

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today



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9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:30 pm Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
3:00 pm Handbell Practice (114)
3:30 pm Open Youth Room (130)
4:00 pm Handbell Practice (114)
4:00 pm Kidz Play (4-5:40) (Chapel)
5:00 pm Band of Brothers Men's Group (123)
5:00 pm Disciple 1 Fast Track (128)
6:00 pm LoveLights Service (Sanctuary)

Mon., 11/4

4:00 pm Book Art (128)
6:30 pm MAD (Making a Difference) (124)
6:30 pm Praying for Your Adult Children (123)

Tues., 11/5

3:30 pm Prayer Group (121)
6:00 pm Trustees Mtg. (128)
6:30 pm Handbell Practice (114)
7:00 pm Young Adults - The Chosen Season 2 (130)

Wed., 11/5

9:00 am Crochet (128)
9:30 am Connect & Coffee (preschool parents) (121)
6:30 pm Choir Practice (119)
6:30 pm Crochet (128)
7:30 pm Charge Conference (Sanctuary)

Thurs., 11/7

6:30 pm The Chosen Season 3 (130)

Fri., 11/8

5:00 pm **Holiday Bazaar Preview** (\$5 entrance fee)

Sat., 11/9

5:00 pm **Holiday Bazaar** (free)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes are available in the Stars Café and Narthex. A brochure is inside each box with packing instructions. Packed boxes are due back by Sunday, November 10th. For more info on how to pack boxes, got to linktr.ee/bfumc (Operation Christmas Child).

2025 PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not yet turned in your 2025 Pledge Card, you may pick one up at the Reception Desk, the Narthex, or one of the Vestibules. Or, you can print one out through linktr.ee/bfumc (Annual Giving Commitment/Pledge Sunday 10-27-24). Turn it in at the church office or drop in the offering plate.

Complete details are printed each week in The Bethlehem Happenings.

Copies are available in the Stars Café, Narthex, and side Vestibules. The Happenings is also emailed church-wide on Friday of each week. To receive this email, please contact the church office at info@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

November 3, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
All Saints Sunday



Death is a part of life, yet we don't like to discuss death. From God's perspective, death has been defeated! But we still have lots of questions: What happens when we die? We understand what happens physically, but what happens spiritually? Will it hurt? Will it be peaceful? Will we know it? Death is a reality we will all face, an experience we will all have. We treat death like the worst thing possible, yet we will all die one day. God gives us the opportunity to embrace what the world feels is the worst experience imaginable. If you experience death with Jesus, then death is really the beginning of a new life that lasts for eternity. Specific things happen to us when we die according to the Bible: Your spirit instantly departs your body. For the believer, your spirit is with Jesus in paradise. For those who do not believe, they are conscious of their eternity as well, but it's an eternity void of grace. At His Second Coming, our bodies and spirits will be perfected. We will face the judgment seat of Christ and we will live forever in God's presence.

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11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE Becky Pentecost
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Caroline & Margaret Nelson
GREETING Rev. Megan Gomez
CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Aldridge

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

Yet we long to know facts, plans, and schedules.

It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to place our trust in you,
to live according to your direction.

Yet we want life to make sense

from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

You assure us that you are with us,
that in you death has been overcome.

Yet it's not easy to accept your promise.

It's hard to live by faith.

Though we don't understand, we worship you.

**Help us to trust you in life and death,
to be a people who walk by faith.**

OPENING PRAYER Dan Aldridge

*OPENING HYMN UMH 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Vv. 1, 3, 4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Rev. Frank Bernat

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY See Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Gomez

*OFFERTORY HYMN UMH 711

For All the Saints (Vv. 1, 4)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Appalachian Psalm* Chancel Choir
Alison Mueller - violinist

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

SCRIPTURE READING 2nd Corinthians 5:1-10 Dan Aldridge

MESSAGE "Life and Death" Rev. Bernat

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Bernat

*All are invited to come to the Lord's Table.
You are invited to pray at the altar rail*

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 641

Fill My Cup, Lord

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat

*POSTLUDE Becky Pentecost

