All Saints' Sunday



BIRMINGHAM FIRST

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 **9:30AM & 11:00AM**

PRELUDE *Death & Resurrection* Jean Langlais

INTROIT Aiden Rito, bagpipes

***HYMN #711** *For All the Saints* - vs. 1-4

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come in, all of you, just as you are.
People: We come carrying names: the ones we answer to, and the ones we miss.
Leader: Today we remember the saints who went before us,
People: Ordinary people who knew whose they were.
Leader: The world gives us many names. Some are kind, some are heavy, and some we gave ourselves.
People: But God named us first, and called us beloved.
Leader: What God has named, nothing can unname: not time, not failure, not even death.
People: So we stand with the saints in a love that does not end.
All: Let us worship God!

***RESPONSE #711** *For All the Saints* - vs. 6

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chad Oyer

PASTORAL PRAYER

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Leader: Let us lift before God the names of our church Saints:

Cliff Bath	Patricia Jennings	Robert McNutt
Joan Benner	Paula Jones	Phyllis Motl
Gertrude Blackwell	Elaine Kozar	Jill Paton
Mary Jane Bond	Dick Laimbeer	Lin Schoelch
Howard Campbell	Ollie Lamb	Frank Schweibold
Gerald Clark	Frances Larsen	Dale Stevens
Gale Cunningham	Ozzie Link	Roger Timm
Carole Denton	Mary McElmurry	Sandra Walter
Betty Jane Emmert	Jane McKee	Mary June Wilkinson-Schmidt
Daine Garabedian	Ed McKeehan	Evelyn Joan Williams
Melissa Hess		

Leader: We also light one candle in silence as we remember other family and friends who have died in this past year.

Leader: The lives of these saints have hallowed our journey of faith as their witness continues to ring in our midst. The notes of their love for God and for us continue to stir our spirits. Their memory is a sacred blessing forever.

Joining our voices with theirs, let us pray together:

All: **Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for those saints we've named and those whose names reside in our hearts this morning. Their lives are forever intertwined with ours. Empower us with your Spirit, that together with them, we may bear faithful witness to your love and grace all the days of our lives, until we shall meet again in eternal praise around your throne, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn #707 *Hymn of Promise* - vs. 3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory *In My Father's House* Matthew Armstrong
Chancel Choir

In my Father's house are many mansions:
If it were not so, I would not have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you;
So that where I am, you may also be.

Let not your heart be troubled:
Believe in God, believe also in me,
For you know where I go, and you know the way.

Truly I say to you, I will come again,
And receive you to myself,
I go to prepare a place for you;
So that where I am, you may also be.

***Doxology #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

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Scripture 1 John 3:1-3 NIV

Message *True Identity* Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please dip a piece of gluten-free bread into the cup, taking the bread and juice together. If you wish to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will be served in your pew.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

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

***Hymn #701** *When We All Get to Heaven*

***Benediction**

Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* James Pethel

*please stand as you are able *** seating for late arrivals

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the saints of our church who have gone on before us.

Memorial Garden Blessing

There will be a special blessing of the newly installed fountain in our Memorial Garden between worship services today. As part of the garden renovations, our original limestone fountain (1984), which had deteriorated over time, has been replaced with a granite replica. With landscaping completed this spring, the new fountain marks the final piece of the renovation. We are grateful to the families who generously funded its replacement, helping preserve this sacred space of remembrance and reflection for generations to come.

A SEASON OF GIVING, SERVING, AND SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Share Holiday Blessings with Redford Brightmoor Initiative

Help make the holidays brighter for our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI)! Stop by Fellowship Hall today or November 8 to pick up a Christmas stocking to fill with $15 worth of goodies. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare, transport, and distribute Thanksgiving food bags to RBI families on November 21. Visit our website to sign up. Questions? Contact Deb Hamel at 248-882-6965.

Purposeful Play • An Afternoon of Games & Giving Back

Play with a purpose on Friday, November 27, while supporting Angel Tree, a program helping local children during the Christmas season. Join us for Angels & Tiles, featuring Mah Jongg lessons from noon–2:00 p.m. ($40) or open play from noon–6:00 p.m. ($25). Pickleball enthusiasts can participate in the Serving with Smiles Pickleball Mixer from noon–6:00 p.m. ($30), welcoming all skill levels. Visit our website to register.

Support Scout Troop & Pack 1032 Holiday Green Sales

Bring some holiday cheer home while supporting our Scouts! Order wreaths, porch pots, evergreen roping, and grave blankets in Fellowship Hall today or November 8 and 15. Drive-through order pickup will be available in the church parking lot on Saturdays, November 21 and December 5. Your purchase helps support our Birmingham First Scouts.

GATHER, CONNECT, AND GET INVOLVED

First Nurses Blood Pressure Checks

Stop by Fellowship Hall today for a free blood pressure check with our First Nurses! We extend a special thank-you to Sara Shirley, who has faithfully led this ministry for many years. Sara will continue to help with blood pressure checks from time to time. We are pleased to welcome Deb Hamel as our new First Nurses Ministry Coordinator. Thank you to all of our First Nurses for your dedication to the health and well-being of this church.

Monthly Prayer Group Today

Gather in prayer today, and on the first Sunday of each month, 10:35–10:55 a.m. in Ward Library, Room 105. Questions? Contact Judy Lowery at 248-792-7821.

Pumpkin Patch for Hunger

Thanks to all those who volunteered and/or shopped the pumpkin patch. We still have a few pumpkins left in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take one (or more) home. There's a basket on the table if you'd like to make a donation to the Hunger Ministry. Your generosity will help feed those in need. Thank you for your support!

Planning Ahead: Dementia: Navigating the Dementia Journey • November 8

Please note the topic change for our November 8 Planning Ahead program. Join us on Sunday, November 8, from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Gain practical insights and compassionate guidance to better understand dementia, support your loved one, and navigate the journey with greater confidence. Lunch will be provided. RSVP on our website.

Advent by Candlelight • RSVP for November 30

United Women in Faith invites women from Birmingham & Berkley First, along with their friends and guests, to Advent by Candlelight: "*What the World Needs Now…"* on Monday, November 30, in the CLC and Sanctuary. Join in this special evening to prepare your heart for the Advent season. Go to our website to sign up to host a table, RSVP for the communal table, or attend the Sanctuary program. The Sanctuary program will be livestreamed at 7:00 p.m. and available to watch afterward for those unable to attend in person.

Pickleball Ladder Leagues • Registration Open!

Registration is now open for Pickleball Ladder Leagues in the Christian Life Center! Join us on Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21 and December 5 (no play on November 28). Two sessions are available: 1:00–2:30 p.m. and 2:30–4:00 p.m. The cost is $40 per session, and registration is required at least 24 hours in advance. Registration can be found on our website.

Voice of Hope

Need a little encouragement? Call our *Voice of Hope* line at 248-646-6407 and press 2 to hear an uplifting message recorded just for you. Whether you're seeking comfort, inspiration, or a gentle reminder of God's love, take a moment to listen. New messages are shared each week—don't miss your moment of hope today.

New Assistive Listening System

Birmingham First and Berkley First now offer Auracast Bluetooth audio, a new assistive listening system designed to help you hear worship more clearly through compatible hearing aids, earbuds, headphones and other listening devices. Scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin to get connected.

Sunday Night Dinner • Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in Fellowship Hall tonight at 6:00 p.m. for Sunday Night Dinner. The menu this evening is "Breakfast For Dinner" with egg casserole, bacon, pancakes, and fresh fruit.



Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr., Senior Pastor

Rev. Chad Oyer, Senior Associate Pastor

Rev. Elizabeth Hurd, Associate Pastor

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BULLETIN COVER

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4

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