



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

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#### WELCOME

Whoever you are,  
and wherever you find yourself  
on the journey of faith, you are  
welcome to this church as you  
are to receive the riches of  
God's grace...

## The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show  
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 5, 2023**

## What's your November?

For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought "the highest of highs and the lowest of lows." He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he'd be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn's wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.

Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to "let the enemy have a claim over November" or "steal the many beautiful memories I once held" about it. Since then, his church's worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God's faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it's an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, "Your [deceased] loved one would not want your 'November' to haunt your memory forever."

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal.  
—Stephanie Martin

**2023  
CHARGE  
CONFERENCE  
TODAY!!!  
2pm via Zoom  
@ FBFUMC**

SEND  
**GOOD  
NEWS  
GREAT  
JOY**

**Nov. 13-20**

*Shoeboxes!*



Shoeboxes available now  
For pick up @  
Fort Branch First UMC  
Fellowship hall



*"They have*  
**WASHED**  
*their*  
**ROBES**  
*and made them*  
**WHITE**  
*in the blood of the*  
**LAMB."**

REVELATION 7:14, NIV

## All Saints Day

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 divine  
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 mercy  
 sacred  
 Allhalloweve  
 death  
 grace  
 mausoleum  
 rest



*Paige Lewis ~ 10th*

*Methodist Women's Group*  
 Next meeting on  
**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
*All women of the church are invited.*

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## THIS WEEK *At Church*

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday: All Saints' Day

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

2:00pm Ω CHARGE CONF.  
via ZOOM

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

6:00 pm Ω Psi Iota Xi Meeting

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

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# All Saints' Day

## Welcome to Worship

**Rev. John Baylor, Jr.**

### PRELUDE

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

**\*HYMN # 711**

*For All the Saints*

### \*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.  
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to  
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

### PRAYERS

#### SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

**PRAYER HYMN # 723 *Shall We Gather at the River***

### 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.**

### THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

\*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

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

## CHILDRENS MOMENT

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Jenna Schleter ~ Come Jesus Come*

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

## MESSAGE

*“All Saints Day”*

*We call the roll this morning of those who have passed on to the next life over this past year: Effie Dilbeck and Don Colvin.*

## \*REMRANCE THROUGH CANDLE LIGHTING

### \*ALL SAINTS DAY PRAYER

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 fathers, God of our children to all generations: We pause this day to remember those of our congregation who have gone before us this past year. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those who we name before you: Effie Dilbeck and Don Colvin, along with others who we now name in our hearts (*silent remembrance*). With them, and all your saints, may we run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ever looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and the Perfector of our faith; in whose name we pray. Amen.

## \*HYMN # 710

*Faith of Our Fathers*

## \*BLESSING

Pastor

## \*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

## \*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*Will you let me be your servant?*

*Let me be as Christ to you?*

*Pray that I may have the grace to*

*Let you be my servant, too.*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE:

*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

## POSTLUDE



## Friends needing prayers

*Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Kathy Trowbridge, TJ Lewis, Mary & Roy, Roberta & Duncan, Ova, Israel*

## VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11





## All Saints' Day

### Psalm 23 NLT

#### A psalm of David

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need.
- <sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows;  
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- <sup>3</sup> He renews my strength.  
He guides me along right paths,  
bringing honor to his name.
- <sup>4</sup> Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me.  
Your rod and your staff  
protect and comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the LORD  
forever.

### John 14:1-12 NLT

#### Jesus, the Way to the Father

- <sup>14</sup> “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”
- <sup>5</sup> “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”
- <sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”
- <sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”
- <sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? <sup>10</sup> Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. <sup>11</sup> Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do. <sup>12</sup> “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Listening Guide**  
**“All Saints Day”**  
**November 5, 2023**

**Scripture:** Psalm 23; John 14:1-12

**How do we draw comfort in our loss?**

**God’s our \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 23:2-4)**

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**God \_\_\_\_\_ for Us (John 14:1-4)**

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**We \_\_\_\_\_ Him (vs. 5-12)**

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**Personal Application:** Let me challenge you to figure out what you want your life legacy to be. Maybe it is something that you have seen in one you have lost this year or maybe it is a goal that you have set in following Jesus. What do you want your life legacy to be? Will you be bold enough to live it out?

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