



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 5, 2023
All Saints Sunday



Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

A nursery for children age 5 and under is on the lower level, and includes a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.

Today is All Saints Sunday. On this day, we remember people from our congregation who have moved from this life to eternal life since last All Saints Day. This is also a day for us to remember all our loved ones whose earthly presence we miss. May God bless our memories even as God holds our loved ones in God's care.

Prelude *Go Rest High on That Mountain* Vince Gill
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Harvey

One: For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
All: We glorify your name, O God!
One: Like the faithful ones who have gone before us, let us keep our eyes focused on Christ,
All: Our hearts set on God's love,
One: Our hands ready to hold the hurts of others,
All: Our feet ready to go the extra mile to express God's care.
One: Like the ones who have gone before us,
All: We will follow as a part of the communion of saints.

*** Hymn** *I'll Fly Away* The Faith We Sing #2282

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Mark Harvey

Mark 8:27-38

One: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"
All: And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."
One: He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"
All: Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."
One: And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.
All: And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are settling your mind not on divine things but on human things."
One: He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save

their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

All: **For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."**

Offering Our Gifts *Stewardship Moment*

Anthem ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** arr. Tom Trenney
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Please join the choir in singing the fifth and final verse:
*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Sermon ***5G Faith: The Great Commitment*** Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Hymn** ***Hymn of Promise*** UM Hymnal #707

Remembering Our Saints
All Saints Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander, Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Linda Wiig, Mark Harvey

Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Communion Music ***Spiegel im Spiegel*** Arvo Pärt
Rebecca Peterson, cello; Velda Graham Bell, piano

*** Hymn** ***For All the Saints*** UM Hymnal #711; v. 1, 2, 4, 6

Benediction

Postlude ***Highland Cathedral/Sine Nomine***
Shelley Gruskin, bagpipes; Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*

FUMC members who have died since last All Saints Day:

Robert Almquist	Dolores Taylor	Peter LaTour
Janet Bye	Sandra Almquist	Kent Giese
Shirley Swanson	Lois Rowe	Patricia St. John
Peggy Wallin	Ruth Thompson	Robert Higgins
Muriel Kay Strand	Carol Norling	Carol Jaster
Debra Stephenson	Sandra Hansen	





Announcements

to fill out the Connect Cards each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

A gift to light the church for the week of November 5 was given by the 2x2s in memory of Pat St. John, whose 91st birthday would have been November 9. The gift will also benefit the Bee Hive Home Butterfly Garden.

Sunday, November 12 is Consecration Sunday, where we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation for 2024. Please be prayerfully thinking about this. Following worship that day, we will celebrate our giving by having a soup lunch together, prepared by Chef Paul Sapyta, in Lakeview Social Hall. You may also drive by to drop off your pledge card and pick up soup.

Reminder to parents: Both Jam and Jam Jr. will sing at the beginning of the service on **November 12**.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 12**, Anne Miller will lead a discussion of the feminine side of God, based on the book "She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse" by Elizabeth A. Johnson. On **November 19**, Pat Miller will facilitate a discussion on "Earth Care from Home: how to waste less food in your own home."

The Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications throughout the month of November. Applications are available in the church office. Students 12-18 years old who have studied an instrument or voice for at least three years may apply, and scholarships are renewable for three years with the recommendation of the music teacher.

The Sustainability Team will meet after the service on **November 12**. Pick up some soup in Lakeview Social Hall and join them in the library to talk about the feasibility of becoming a community compost site, and how to move forward with solar energy, Guests are always welcome!

A Book Sale will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 9am-3pm. Donations may be dropped off in the East Lounge beginning November 12. Please do not bring damaged books, VHS or cassette tapes, encyclopedias or textbooks. See below for volunteer needs.

Scones will be available for sale on Saturday, November 18, 9am-3pm (during the Fiber Art Guild sale and the Book Sale) and Sunday, November 19, following worship. All proceeds will go to the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund of FUMC.

The Friends of the Felgemaker will host a "Concert of Remembrance and Hope" on **Sunday, November 19 at 3pm** at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St. in Duluth). Featuring John Rutter's "Requiem," the concert is dedicated to all who have been victim of acts of violence and intolerance across the world. The concert will also include several works for solo organ played on the historic Felgemaker pipe organ by our own Velda Graham Bell, and Karen Sande and David Tryggestad. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at Eventbrite.com; student tickets are \$10 at the door with current student ID.

Does your child play an instrument? Maybe they have been taking piano lessons and are working on Christmas music during their lessons. Maybe they have learned to play an instrument in school. If so, we invite them to share a Christmas piece with the congregation during the prelude time on **Sunday, December 17**, the day of the Children's Pageant. Please

contact Velda Bell (music@fumcduluth.com) or Beth Brophy (musickids@fumcduluth.com) if you are interested or have questions.

We are excited to announce this year's Children's Christmas Pageant! "Christmas Around the World" will be presented during worship on **Sunday, December 17**. All children preschool age and up are invited to share their beautiful musical talents to tell the Christmas story on a journey to Bethlehem. Rehearsals will be every Sunday morning starting **November 12**, AND every Wednesday evening at 5pm for kids 2nd grade and younger, and at 5:40pm for grade 3 and older. There will be a final dress rehearsal **Saturday December 16**, from 10:30-12:00. Children may come to any or all rehearsals and still participate. Please contact director Beth Brophy with any questions: musickids@fumcduluth.com

Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed for the FUMC Book Sale. Help is needed for setup on Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17, and on the day of the sale, November 18. To volunteer, contact Jean Walsh, jmbwalsh@gmail.com.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at fumcduluth.com **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

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