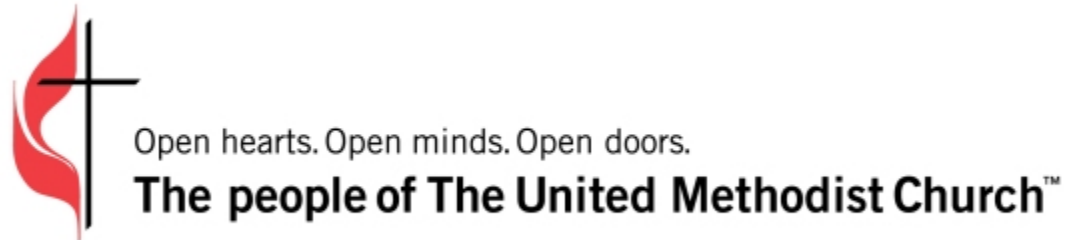


"Soli Deo Gloria"
- To God Alone be the Glory



Dallas United Methodist Church



"ALL SAINTS SUNDAY"

Liturgical Color – White

November 3rd, 2024

WELCOME!

We are very glad you are here this morning!

We pray that in our time together,
you will sense God's Holy Spirit in the silence, the spoken word, or the music,
and understand this truth ... **JESUS LOVES YOU AND IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU!!!**

***"WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?
TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."***

- Micah 6:8

***"YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'
... AND ... 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'
NO OTHER COMMANDMENT IS GREATER THAN THESE."***

- Mark 12:30-31

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.***

***Local churches and extension ministries of the Church
provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.***

(¶ 120 Book of Discipline)

Dallas UMC is a United Methodist Congregation
of the Luzerne West Cluster of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre (SWB) District
of the Susquehanna Conference of the Northeast Jurisdiction
of the United Methodist Church of Christ's Church Universal

Ministers: All who LOVE and SERVE Jesus

Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

Conference Superintendent of the SWB Supervisory Area: Rev. Judy Walker

Pastor: Dave Walker

Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Most loving God,

you have given us a great multitude of witnesses

whose lives have testified to the amazing power of your Son's resurrection.

By your presence among us, teach us the truth of life everlasting.

**Through this day for remembrance of those who have gone before us,
grant us inspiration to run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

Keep us on the way of truth until we, too,

join in endless celebration with all your saints in splendor.

In the name of Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

**Deep in the Shadows of the Past*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 ...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

{following this time our young people are welcome to go to Sunday School}

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

(Ecumenical Text)

**Our Father in Heaven ... hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come ... your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins ... as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial ... and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom ... the power ... and the glory are yours ... now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

John 11:32-44 ... Revelation 21:1-6a

(The Reader says: "The Word of God for ALL people" ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

For all the saints who have gone before us,

God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.

For all the saints who have been beloved to us,

God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.

For all the saints who have left us too soon,

God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.

For all the saints who have exemplified the faithful life,

God, may we learn from their ways and follow you.

On this day, we remember Elizabeth Covert and June Houser.

On this day, we name all those who are in our hearts:

[speak aloud the names of the saints in our hearts]

For all the saints, God, we give thanks to you;

On earth, in heaven, we are one, we are your children.

We thank you for those who have gone before us.

May we forgive those whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive.

May we know that we are forgiven for our own sins.

May we know that we are loved by the same God, from this life into eternity.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, who lived, who died and who lives eternally.

Amen and Amen.

For All the Saints

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious God,

we thank you for all those who have come before us, leaving a legacy of faith.

Thank you for the myriad ways they modeled for us

what it means to love you and love one another.

We are grateful for the sacrifices they made,

the gifts they shared, and the time they gave

so that your gospel might be proclaimed from this place and among these people.

Gracious God,

the baton has now been passed to us.

Grant us wisdom and discernment, unity of spirit and courage

that we might continue the good work begun by others.

We pray in Christ's name and for the sake of his kingdom.

Amen.

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

“HEAVEN”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE LOAF AND CUP

** Hymn of Promise*

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* BENEDICTION

God invites us into his future,
where the one who makes all things new
has made his home among us.

We are called and chosen,

**together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning,
crying, pain and even death will be no more.**

Remember God's future, for this is our story.

Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!"

and we respond, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

** Soon and Very Soon*

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

CHURCH CONFERENCE ... Our Annual Church Conference will be held Thursday, November 14th, at 6:30 PM at Trucksville United Methodist Church's education building. Everyone is welcome to attend. Only Professing Members are permitted to vote on matters needing a vote.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ... Poinsettias - this year's cost \$9.00 ... Orders due by Sunday, November 24th ... Please place your order by then with Jennie Valick-Kopacz before or after Worship or by phone (570-574-7849).

- red ones will be here December 15th ...
- white ones will be here December 24th.