

ALL
Saints'
SUNDAY





BIRMINGHAM FIRST

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

...gathered here for good.™

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

9:30AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Death and Resurrection

Jean Langlais

“Where, O

death, is your victory?”

I Corinthians 15:55

INTROIT

Amazing Grace

Adrian Rito, bagpipes

***HYMN #711**

For All the Saints – vs. 1-4

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

Leader: We gather as children of a living faith,

People: Carried here by countless hands before us.

Leader: Some taught us our first prayers,

People: Some showed us how to serve.

Leader: Some loved us into being,

People: All planted seeds of grace we're still discovering.

Leader: Today we remember their names, their faces, their

gifts,

People: And we take our place in God's unending story.

***RESPONSE #711**

For All the Saints – vs. 6

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sarah Alexander

PASTORAL PRAYER

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Leader: Let us lift before God the names of our church Saints:

Janice Albright

Janet Foell

Nancy Rohs

Evelyn Bratton

John Gorham

Peter Russell

Nellie Cole

Mike Hairabedian

Carolyn Sanders

Eleanor Crum

Karen Hasler

Nancy Sydanmaa

Ronald Denton

Stuart Main

James Turner

Cynthia Dona

Ted McClew

Peter Uhrig

Tina Dupke

Timothy Meloche

Mike Vann

Carol Dupke Lee

Kyle Otterbein

Kent Walter

Gerald Evey

Larry Price

Ted Wanamaker

Leader: We also light one candle in silence as we remember other family and friends who have died in this past year.

Leader: The lives of these saints have hallowed our journey of faith as their witness continues to ring in our midst. The notes of their love for God and for us continue to stir our spirits. Their memory is a sacred blessing forever.

Joining our voices with theirs, let us pray together:

All: Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for those saints we've named and those whose names reside in our hearts this morning. Their lives are forever intertwined with ours. Empower us with your Spirit, that together with them, we may bear faithful witness to your love and grace all the days of our lives, until we shall meet again in eternal praise around your throne, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #707

Hymn of Promise - vs. 3

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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Prayer

Morten Lauridsen

(in loving

memory of Michael Gioia)

*Echo of the clock tower, footstep
in the alleyway, sweep
of the wind sifting the leaves.*

*Jeweler of the spiderweb, connoisseur
of autumn's opulence, blade of lightning
harvesting the sky.*

*Keeper of the small gate, choreographer
of entrances and exits, midnight
whisper travelling the wires.*

*Seducer, healer, deity or thief,
I will see you soon enough —
in the shadow of the rainfall,*

in the brief violet darkening a sunset —

*but until then I pray watch over him
as the mountain guards its covert ore*

and the harsh falcon its flightless young.

— Dana Gioia

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:1-5

MESSAGE *Ancestral Faith* Rev. Zack Dunlap

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please dip a piece of gluten-free bread into the cup, taking the bread and juice together. If you wish to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will be served in your pew.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The 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

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

***HYMN #545** *The Church's One Foundation*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Marching to Zion

Jon Spong



*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Gary Valade by Margaret Valade and family.*

*The Welcome Center Bouquet is given to the glory of God and
celebration of our church's Legacy Society* *in
by Margaret Valade
and family.*

*The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and
in remembrance of Ted McClew by Laura Buus.*



* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Bookstore Blowout Sale

Be sure to stop by the Circuit Rider Bookstore Blowout Sale! We are restocking and making room for new books. All books are \$5.

New Book Study: A Child is Born

Discover the fascinating connections between ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus in this captivating four-week Advent study. The book study has a DVD accompaniment by author Amy-Jill Levine, who brings her expert knowledge of Scripture and careful consideration of the Christian story to show readers how Scripture's earlier birth narratives of Isaac and Ishmael, Moses, and Samuel reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story of Jesus's birth. This new study is on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Ritter Room. See Rev. Rachael Dunlap for more information.

Micah 6 Webster Community Center Tour

This unique opportunity to tour the historic Webster School in Pontiac before it's transformed into the Micah 6 Community Center is on November 15 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. We will meet in the Birmingham First parking lot at 12:30 p.m. to carpool, or plan to meet us at 32 Newberry Street in Pontiac. This building is under construction and involves walking and stairs.

First Nurses Blood Pressure Checks

Your health matters to us! First Nurses will be available in Fellowship Hall to check your blood pressure between services today, and again on December 7. Compare your results each month to be sure you're staying on top of your health! This free service is open to all—no appointment needed.

Discover First

We invite you to Discover First at the Berkley First Campus on Sunday, November 9 at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity to learn more about The United Methodist Church, Birmingham and Berkley First, and how you can take the next steps on your faith journey. To RSVP, contact Mary Feldmaier at mfeldmaier@fumcbirmingham.org.

Pumpkin Patch for Hunger

Our Pumpkin Patch has come to a close! Thanks to all those who volunteered and/or shopped! We still have a few pumpkins left — look for them after service in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take one (or more!) home — they're free to anyone who'd enjoy one. There's a

basket on the table if you'd like to make a donation to the Hunger Ministry. Your generosity will help feed those in need. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Plant Delivery

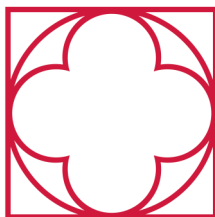
Christmas is coming, and so are the beautiful plants! All of our wonderful 50+ year members, our seniors, and those who've lost a loved one will receive a Christmas plant. You make this possible. Stop by the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall to sign up to help. It is a wonderful way to make new friends! See Rev. Rachael Dunlap, or email rdunlap@fumcbirmingham.org for more details.

Sunday Night Breakfast for Dinner

Join us for a delicious dinner of pancakes, French toast sticks, bacon, sausage and fruit salad, in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend! All are invited.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Embracing the example of Jesus, we welcome you here
with hearts that know no boundaries of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual
orientation, ability, or economic circumstance.



Rev. Dr. Charles S.G. Boayue, Jr., Senior Pastor

Rev. Sarah Alexander, Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap, Rev. Zack L. Dunlap,

Associate Pastors

Casey Proch, Executive Director of Worship, Music & Operations

Doris Hall, Organist

Rev. Gary Haller, Bishop Laurie Haller,

Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish & Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter, Pastors Emeriti



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