

Prayer and Care List

Please pray for those who are homebound, sick and grieving:

At home: Liz & Vann Johnson, Aubrey Roane, Anne Eastes,

Harriet Heath, Pat Spear

Churchland House: Ed Heath

Lake Prince Woods: Sarah Brown, Milt Brown

Mayfair House: Mary Alice Thomasson

Clergy and Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. H. Celeste Heath
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Calendar

November 4	7pm Southside Band Rehearsal
November 5	10am Leadership Board Meeting 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner
November 6	12:30pm Violin Lessons 6pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal
November 7	6pm Girl Scout Meeting

Monumental

United Methodist Church

November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* *A. Copland*

Introit *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* *J. Hopkras*

*Call to Worship

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

We give thanks!

We remember choir members, organists, bell ringers, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

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We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

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We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

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We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith

family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Hymn *For All the Saints* Vs. 1,2,4,6 *Hymnal #711*

Opening Prayer

Our Loving Creator, all that we have comes from you. We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.

Scripture Lesson *2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12*

Offertory

Anthem *Do Not Stand at my Grave and Weep* K.A. Arnesen
World Premiere

Doxology *page 94*

***Hymn** *Rejoice in God's Saints* *Hymnal #708*

Sermon *Looking for Saints*

Hymn *Hymn of Promise Vs 1,3* *Hymnal #707*

Remembering the Saints

*Martha Ruth Freeman, Dorothy Hill, Harry Spear
Mary Anne Alexander, Cheryl Hawkins, our unsheltered
neighbor*

Prayer of Confession

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Thank you for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. Bless the memories of your saints, and forgive us when we fail to remember the foundation they laid for us and our faith. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, and let us be thankful for our ancestors in faith. May we honor their memory and bring glory to you, as we prepare for this meal, in communion with all your saints, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion and Lighting of Candles

Holy Communion will be served by intinction. You will receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you are invited to light a candle on the table in memory of a loved one or friend. After lighting a candle you may go to the altar for prayer.

Holy Communion and Lighting of Remembrance Candles

***Hymn** *Sing with All the Saints of Glory* Hymnal #702

***Benediction**

Postlude	<i>Great Day</i>	<i>A. Hailstork</i>
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***Please stand if you are able.**

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Court St House Fire Fund.....\$25.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR 10/26/2025.....\$6,758.00

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