

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 5, 2023

PRELUDE/GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 711

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALTER, 830

SECOND READING

\*GOSPEL READING

\*GLORIA PATRI, 70

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.

\*CHOIR ANTHEM

*Valley of the Shadow*

Words and music by Robbie Hiner; Arranged by Russell Mauldin

SERMON

“The Saints Who Nurture Our Faith”

Buddy Butler

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 888 From I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

Tom Canady, February 11, 2023

Aleece Pickelsimer, June 1, 2023

Emily Yaxley, February 23, 2023

Patricia Boggs Arnold, September 10, 2023

Warrene Alexander, April 30, 2023

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word **we have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy **we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

Charles Ferguson

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY, 95 **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

**Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 707

*Hymn of Promise*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*SENDING FORTH

\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

\*POSTLUDE

Charles Ferguson

\*Congregation standing, as able



**Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes and gift suggestions lists are available in the Narthex. Filled shoe boxes, along with \$10.00 each for shipping, are due back at First UMC next Sunday, November 12. An anonymous donor has offered to pay shipping costs for any boxes where it has not been paid to encourage more boxes being filled. Samaritan's Purse hopes to ship 11 million Christmas shoeboxes all around the world this year. Pick up your box today!

The **Community Meal** is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 213 free “to go” meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact volunteers at 423-241-2282.

**Thanks to everyone who donated food for our Thanksgiving Mission Project.** Thanksgiving bags will be assembled next Sunday following worship. Anyone who would like to help fill bags is invited. Completed bags will be distributed to local recipients on Tuesday, November 14.

The **Trustee Meeting** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 8, at 5 p.m.

All news and calendar items for the **combined December/January issue** of *The Copperhill Courier* will be due in the church office by Thursday, November 16.

**NewsLetter DEADLINE**

**We will decorate for Advent** on Sunday, November 26. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. You're invited to stay after Worship and help beautify First UMC for Advent.

The **Church Council will** meet on Tuesday, November 28, at 6:30 p.m.

**Church Leadership**  
**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Sunday Servants**  
**Ushers** Bill Simonds, Adam Turner  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer, Jeff Walker  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane



**Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** \*Maria Ruark, Randy Loudermilk, Donna Ratzlaff, Juline Mixon, Billie Ash (temporary address: c/o Laura Ash, 1600 North Oak Street, Unit 825, Arlington, VA 22209), Kathy Panchyshyn, Elaine Minor, Jerry Panchyshyn, Tonya Callihan (knee surgery), +T.J. Thompson (recovering from knee surgery), Sally Patterson, Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Louise Arp, Barb Bender, Elaine Crowe

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** ^Shirley Sheffer (cancer diagnosis)

**Others in our prayers:** \*Steve Holcomb (friend of the McDonalds), \*the family of Barbara Smith, \*the family of Noah West (student of Chloe Cook), the people of Israel, the Stamey family, Ron Keeler (uncle of Ron Wray), Barbara Keppler (covid), Deanna Sharell (covid), Melvin Wilcox, JoAnn Whitlow, stroke (niece of Loretta Loudermilk), Brenda Turner, surgery (sister in law of Joy Turner), Norma Bean, Richard Wagner (heart surgery), Tiffany Deaver, Stewart Haslam (rare cancer), ^Don Loudermilk (brother in law of Loretta), Major Andy Lai (stationed in Taiwan, son-in-law of Rick and Tonya Callihan), +Lee Womac (Copperhill Postmaster—motorcycle accident), McKinley Majors (requested by Tonya Callihan), Emily Martin Bryant (niece of Joy Turner), Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, Hannah Geren, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine, victims of natural disasters worldwide

*\*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice*

**If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.**

**Birthdays**

5 Leland Rymer

**If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.**

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, etc.** *Thanks to all who contribute - the recipients are always grateful.*



**Calendar**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>               | <b>Monday</b>                    | <b>Wednesday</b>        |
| 10:00 am Sunday School     | 4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go" | 5:00 pm Trustee Meeting |
| 11:00 am Worship           |                                  | 6:00 pm Choir Practice  |
| 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting |                                  |                         |

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 Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

# All Saints Sunday

A TIME TO REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

## A Prayer Meditation for All Saint's Day

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you, whether in arbors or cathedrals, wooden churches or cement meeting houses.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and hands gnarled with age, holy hands.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints, whether hard-hatted or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited. They left their mark for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

(Written by Safiyah Fosua)

*Everyone Welcome!*