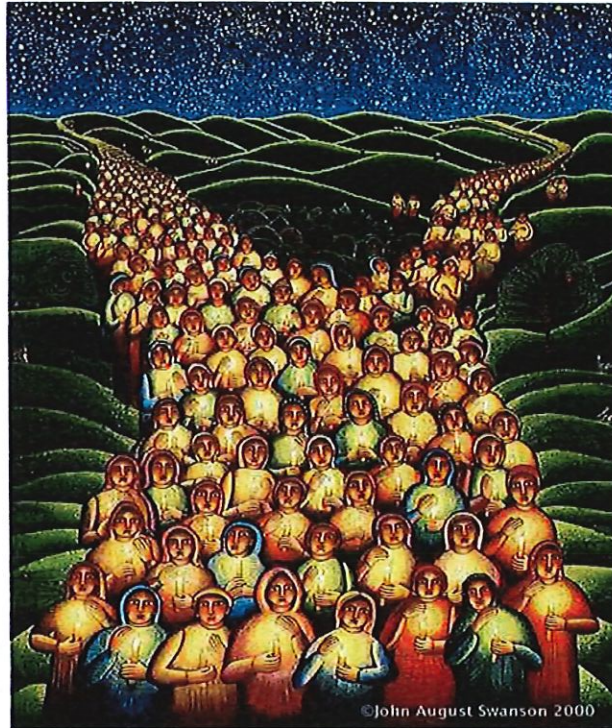


Central United Methodist Church



All Saint's Sunday
November 3, 2024
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

*Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, pursuing justice and embracing all.*

201 - 3rd Avenue Knoxville TN 37917
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We Gather to Praise God

Prelude	<i>Variations on "Pisgah"</i>	arr. Joseph M. Martin
Introit	Tiffany Mynatt, soloist	
Welcome	The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!	Rev. Jimmy Sherrod
Opening Prayer		Rev. Diana Brown Taylor

† Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord. **God's love endures forever!**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses

The faithful, called and claimed by God, who put their hope and trust in Christ.

Saints who, by word and action, lived a life of service to others.

A great cloud of witnesses whose legacy will be felt for generations.

Though our hearts may be saddened, our Spirits are not crushed

God's faithful love comforts us.

May our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ.

May we learn from the ones who have gone before us.

Let us give thanks to God, who is our light and our hope.

God's love endures forever! Amen.

† Opening Song

For All the Saints (VV 1,2,4 & 6)

UMH 711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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!

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

A Time for Young Christians

Emalie Dockery

*Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on
Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).*

Anthem

Blest Are They

David Haas

Sermon

Better Angels

Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

Remembering the Saints

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

The great cloud of witnesses are all those who have lived lives of faith before us and left for us a rich, spiritual legacy.

We remember those who modeled Christ's love to us, who now belong to God in eternal glory.

A family member or representative will come forward to light a candle in memory of each person.

We remember the saints of Central who have died this past year:

Remembering the Saints

Allen Knable, Bill Dockery, Sancy Hail, Doris Jean Moore, Pat Keyes

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

Marchin' On Up
Madie Coffey, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

Dedication of Gifts

UMH 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 Confession

Loving God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

Hear the good news...the Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy and offering pardon. In the name of Jesus Christ, may we receive the forgiveness God offers. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God.

We thank you for creating the gift of life.

for the life and ministry of Jesus and the sustaining work of the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for faithful living of saints for all centuries. for the witness of those who gave their lives in your service.

So, with your people on earth and the Communion of Saints, we offer our thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the presence of this cloud of witnesses, **we gather around this table.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples, and said: *“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, in union with the saints of heaven, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and fruit of the vine...and on us. Strengthen your church universal that we may champion your peace and justice in all of the world. Renew our communion with all your saints. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

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.

Communion

One Bread, One Body
Tiffany Mynatt and Madie Coffey

arr. Lloyd Larson

We serve Holy Communion by intinction. You will be offered a piece of bread and invited to dip into the cup. You are welcome to light a candle in honor of/remembrance of a saint in your life as you spend time praying at the altar.

For those with gluten sensitivities, a gluten-free alternative is available at the center table.

All are welcome at Christ’s table.

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

UMH 712

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of the saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a press, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church,
by the sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

† Benediction

Postlude

When The Roll is Called Up Yonder

arr. Mark Hayes

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Today's anthem was given by the Genesis Class in memory of Anne Loy's father, R.W. Carrell.

Sunday, November 10th – 3:00 p.m., Room 210 We will make Holiday Cards for Minvilla Manor & Caswell Manor Residents. A list of first names of residents will be available so you can personalize and help the residents in Permanent Supportive Housing feel special for the holidays! We will make a total of 6 cards (3 choices – 3 to keep and 3 to share). Suggested donation for supplies - \$5.00 To help us have adequate supplies, please reserve your place on the Ministry Team Sign-Up Board or let Gaye King know you are coming.

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative - Breakthrough Prayer Initiative - If you did not receive a prayer card last week, please see Mary Humes or Linda Jackson. Pray Group is presenting this prayer practice and asking each person at Central to join in praying this Breakthrough Prayer daily. This is intentional prayer followed by intentional listening to the voice of God as He leads us forward in our lives and at Central UMC. Imagine all of us praying this same prayer daily to the God whose power resurrected Christ from the grave on Easter Sunday. Let's wait expectantly for God's voice. Two helpful books by Sue Kibbey are *The Open Road* and *Dynamite Prayer*.

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15 pm
Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm
Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

Monthly:

1st Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, Room 213
Caswell Manor Lunch Prep
1st Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch
3rd Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep
3rd Friday – Serve VMC Lunch
4th Thursday – Help at Minvilla Manor
Second Harvest Food Pantry

November 5	Election Day Café and Voting
November 5	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
November 6	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
November 9	Violin Recital, 2pm-4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
November 10	Praising Team Meeting, 12noon-1pm, Room 210 Grace Cares Card Making Class, 3:00pm-5:00pm, Room 210
November 14	Justice Knox Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Sanctuary & 2 nd floor rooms
November 16	Pack Fulton Thanksgiving boxes, Fellowship Hall Memorial Service & Reception for Pat Keyes, 1:30 pm, Sanctuary & Room 213
November 18	Distribute Fulton Thanksgiving boxes Centro Hispano Parents Meeting, 5:30-8:15 pm, Fellowship Hall 4 th and Gill Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
November 25	Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Room 210
November 26	Vocational Discernment Meeting, 10am-1pm, Room 209
November 28,29	Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

We're hiring! We're seeking a Director of Families with Children to join our dynamic team. The position is part-time (15 hours a week). Please pass this along to folks you may know who might be interested in helping our families with children grow in their faith and spirituality! Candidates should submit resumes to Rev. Jimmy Sherrod at jimmy@knoxcentralumc.org. Please be in prayer for our team as we search for the right candidate to fill this position.

It is a time to share a bountiful meal with our neighbors in celebration of Thanksgiving, an American tradition that we all love! November is right around the corner, folks! This year, we will continue our commitment to help the families at **Fulton High School** that cannot afford to buy extra for the holiday meal. It is a tradition at Central to bestow boxes of perishables and nonperishables for the neediest families. Fulton asked us if we could provide **65** boxes this year and we responded with an enthusiastic **YES!** There are many ways to get involved in the coordination of this service opportunity! Please see the below schedule and let us know if you want to be part of blessing these families with love and food for the holiday! You can help us shop, purchase the \$20 Kroger gift cards, or donate money towards this grand project. We also need volunteers to help on the **distribution day, Monday, November 18th from 11 am to 7:30 pm**. Please see the sign up on the sign up board outside of the sanctuary for the various time slots. It's as easy as one, two, three as follows:

- 1 - Grab a bag with the list of items to purchase.** The filled bags of the nonperishables need to be at the church no later than **Tuesday, November 12th by 4 pm** as we close the church at 4:30 pm.
- 2 - Help the Project Grad Fulton Students pack the perishables on November 16th from 11 am to Noon** and join us for a pizza lunch afterwards!
- 3 - Sign up to help with distributing the boxes on Monday, November 18th, shifts from 11 am to 7:30 pm are available. If you are open to helping deliver, please let us know!**

Prayer List
Sunday, November 3, 2024

The family of **Pat Keyes**, who died October 18 in Decatur, Georgia. There will be a memorial service at Central on Saturday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m. Peter's address is 2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033. The address for her daughter, Mary Souther, is 2888 Belvedere Ln, Decatur, GA 30032.

Melanie Reeseigh is recovering at home after knee-replacement surgery on October 14 (2346 E 5th Ave, 37921).

Michael Dearen's (Patty Parham's nephew) cancer has now spread to his liver. He is still receiving medication for the pancreas and will receive an additional dose for the liver (7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133).

Susanna Dearen (Patty Parham's sister), has cellulitis on her lower leg and will have a procedure done on November 7 to help that heal.

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's grandniece) will finish her radiation treatments in Jacksonville on Thursday. The family will return to Charleston next Sunday. You can follow Ford's progress on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/forddeese>.

Karen Till Johnson (friend of Susie Knable) has been diagnosed with a mass in her kidney.

Charles Sartwell (Ann Sartwell's father and former CUMC member) has now moved to assisted living. He is doing well physically but still having memory problems. His new address is Ivy Park at Monterey, 1110 Cass St., Apt 101, Monterey, CA 93940.

The family of **Phillip Wood** (his son is a friend of Justin Umbarger) who passed away from cancer.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Emalie and Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Lena Frye** (friend of Lauren Gangaware), **Brenda Bacon Goble** (friend of Susie Knable), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Larry Ketron** (Jodie Overton's father), **Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033), **G.R. Lewis** (wife is friend of Ali Umbarger), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka, 37917), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AR 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms, 200 Nodding Oak, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516), **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914), and **Rev. Grady Winegar** (5503 Pinecrest Rd, 37912).

Breakthrough Prayer for November

Holy Spirit, break through and open doors to new hopes, dreams, and possibilities in our church and in our lives. Open our minds and hearts. Help us surrender to your will and faithfully follow Christ by serving others. Amen.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you, in the pews, you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number, or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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