

O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;  
Know, with thee, O god Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Christ the Redeemer"

Birchwood

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Prepare for Sunday, November 13: Read Luke 21:5-19. What do we do with these words from Jesus? Truthfully, our lives are not the same as those who lived when Luke was writing, and the resistance we might encounter to our faith is not the same as some Christians elsewhere in the world. Yet we know that faith calls for us to lay down our lives; even if we aren't asked to do so all at once. Our predecessors clung to their hope, no matter what. It may be rare for us to face martyrdom, yet the witness we bring still runs counter to the brokenness of the world. Where do you see brokenness? What is our ultimate hope? How do we (as Christians) make connections between the two? It will not be easy, but as we have witnesses, it is ultimately worth whatever suffering come our way.

### Wednesday Nite Café November 9 Menu

Cheeseburger Casserole  
Broccoli  
Baked Sweet Potatoes  
Rolls  
Salad  
Dessert



Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



**Lunch Bunch** is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3. There will be a **prayer service** this evening, **November 6 at 5 pm** in the sanctuary. The **Hanging of the Greens** will be on November 27.

### October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 30	\$7,825
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received for Oct	\$70,511

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	227
Online:	29

### Calendar

#### Sunday, November 6

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
5:00-7:00 PM Youth-3rd flr  
5:00 PM Prayer Service-Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00 PM Children-3rd flr

#### Tuesday, November 8

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L  
2:30 PM Prayer Team

#### Wednesday, November 9

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH  
5:00-7:00 PM Wed Nite Café  
6:00-6:45 PM Chancel Choir  
6:45-7:30 PM-Voices of Praise

#### Thursday, November 10

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

#### Friday, November 11

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

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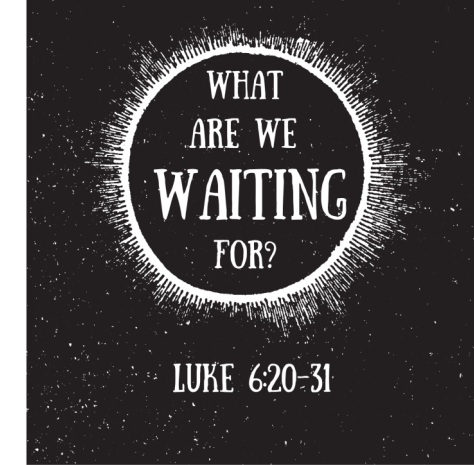
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Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM



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November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

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Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

**For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

**For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.**

Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

**Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. AMEN**

\*Opening Hymns #711 "For All the Saints"

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O 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 may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
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!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
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!

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

**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.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

Hymn "Across the Lands"

*Getty/Tonnend*

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

**Chorus**  
***You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man,  
And your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.***

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

**Chorus**

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home

**Chorus 2x**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering the Saints

Courtney McCollum	June Moss
Charlie Hall	Suzanne Stone
Preston Hurst	Marthelle Stover
Betty Tull	Wynelle Lyle
Kenneth Edmundson	Lucille Palahach
George Godwin, Jr.	Wanda Palmer
Nelda Walker	

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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Alicia Mullican

Special Music "The Great Cloud"

*Martin*

All around us, there is light! There's a great cloud of witnesses.  
Saints triumphant, shining bright. There's a great cloud of witnesses.  
Encouraging us to walk in faith, calling us to live in grace,  
When we lift the voice of praise, there's a great cloud of witnesses.

As we worship, as we pray, there's a great cloud of witnesses.  
Cheering us upon the way, there's a great cloud of witnesses.  
In ev'ry word and ev'ry song, we can hear them, pure and strong;  
Voices of the heav'nly throng. There's a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us walk worthy, finish the race. Fight the good fight, and celebrate  
grace.  
God, give us courage, show us the way! Give us a mission for this present  
day!

Can you lift your hearts and see? There's a great cloud of witnesses.  
Those who know eternity, there's a great cloud of witnesses.  
O we can feel their presence near, in our laughter, in our tears,  
In the mem'ries we hold dear. There's a great cloud of witnesses.

Bible Reading — Luke 6:20-31

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name  
as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because  
you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your  
comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who  
hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone  
slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't  
withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things  
back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to  
treat you.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — What Are We Waiting For?

Rev. Miriam Smith

\*Closing Hymn #702 "Sing With All the Saints in Glory"(v.1,4)

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!