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**Bulletin – November 3, 2024**

**All Saints Sunday 2024**

*The Home of God*

**All Saints Sunday Worship Series**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

**\*\* P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds \*\***

P: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

**C: “Let there be light!”**

P: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

**C: “I am the Light of the world.”**

P: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

**C: The ones in whom God’s light shines.**

P: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

**C: And let us worship God.**

P: We gather this morning to remember our call:

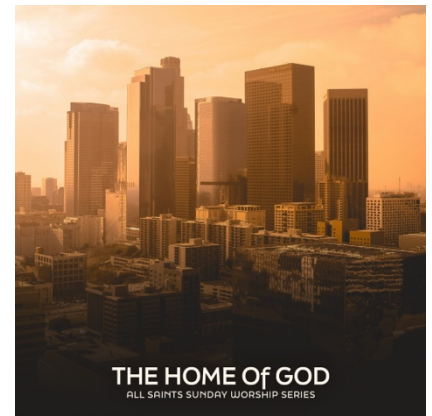
**C: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

P: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

**C: Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.**

P: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

**C: With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the**



## **purpose of faith, let us worship God.**

**Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH**

**\*\* All to recite in unison \*\***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

**The Gloria Patri** p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**Candle Lighting – All Saints Remembrance (Reading of Names)**



**Opening Hymn** – Children of the Heavenly Father  
p. 141 UMH vv. 1 & 4

## **Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Offering** – Ushers come forward

**Doxology** p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Psalm Reading** – Psalm 146 (CEB)

**\*\* L (Leader) C (Congregation) \*\***

L: <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Let my whole being praise the Lord!

C: <sup>2</sup> **I will praise the Lord with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings - there's no saving help with them!

C: <sup>4</sup> **Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too.**

L: <sup>5</sup> The person whose help is the God of Jacob - the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God - is truly happy!

C: <sup>6</sup> **God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, God: who is faithful forever,**

L: <sup>7</sup> who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving! The Lord: who frees prisoners.

C: <sup>8</sup> **The Lord: who makes the blind see. The Lord: who**

**straightens up those who are bent low. The Lord: who loves the righteous.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The Lord: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows, but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

C: <sup>10</sup>**The Lord will rule forever! Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!**

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

**Congregational Hymn** – Take Time to Be Holy

p. 395 UMH vv. 1 & 3

**New Testament Reading** – Mark 12:28-34 (CEB)

<sup>28</sup> One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* <sup>30</sup> *and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* <sup>31</sup> The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**Sermon** – The Home of God

**Holy Communion** – Service of Word & Table II - Please refer to your bulletin or the screen

**Closing Hymn** – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
p. 402 UMH vv. 1 & 4

### **Benediction & Commission**

God invites us into his future,  
where the one who makes all things new  
has made his home among us.

We are called and chosen,  
together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning,  
crying, pain and even death will be no more.  
Remember God's future, for this is our story.  
Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!"  
and we respond, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

### **Lectionary Readings for the week beginning November 4th:**

- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Psalm 127
- Mark 12:38-44

### **Announcements**

- **Today is the last day.** Faye Seats will collect money from all those who wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. These beautiful flowers adorn the sanctuary throughout Advent and Christmas each year. The cost of a poinsettia is \$16.00. Please see Faye today to place your order. Please tell her when you place the order how you want the memorial or honorarium to appear in the bulletin. The poinsettia will be placed in the sanctuary by December 1, 2024 which is the first Sunday in Advent.

- The link to donate to the relief fund efforts provided by and supported by UMCOR and the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC is <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>

If you prefer to pay by check, you can make the check payable To **WNCC Treasurer**, note Disaster Response in the memo line and mail to:

Western North Carolina Conference  
 P.O. Box 2757  
 Huntersville, NC 28070-2757  
 Attn: Carol Bateman

### November Birthdays

David Disher	3	Carolyn Disher	21
Lynn Horne	15	Rodney Horne	23
Angela Luck	18	Barbara Hutchins	23
Franklin Dalton	19	Jake Disher	25
Paige Kovach	20	Reece Matthews	28

### Prayer List

#### Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough  
 All who are serving our country at home and abroad

#### Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner	Wanda Needham
Frank Dalton	Barbara Perryman
Sherry Doub	Frances Sisk
Frances V. Gough	

## Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Glenna Culler

Joe Dean

Amanda Doub

Ruby Driver

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Eddie Haire

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Family of James Manring

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

## **Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be

it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!