



**First United Methodist Church
Andover**

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Sunday, October 27, 2024

PRELUDE *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms; Showalter, arr. Johnston*

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE

All Who Hunger

(TFWS 2126)

Dunstan



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



5 Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



9 You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



13 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-8

Leader: I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart.

People: Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together.

Leader: I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

People: In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles.

Leader: For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

* OPENING PRAYER

Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. Amen

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

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**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.**

OFFERTORY

How Majestic Is Your Name; Smith, arr. Tunney

*There are several ways you can give financially. 1) Online at AndoverLex.org;
2) By texting ACG to 84321; 3) In the offering plates as they are passed;
4) By mail to the church office at 200 W. High Street, Lexington, KY 40507*

We would love to know how we can pray with and for you. Prayer requests can be submitted using prayer cards in the seatbacks or by texting your request to 859-274-9471. Prayer cards will be collected during the hymn of prayer later in worship. They will be taken to our prayer chapel, where they will be prayed over by one of our Prayer Intercessors and then added to our prayer list for prayer throughout the week.

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

²³There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office.

²⁴But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever.

²⁵Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

²⁶He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven.

Hebrews 7:23-28, NLT

²⁷Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.

²⁸The law appointed high priests who were limited by human weakness. But after the law was given, God appointed his Son with an oath, and his Son has been made the perfect High Priest forever.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus 262

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain; re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease, and

store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

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MUSIC: Norman L. Warren, 1982

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM ***My Song In The Night; Southern Folk Hymn, arr. Shepperd***
Reisa Fukuda, *violin*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time children up to 5th grade may go to Kid's Worship. This is a time of worship geared to our young ones. We do welcome children to remain in worship with their families. We want to support families in whatever works best for you!

* GOSPEL READING

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Mark 10:46-52, NRSV

⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.'

⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.'

⁵²Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

INVITATION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By

the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN OF RESPONSE

526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -
 faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
 knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Let Everything That Has Breath; Redman, arr. Hayes***

* Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Brandon McGinnis
 Liturgists: Jake Tecau
 Children’s Moment: Brad Rudolph
 Kids Worship: Audra Davidson
 Minister of Music: Janell Hamilton
 Accompanist: Susan Jones

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Andover Attendance & Stewardship

Full financial details can be found monthly in the Friday email newsletter

Last Week’s Attendance	87
Average Attendance, Last Four Weeks	85
Giving Received Last Week	\$15,653
Giving Needed Weekly	\$7,192
2024 Budgeted Giving.....	\$374,000
Year-to-Date Received	\$228,380
Remaining Need	\$145,620

Announcements

Embrace Bags

Today is the last Sunday of the month, so please grab a purple Andover bag from our welcome center. Take it home and fill it up to help restock our partner ministry at Embrace. Embrace serves the communities of Northeast Lexington, and your donations go a long way in helping feed hungry people. The bags will have a tag with what they are collecting.

Food Bags: Peanut Butter/Canned Chicken or Beef/Canned Tuna or Salmon, Soups, Mac and Cheese, Beans, Pasta, or Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables. Snack Bags: Juice Box, Bags of Chips or Granola Bars, Sleeve of Tuna, Peanut Butter Snack, or Vienna Sausages, Fruit or Pudding Cups.

Thursday Bible Study – Ecclesiastes

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM for Bible Study. For the fall semester, we will look at the book of Ecclesiastes. This part of the Wisdom Literature helps us ask questions about the meaning of life, what wisdom is, and where we derive our happiness from. You don't have to come every week, but we hope you will! We will start on Thursday at 10:00 AM.

All Saints Day – November 3

We invite you to join us in celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3. This special day is dedicated to honoring all saints, known and unknown, who have lived lives of faith and service. It's a time to reflect on the lives of those who have inspired us and to celebrate their legacy in our faith community. As part of our service, we would like to remember and honor those who have passed. Please submit the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered during our All Saints Day service. **You can send your submissions by October 27 to Ryan@lextogether.com or by writing the name on a Connect Card and placing those in the offering plate during worship today.** Let us come together to celebrate the lives of the saints who have touched our hearts and to find comfort in our shared faith.

Celebration of Appointment – November 17

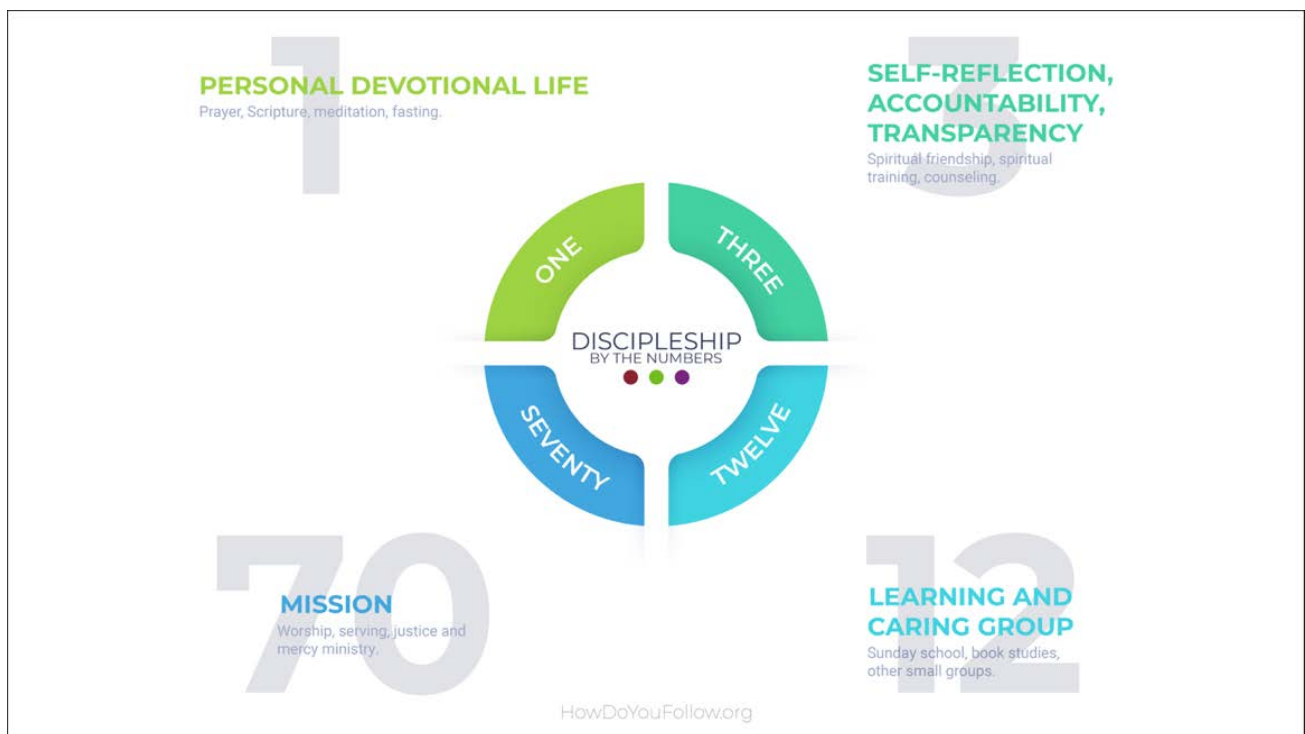
Bishop Graves has approved the appointment of Rev. Brandon McGinnis to Lexington First UMC as an Associate Pastor beginning November 1, 2024. This allows Brandon to serve Andover as the new Lead Community Pastor. On November 17, during our Sunday morning worship service, we will have an installation of appointment. Please join us for this time of celebration in the life of our church.

Thanksgiving Potluck – November 17

Following our Sunday morning worship service on November 17, we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday together. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert, the main dish and drinks will be provided.

Three Ways to Find More Information

- 1) If you have an Apple or Android phone or tablet, we have an app. Search your app store for "Church Center." Once you have it installed it will ask you to find your church. Look for "First United" in the "40509" and it will be the first church that comes up!
- 2) From a web-browser visit <https://1stumc.churchcenter.com/>
- 3) We have updated our website itself to link directly to everything we are doing. Visit us at AndoverLex.org



At First United Methodist Church, we have structured our approach to discipleship based on how Jesus practiced it. Jesus had a "1" - a personal relationship with God the Father. He also had a "3" - Peter, James, and John, who were his closest disciples and with whom he shared his deepest thoughts and feelings. Additionally, Jesus had the "12" who learned from him and cared for each other. Finally, Jesus united the "70" in a common worship and mission. For more information scan the code below.

