



All Saints

**First United Methodist Church
Andover**

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Lexington, KY 40509
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Sunday, November 3, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE (Verses 1,2,4,6)

711 For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
*4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

WORDS: William W. How, 1864 (Heb. 12:1)
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony

* 4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stanza 4 may be sung unaccompanied

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race set before us. Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

People: In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we worship together today.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of all ages: we thank you for the faithful witness of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs throughout the history of your church and throughout the world even today. Through their witness we see and hear your truth. We bless you for all who bless your name through their writing, speaking, art, and music. Through their work we glimpse your beauty. We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honor, offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful. Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort. Now we pray that you will use even us to reflect the glory we see in Christ. May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ, swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts, through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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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* GLORIA PATRI

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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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

Isaiah 25:6-9, NRSV

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save

us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY

*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

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

Revelation 21:1-6a, NRSV

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER

654 How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ

1. How blest are they who trust in Christ when we and
2. In rip - ened age, their har - vest reaped, or gone from
3. In Christ, who tast - ed death for us, we rise a -

those we love must part; we yield them up, for
us in youth or prime, in Christ they have e -
bove our na - tural grief, and wit - ness to a

go they must, but do not lose them from our heart.
ter - nal life, re - leased from all the bonds of time.
strick - en world the strength and splen - dor of be - lief.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

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Alt. tune: ROCKINGHAM

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

I'm Goin' Up A Yonder; Hawkins, arr. Sirvatka

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

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'

³⁵Jesus began to weep.

³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord,

John 11:32-44, NRSV

already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.

⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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.

All: 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, Creator of heaven and earth:
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.
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. 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.

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.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—

Gary Bowling	Barbara Brewer
Golda Brown	Gene Cope
Wanda Cunningham	Elwood Dailey
Nellie Dailey	John Davis
F. Preston Farmer	David Hager
Ethel Hanna	Chip Kinsel
Bud Lewis	Carl Morrison
Jeanine Owens	Evelyn Peyton
Chastity Yvonne Ross	Ed Sims
Tom Slaughter	Lurline Skidmore
Allan Durand Stephens	Nancey Stidham
Geraldine Sturgill	Ishmael Sturgill
Duane Thompson	Noel White
Vern Wooton	Rachel Wright

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. 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, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Because there is one loaf, we join with those across the world and with those who have gone before as one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. 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.

Rejoice in God's Saints

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1. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2. Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3. Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;

a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray.
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own.
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 Some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood;
 They shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares;
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1977
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708
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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Brandon McGinnis
Liturgists: Darren Wallace, Jake Tecau
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	74
Average Attendance	86
Giving Received Last Week	\$4,069
Giving Needed Weekly	\$7,192
2024 Budgeted Giving.....	\$374,000
Year-to-Date Received	\$232,450
Remaining Need	\$141,550

Announcements

Embrace Bags

Today is the first Sunday of the month, so please return the purple Andover bags if you brought them with you. If you did not bring anything, but would like to help, here is more information. We can receive supplies any day! Embrace serves the communities of Northeast Lexington, and your donations go a long way in helping feed hungry people. Jan Colbert will have her white Honda CRV parked near the offices. You can drop your donations right there or in the gathering hall. Items needed are:

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

Toilet Paper Collection – November 10

Various household items are needed at several of our Serve Partner locations. Rather than doing a collection for each Serve Partner one at a time, our Andover Serve Team invites you once a month to bring to worship an advertised household item. After our Sunday morning worship service, these items will be divided and distributed to our Serve Partners. On November 10, we invite you to bring toilet paper. If you buy a multi-pack, that's okay because we can divide those packs between our Serve Partners who requested such items. We believe this is an easy and helpful way to provide something that is always needed and useful.

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.

Common Good Christmas Store

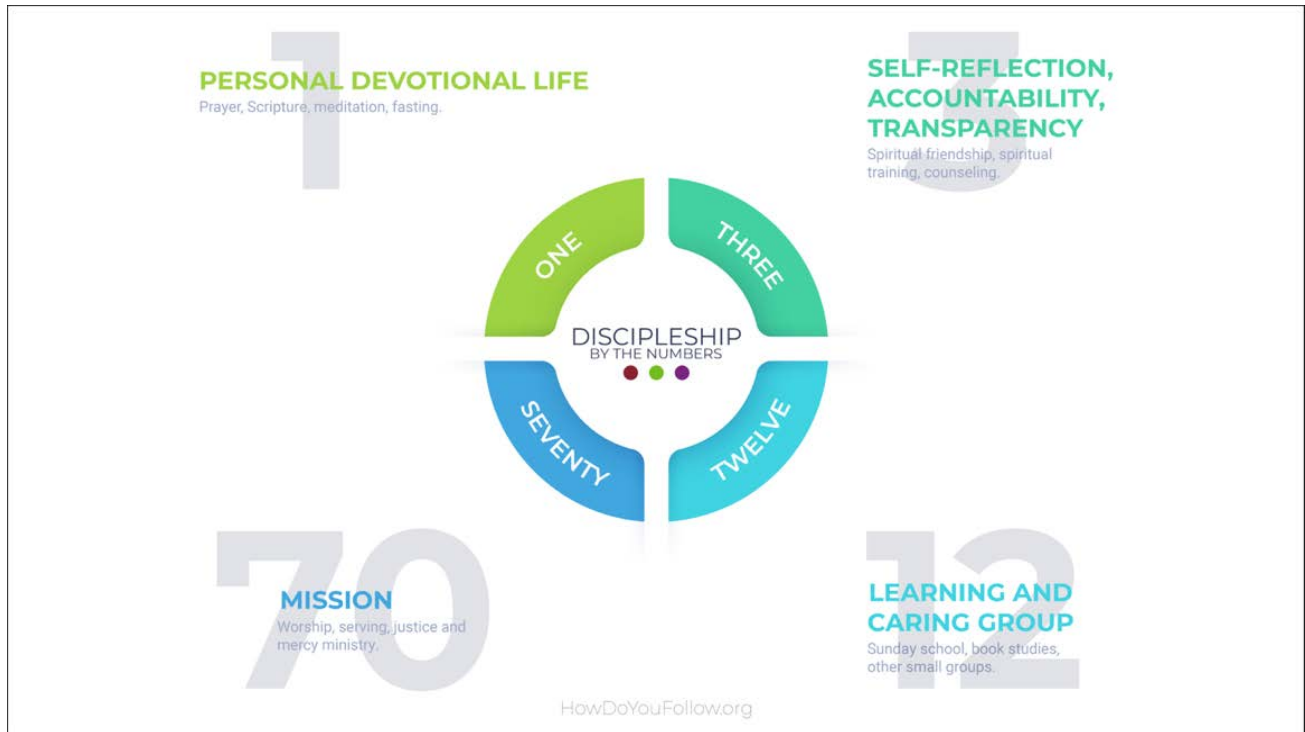
The Christmas Store allows families involved with Common Good to buy gifts at 80% off retail prices. All items are brand new. We collect "wishlists" from families to know exactly what they need and want in the store. Each family will have a designated shopping time and a chance to wrap the gifts they purchase. Proceeds from the store will directly support programs for students. As a church, we sponsor 25 lists. Each list is about \$120. The lists are available in the church foyer before and after Sunday Morning service. When you take a list home, please leave your name on the signup sheet so we know who has taken which list. If instead of doing the shopping yourself, you would like to make monetary sponsorship (checks/online donations made to sponsor a list) are due by Monday, November 25. Andover's due date for Gift drop off is Monday, December 2 between 12:00 - 6:30 PM. If you are unable to drop off gifts at Embrace Church, please let us know.

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.

