.

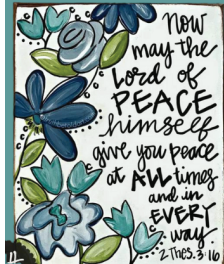


FLOOD BUCKET PREP

Come help roll trash bags and
count out Handiwipes from our
bulk supply in preparation for
flood buckets.

Nov. 7th 10:30-12
then stay for lunch at the
Community Cafe

Ruth Circle's Truth Be Told Art Party has been rescheduled and YOU are invited!



**Sunday, Nov 10
2:00-4:30
Carpenter Hall
\$30/ RSVP to
Jennifer Martin**

A Supply Sabbath



Our bishop and receiving churches distributing supplies have asked for a pause with supply donations. They need to distribute the goods they have in storage and evaluate their need. The best way to help is to donate funds so they can purchase the uncommon items that typically are not donated. The conference will update us when they have supplies they need. To contribute to the relief efforts you can use this link or the QR code.

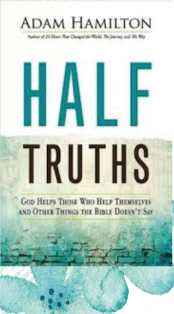
<https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>



YOUTH

Engage
Sunday
School
in
Youth
House

Nov. 3,
10, 17 &
24



SUNDAY NIGHT



NOV.
10TH
DURING
CONNECT

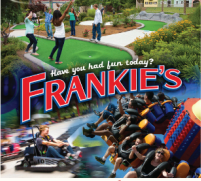
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7:30



GAME NIGHT

All Youth Are Welcome

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



*Christmas
Youth Party*

DECEMBER 8TH | 12:30-4:00

Reserve Your Spot and
pay by December 3rd



Winter Retreat for Youth at Lake Junaluska

Jan
24-26

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a
weekend filled with
community, fun and worship

Trip includes a trip to Tube World on
Saturday

FIRST KIDS

Join us for the annual **Advent Workshop** (November 24, 4:00-6:00). We will eat supper and create crafts to help us experience an intentional Advent season. Register at www.funbelmont.org/kids.

Crossroads (4th-5th grade) meets tonight in the Old Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:30. Join us for burgers, games and Bible talks!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Connect
5:30 p.m. Crossroads

Monday, November 4

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

Wednesday, November 6

5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Narthex
Prayer Room
5:30 p.m. Meet in the Middle
6:30 p.m. A Service of Unity & Peace
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

10:30 a.m. Flood Bucket Prep
11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Friday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Port-a-pit BBQ at Hood Memorial

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Painting Party
5:30 p.m. Connect



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Know a neighbor who is sick or in need of comfort? Take them a quart of Chicken Noodle Soup made by our Soup for the Soul cooking team. The soup is in our freezer ready to bring comfort to someone in need of care.

To learn more contact
Debbie Thames at dhthames@gmail.com



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of David Durham, Daniel Durham's father, who passed away
Carolyn Beall

The family of Trudi Kinney, who has died

Anne Haxton, Dottie Moore's mother

Joann Leathers (John Butler)

Roy Norwood, Jane Herstine's friend

The Ragsdale Family

Maggie Moore

The Giang family after the passing of Sam Giang, Mike's father

Arthur Ligon

Erin Carver, Renee and Tim Painter's daughter

Murphy Clark and family

You can submit prayer requests to prayers@fumcbelmont.org or by clicking this QR code:





ELECTION DAY PRAYER **AND** QUIET MEDITATION

Tuesday, November 5 | Sanctuary Open from 9:00 - 4:00

A Service of Unity and Peace

Wednesday, November 6 | Sanctuary | 6:30 p.m.



MISSIONS NIGHT

Nov 13 | 6:30

HELP FROM ALL
AGES ARE NEEDED
TO ASSEMBLE

*500 total SANDWICHES

*200 Bagged LUNCHES for the unhoused

*72 FLOOD BUCKETS

*CARDS to those active in the military



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