

An Order of Service for All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2008

Minister: Rev. James Adams

Lay Leader: Clark Allison

Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink

Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd

Secretary: Vickie Ellis

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* Indicates to stand, if able

Gathering Before God in Praise

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

* Welcome and Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from our God

Who is, and was, and is to come.

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,

The firstborn of the dead, and the ruler over all things.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you

And all of God's saints.

* Processional Hymn

For All the Saints

No. 711 (1-4)

* Opening Prayer

* A Time of Personal Greetings

Listening to God's Word

A Time for Our Children

1st Scripture Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Sabra Jacobs

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:20-31

Sermon

“For All the Saints”

Responding to God's Word

The Remembrance of the Saints of God

All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. This custom of commemorating goes back at least to the third century. On this

day we celebrate not only those faithful who have died in the past year, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the body of Christ.

Below are the names of the members and friends of 1st United Methodist Church who have died since All Saints' Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

Barbara Dotson Allen

Michael Shannon Alley

Minta Nunnery Burke

Arthur Jack Carter

Madelyn Cottrell

Kathryn Allen

Haywood

William Pierce Runnells, Jr.

Rev. Wayne Sparks

Jeanne Castle Spurlock

Dorothy Conley Stover

J. Oliver Webb

Congregational Prayer of Confession

We praise your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors.

Give us the grace to follow the example of the steadfast love and faithfulness, so that we many bring honor and glory to you in our living.

Through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, the ever-living Lord, Amen.

* Song of Response

Hymn of Promise

No. 707 (1,3)

Offertory

One Day

Chancel Choir

* Doxology

Praise God from Whom All the Blessings Flow

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Service of Holy Communion

No. 12

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Holy Communion is offered to all who love God. As we receive the bread and the cup we are reminded of the love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of us. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you heart so leads, come forward as the ushers direct. Use this time begin or renew your relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If this time of communion is your first step in seeking a new relationship with God, please tell Rev. Adams after the service so that he might celebrate this Good News with you.

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth

* Final Song

When We All Get to Heaven

No. 701 (1,4)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:55 Morning Worship
5:00 Wesley Bells

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 Worship Committee

Wednesday, November 5

6:00 Bible Study
6:00 Fall Festival
7:00 Choir

Thursday, November 6

10:00 Sewing Circle
7:00 Boy Scouts Roundtable

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Nov. 2 – Kristin Garrett

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Nov. 9 – Pam Herrick

Children's Church for Today, Nov. 2 – Julie Paxton

Children's Church for Sunday, Nov. 9 – Robin Smith

Ushers for November – David Allen, Pete Greene, Marty Osborne

Greeters for Today, Nov. 2 – Ben & Keane Hale

Greeters for Sunday, Nov. 9 – Pete & Susan Greene

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Oct. 26 Morning Worship –103 Sunday School-39. General Fund-\$4337.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, General Fund Receipts as of 10/27/08- \$155,554.15; Budget as of 10/31/08-\$194,565.00 FLC Loan repayment-\$370.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$6659.00

The flowers on the organ are in honor of Phyllis Ranier on her 89th birthday (October 30) with love from Rebecca. Happy Birthday Aunt Phyllis!

The white roses on the Communion table are a Memorial gift from Jim and Mary Carter.

“Cast Your Vote for Sunday School!” There will be an Adult Sunday School Workshop led by Rev. Julie Hager Love on Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Community UMC. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please call the District office, 889-0126 by Wednesday, Nov. 5 to register.

The Administrative Council will meet next Sunday, November 9 at **6:00 pm**, the Finance Committee will meet at **5:00 pm**. Please note this was re-scheduled from last week.

Reminder – Articles for the Advent Devotional are due by November 14. You may email those to the Church office at pburgfirstumc@bellsouth.net.

The Sewing Circle has pecans for sale again this year. The cost is \$8.00 per lb. Contact Phyllis Herrick or any member of the Sewing Circle.