
BON AIR UMC



November 3rd, 2024

◆ 11:00AM SERVICE ◆ 1645 BUFORD RD. ◆

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All Saints' Day

Historically, the Church has confessed a belief in the "communion of the saints," which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. On All Saints Day, Methodists, along with Christians of many denominations, give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth.

The saints of our lives and our churches are the inspirational people with whom we worship on Sunday, and those across time we may never meet. We celebrate people of faith who inspire and encourage us.

Thanks be to God for the lives and love of the saints in the Kingdom of God!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God".

-Hebrews 12:1-2

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Lee Dengler

Procession

The Word, The Light, The Banner and Bells of Bon Air UMC Saints

Call to Worship

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying, **"Let there be light!"**

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying, **"I am the Light of the world."**

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints, **The ones in whom God's light shines.**

So let us give thanks for the saints this day, **And let us worship God.**

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility. **With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God.**

Hymn UMH 711

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

Anthem

The Morning Trumpet
Chancel Choir

Joanne Brown Ledoux

Gospel Lesson

John 11:32-44

Sermon

Experience and Understanding

Rev. Mayton

Hymn UMH 430

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

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Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

You that truly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and living from now on in God's holy ways: Draw near with faith, and receive this holy sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence in which you may confess your deepest sins to God.

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **Thanks and praise be to God, now and forever. Amen!**

Offering

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God. Ushers, please come forward.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking The Bread

Giving The Bread and The Cup

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserves your soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Jesus said: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide”. Arise, go in peace and by your fruits may all know that you are a disciple of Christ”. **Amen.**

*Closing Song TFWS 2281 *May You Run and Not Be Weary* PRINCE OF PEACE

May you run and not be weary, May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue, to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary, May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

***Benediction** Rev. Mayton
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
all. Amen.

*Postlude *Postlude on SINE NOMINE* Charles Callahan

**Please stand as able.*

Thank you all who have helped our neighbors by your good work of collecting, donating, and distributing warm clothes. God bless those who wear these articles of clothing and those who have shared with them!

Email list: Weekly announcements every Saturday at Noon. Contact mippolito@bonairumc.org to sign up!

Pumpkin Patch: Thank you to all those who volunteered to man the pumpkin patch this year!

Yoga: Every Wednesday at 6:00pm and every Friday at 10:00am!

Pickleball: Every Monday, Thursday, and Friday (times vary, please go to bonairunitedmethodistchurch.org/calendar for details.)

Karate: Every Saturday at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Jazzercise: Every Saturday at 9:00am in the Gym

Election Day: Please be aware that we will be closed on November 5th because we are a polling precinct. Absolutely no one is permitted to enter BAUMC unless they are voting.
Thank you for your cooperation!

Christmas Pageant: Coming December 8th at 10:00am, Directed by Beverley Edwards. Scan the QR code on the right to sign your child up to participate!

