

November 5, 2023



We exist to welcome ALL people by sharing the Love of Christ!

## 9:00 am Service 23rd Sunday After Pentecost/All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Bob Green
PRELUDE

Gayle Graening

(As the music begins, we invite you to prayerfully prepare for this time of worship.)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Green

Leader: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses!

Congregation: Death has no dominion over them.

Leader: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Congregation: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Leader: Call our hearts together now, O God.

Congregation: Through this time of worship, renew us in the faith we hold dear, the faith of all

the saints who have gone before us.

Leader: Grant us a new start, renewed energy,

Congregation: And your power as we worship you today! Amen!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE For All the Saints (v 1-4) UMH 711

**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS** (see Insert)

ALL SAINTS REFLECTION Chancel Choir In Remembrance of Me \*APOSTLES CREED **UMH 881** \*GLORIA PATRI **UMH 70** CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie Neblett Revelation 21:1-6a, Psalm 23 \*SCRIPTURE Rev. Felicia Kumar The Best Is Yet to Come Rev. Felicia Kumar **SERMON** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER Jo Ann Calabro SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH 12-14

Communion Servers: Charlotte Mason, Bill Ross and Karen Shrode

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT When We All Get to Heaven UMH 701
\*BENEDICTION Rev. Felicia Kumar

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Sent Forth by God's Blessing (v1)

UMH 664

**POSTLUDE** Gayle Graening

\*Please stand as you are able

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# **November Sermon Series**





November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday

Sermon: *The Best is Yet to Come* Scripture: Revelations 21:1-6a

November 12, 2023 Sermon: *Giving When It Hurts* Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

t Hurts Sermon: Thankfulness 8-44 Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 November 12, 2023 Christ the King Sunday Sermon: *Christ is Our King* Scripture: John 18:33-37

#### Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you! ~Thessalonians 5:18

Thankfulness is a theme that runs through the entire Bible and a practice that radically transforms the hearts of those who express it. We invite you to come and join us and be blessed each Sunday and give thanks to God for everything that God has done in the past, God is doing in the present, and God will continue to do in the future! May we count our blessings and name them one by one!

11:15 am Service 23rd Sunday After Pentecost/All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023

**WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER**\*SONGS OF PRAISE

Difference Maker

Praise Team

Multiplied

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie Neblett

**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS** (see Insert)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*FELLOWSHIP TIME SONG
The Way (New Horizons)

\*SCRIPTURE
Revelation 21:1-6a, Psalm 23
Rev. Felicia Kumar

The Best Is Yet to Come

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Praise Team

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Moses Kumar

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Communion Servers: Ginger and Hans Vooys

\*BENEDICTION SONG

Whole Heart

Praise Team

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Praise Team

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# Rehoboth's Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

#### Long-Term

(hospice care or long-term medical treatments, diagnosis or rehab)

Maria Avila-Raspet (J. Miller) Hanson family Helena Ludwig Donna Stephens (J. Miller)
Al Burzo (J. Miller) Edith Hardy Jim Mason Bobbie Sullins (T. Cage)

Jean Cage Tom Harned (M. Miller) John McIntosh

Frances Catron (Catron) Sara Kennedy (B. Miller) Jackson Murtha (Shumate)

#### Health Concerns

Russ Holt Matthew Bautula (Lehmann) Danny Ellis (J. Miller) Melissa Slone Shan Boone Jason Erlewine Janet (Plause) Stephanie Shumate Jack Bradley (Dorris) Gerald Esmer (Esmer) Roy Johnson (Shumate) Rosie Smith Lucretia Brinkley (Ayre) Adeline Floyd (Calabro) Ruby Love (Calabro) Sylvia Street (Walker) Shasta Brown (Brown) Wilburn Thacker (Shumate) Nancy Garrison (J. Miller) Scott McCarthy (Shumate) Diane Gagliardi (Cundiff) Larry Thompson (Hanson) Melvin Burke (A. Mason) Becky Miller Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo) Ernie Grinder Bob Plause (Plause) Nick Umbarger (Murphy) Judi Dale (A. Mason) Laura Hayes **Diana Roberts** Barbara Vaughn (Walker) Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre) Anne Dorris Caroline Rudy (A. Ayre) Todd Willbanks (Willbanks) Jon Dorris (Dorris) Pam Hanes (A. Ayre) Rebecca Savage (Savage)

#### Other Concerns

Joseph Chaffins & family (Slone)

Maryann and Tony Davis

Family of Patsy Kelley

Tom Kim

The people and country of Israel

#### Sympathy To

Jan Miller and family in the passing of Jan's brother Rich Raspet

Individuals will remain on our list for up to 3 weeks. Please contact the church office to resubmit a praise and/or prayer request.

(Names in Bold have been newly added to the list.)

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able

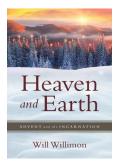


# Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Next Week (November 12)



Packing List Suggestions may be found at the following link:. https://sp-comm-arkfiles.s3.theark.cloud/website/pdfs/OCC/Gift-Suggestions/2021-Gift-Suggestions-PDF.pdf

### Advent Bible Study led by Pastor Felicia Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation



Watch out! Get ready! God is on the way! It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we are to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now.

In Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, United Methodist Bishop (retired) Will Willimon introduces us to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out! Get ready! God is on the way!

Join Pastor Felicia for a four-week Advent Bible Study in person or via Zoom. The schedule is as follows, and books are available through the church office at a cost of \$10.

Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom (Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 4 and Dec 11) Tuesday Afternoons at 1:00 pm in Person (Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5 and Dec 12) Wednesday Afternoons at 1:00 pm in Person (Nov 15, Nov 29, Dec 6 and Dec 13)

To sign up for one of the study groups or to order a book, please contact the church office (churchum@gmail.com or 615-757-3262)

**Altar Flowers** today are provided by Bill Ludwig in honor of Bill and Helena's 45th Wedding Anniversary on November 4

#### Week of November 5, 2023

#### Today:

8:30 am Chancel Choir

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service

10:00 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Sunday School

11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

#### Wednesday:

7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera

10:00 am Card Fellowship Group (Library)

6:00 pm Children's Group

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:15 pm Chancel Choir

7:15 pm Hand Chimes

#### Saturday:

10:00 am Church Leadership Team (Chapel)

11:00 am Charge Conference (Chapel)

# **Birthdays**

Nov 5 Ryan Kennedy

Nov 9 Ana Willbanks

# Birthday Blessings,

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# All Saints Remembrance November 5, 2023

# LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

(from General Board of Discipleship)

Leader: On this Day of the Saints, let us honor those who hallowed this earth by their prayers

and by the way they walked in the light of God. Let us remember the giants of faith.

Congregation: On this day, let us honor those who, empowered by the Holy Spirit,

established God's church – giving life, blood, soul and strength, that we might

have a right to the tree of life.

Leader: On this day, let us honor those whose belief in the God of freedom was so strong

that freedom rings stronger and longer today. Let us remember these warriors of

liberation and service.

Congregation: On this day, let us honor those who hallowed the struggle for justice by the

love they showed to create a beloved community. Let us remember these

blessed ones whose example we should follow.

Leader: On this day, let us honor those who built our families, sacrificed for our well-being,

enriched our church, founded institutions of learning, braved the storm and fought

Member

Member

the good fight. We stand on their shoulders!

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Patsy Kelley Bob Linder

Bonnie Williamson Member



We light a candle and remember those family members listed and other friends whom we have said goodbye to over the last year.

We light a candle in honor of the military service members who have given the ultimate sacrifice over the course of the year.

We light a candle in honor of the first responders, and other emergency personnel who have given the ultimate sacrifice over the last year.

We light a candle for those for whom no one calls their name.

Paul Allred Janet Carr's uncle

Sawyer Allred David and Janet Carr's niece

Mary Ollie Andrews Mary Lee Atkins mother, Andy Atkins grandmother and Claudia Atkins

great-grandmother

Billy Ray Barrett Sherrie Cathcart's uncle

Bill Bigger Mark Miller's cousin

David Cundiff Joe Cundiff's brother

Carmelina Evans Tim Smith's grandmother

Mark Gaskill Catherine Rainey's cousin

Mary Henkler Chris Walker's sister-in-law

Leon Locke Lisa McClendon's father; Dalton and Dakota McClendon's grandfather

Becky McCarthy Stephanie Shumate's aunt

Mike Mangrum Chris Walker's nephew

Marie Mascia Lydia Esmer's sister

Erma Jean Mayton Bev Woodrich's mother

Martha Luzinka Munday Melody Draper and Greta Frensley's Aunt

Michael Navel Gennifer McDaniel Navel's husband

Rachel June Paschall Nadean Lee's mother and Candace Farmer's grandmother

Chuck Schaal Patty Hanson's brother

Joe Thomas Shipp Catherine Rainey's cousin

Melonia Tidwell Janet Carr's aunt

Ríta Whíte Laura Hayes' mother



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

# **BE A PART OF OUR ADVENT DEVOTIONS**

### **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 8)**

Devotional Example:

Scripture: One Scripture, no more than 3 short verses

Devotion: One to two Short Paragraphs One to two Sentence Prayer Prayer:

> (Note: A good example to reference for format would be the "Jesus Calling" devotional by Sarah Young.)

Please submit Devotions to the church office via email (churchum@gmail.com) by November 8, to allow time for compiling and formatting for use.

The congregation (adults, youth, and children) are invited to submit Christmas-oriented devotions for our daily email devotions during Advent (December 3 thru December 24). In addition to emailing these devotions on a daily basis, they will be compiled into an Advent Devotional Booklet to be distributed prior to Advent. We are asking that devotions include a scripture, reflection and prayer in the following format.

# **Church Family Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner** Sunday, November 19 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are sure you are making plans for a thanksgiving meal with your friends and family, or you may have already been invited to attend a thanksgiving meal with your loved

Here at Rehoboth, plans are underway as we gather for a special Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and/or someone who needs to be surrounded by a loving church family!

To help us plan for the event, please take a moment and let us know how many in your family or group will be attending the thanksgiving meal and what you plan to bring by signing up in the Fellowship Hall. (A special thanks to Joann Bates for her creativity in preparing the sign-up sheets.)

Gallatin Shalom Zone Last-Minute Toy Store

Toy Collection

to benefit Sumner County children

We will collect **new**, **unwrapped** toys for the Gallatin Shalom Zone's Toys For Tots Last-Minute Toy Store thru December 10.

> Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex.

Please remember to complete the attendance sheet located in the pew card holders, and drop it in the offering plate after the service. Thank you.

### **Visitation/Care Team Ministry to the Homebound**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green! ~Psalm 92:12-14

We are excited and happy to announce that plans are underway to, once again, organize a Visitation/Care Team Ministry with those who are unable to worship with us on Sunday mornings!

Do you have an hour or so to spare on a weekday or weekend to connect and or visit with one of the homebound members of our congregation? Visitation, writing notes of encouragement, making phone calls, taking Communion elements, and delivering flowers are some of the ways we can reach out to our homebound members, keeping them connected to our congregation and letting them know that we care about them!

Visitation Ministry

If this has been your desire, or if God is nudging you to be involved in reaching out to those who feel lonely and or forgotten, please contact the church office (churchum@gmail.com or 615-757-3262) to let Maryann know that you are interested in this ministry.

> Also, please join us for a meeting on Sunday, November 12, at 12:15 pm in the Library.

We hope you will pray, ponder, and follow your passion!



# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

This prophecy of the coming Christ that was given hundreds of years before His birth tells us that the Child that was to be born would have some very amazing names. Of course, the One that Isaiah is speaking of is Jesus! According to Isaiah He would be called: **Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!** During the four weeks of Advent, we will look at each of these four names in depth of how meaningful those names are to us as individuals and as a community of believers! Invite a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a co-worker! Come, join, and experience it for yourself and be blessed as we prepare ourselves to worship the Christ-Child!

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent SERMON: "OUR WONDERFUL COUNSELOR" Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

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December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent SERMON: "OUR MIGHTY GOD" Scripture: Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

**December 17, 2023**SERMON: "OUR EVERLASTING FATHER"

Third Sunday of Advent
Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

December 21, 2023 Blue Christmas Service

7:00 pm in the Chapel

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. So, our Blue Christmas Service will provide a quiet and contemplative time of worship as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings to those who are dealing with the death of a loved one, a broken relationship, coping with the loss of a job, living with, or caring for someone with an ongoing illness and or experiencing any other form of brokenness or situations. If you know of someone who's going through a difficult time in their life and are in need of love, support, encouragement, and prayers, please bring them along with you to experience hope, love, joy, and peace that only our Lord Jesus can give us!

December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10 am Blended Worship Service with a special Christmas Collection of Music SERMON: "OUR PRINCE OF PEACE" Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

December 24, 2023 5 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service Christmas Meditation: "WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ABOUT?" Scripture: John 1:1 & 14

#### December 31, 2023

10 am Blended Worship Service Theme: "Stories Behind Christmas Carols" On this first Sunday after Christmas, we will focus on a few carols and reflect on how the stories behind these carols express the true meaning of Christmas and impact our lives!