

## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Founded in 1821, First Church is the oldest Protestant church in the area and the oldest Methodist church in Florida. This historic church, with four regular Sunday services, has a membership of 3200 and is overflowing with life. If you are visiting, we hope that you will consider becoming a member of our church family. You may join any Sunday by profession of faith or transfer of membership. Come and be a part of what God is doing here this fall.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today is All Saints Sunday. It is a holy day in the Christian year on which we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us. This morning at all four services, the All Saints banner will process down the aisle at the beginning of worship. Then, each person who has died since last year's All Saints Day is called out and a chime is rung after their name. Let the celebration of this day express gratitude for their unique contributions and sacrifices and acknowledge their continued spiritual presence in the lives of people today.

## NURSERY & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Nursery is available this morning for children up to five years old. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Also, children's worship bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex.

## VISITOR / NEW MEMBER CLASS

Each Sunday morning we welcome all visitors and new members that are interested in learning more about First Church to an introductory class that consists of four parts. The class assembles at 9:30am in room PH101 next door in the Perry Home. Today's class, Introduction to First Church, gives you an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the history, theology, worship, and membership of this great church. Next week, Ministries of First Church is about all the programs and ministries of the church. We hope you join us each week.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Rouser by her husband, Duane, and family.



## NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost. Dr. Wachob will preach at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Next Sunday's readings: *Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17* • *Psalms 127* • *Hebrews 9:24-28* • *Mark 12:38-44*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Join us this Wednesday evening between 5:00 and 6:00pm in The Wright Place for a delicious meal and good fellowship. This week's menu will be Meatloaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Collard Greens, Cornbread, and Dessert. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner, at 6:00pm, join in with one of one of the Wednesday evening classes. Join in any class at any time. The Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets at 6:00pm in Wesley Abbey. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays.

### WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER | MONDAYS AT 11:00AM

The UMW invites everyone to come share in their weekly Hour of Prayer beginning tomorrow, November 5, from 11:00am-12noon. We will meet in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd next to the Main Sanctuary each Monday morning thereafter for any who want to come pray. Come as you are able.

### NEW FOR 50 FORWARD: COFFEE WITH FRIENDS | TUESDAYS

The 50 Forward ministry invites everyone to the first of many Coffee with Friends this Tuesday, November 6, at 9:30am in the Library. Coffee with Friends will be an opportunity to get out of the house, see old friends and meet new friends. We will meet every Tuesday at 9:30am so mark your calendars and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

### CHRISTMAS CREATIONS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW | NOV. 16 & 17

It's nearly time for the 41st annual Christmas Creations Arts & Crafts Show and Luncheon hosted by the United Methodist Women of the church. Our annual craft show features many great artisans and crafters from the area and provides a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping started. All proceeds will be awarded to UMW grant recipients Capstone and United Ministries. The show will be open Friday, November 16, from 9:00am-5:00pm and on Saturday, November 17, from 9:00am-2:00pm. Lunch will be served both days. Join us!

### GREAT DAY OF GIVING FOOD DRIVE | NOVEMBER

For the month of November we are collecting food items that will go into gift boxes on our annual Great Day of Giving. Everyone is asked to join us in this food drive. We are asking that each age level bring in specific items. A list of each age-level's food item can be found on flyers hung throughout the church, in the current issue of the Witness, and online at [fumcpensacola.com](http://fumcpensacola.com). Food items can be dropped off in collection boxes located in the front office, Perry Home, and Education Building throughout the month. Food boxes will be assembled by church members at our Great Day of Giving event on Sunday, December 2.

### CONTINUED HURRICANE MICHAEL RESPONSE

For the most up to date needs and information on helping with the storm recovery visit the church's Facebook page and the church's website. On the church's website click on the box called "Assist with Hurricane Relief" on the right side of the homepage. As of now we are sending teams over the next two Saturdays. If you would like to be a part of these recovery teams, email Lisa Bond ([lbond@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:lbond@fumcpensacola.com)) or Denise Van Atta ([dvanatta@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:dvanatta@fumcpensacola.com)). Please type "Hurricane Recovery Teams" in the subject line of the email.

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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

(TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

November 4, 2018 | 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.



# OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00 and 11:00am

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

Heidi Branch, *piano*; Dr. Rick Branch, *organ*

“For All the Saints” *Vaughan Williams/Nielson, Young*

## \*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

**Those with clean hands and pure hearts.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord!

**And vindication from the God of salvation.** [Psalm 24]

## \*HYMN

(Stanzas 1 & 2) **No. 711**

“For All the Saints”

## \*ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember those who have died since All Saints Sunday, November 2017.

## \*HYMN

(Stanzas 4 & 6) **No. 711**

“For All the Saints”

## \*COLLECT

(<sup>8</sup>) Rev. Brandon Bures, (<sup>11</sup>) Rev. Ken Autrey

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses:

Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servants, may

persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may

with them attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and

perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## ANTHEM

<sup>8</sup>) “The Cloud of Witnesses” *Mark Miller* Sanctuary Choir; Michael King, *solo*

<sup>11</sup>) “Pie Jesu” ??? Libby Hargrave, Ty LoVette, *duet*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,**

**to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1, 3, 17-45

## SERMON

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

“An Improbable Wager on the Impossible Possibility”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CONFESSION, PARDON, & PEACE

**No. 12**

## REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance on the registration pad. If you are visiting with us, include your address, telephone number, and email address so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

## OFFERTORY

<sup>8</sup>) “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Luther/Young* Sanctuary Choir

<sup>11</sup>) “And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears” *Eleanor Daley* Heidi Branch, *solo*

## \*DOXOLOGY

**No. 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!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

## COMMUNION HYMN

**No. 704**

“Steal Away to Jesus”

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Anyone who wishes to join the church today, please come forward during the last stanza of the closing hymn.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

**No. 702**

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

## \*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

“The Strife Is O’er” *arr. Alfred V. Fedak*

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\*Stand as you are able

## HYMN NOTES

“For All the Saints” (words by William W. How, 1864; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906)—Based on the picture of a “cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1), the hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ. It presents a picture of the church in holy conflict, and a vision of the victorious Church. Vaughan Williams’ magnificent tune is a perfect match for the text.

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:00. GREETERS – Charlie Lauten, David/Julia Crow, Linda Shearlock & Woody/Paulette Woodroof. USHERS – Raymond Lanphere, Russ Parris, Larry Davison & Herb Ferreira. ACOLYTES – JD Parris, Brady Parris, & Sammi Parris. COMMUNION STEWARD – Sue Butsch.

11:00. GREETERS – Rhonda Maygarden & Karen Thompson. USHERS – Walter Glenn, Ed Muller, Bob Joseph, Charlie Armstrong, Jeff Fuller & Kenny Holt. ACOLYTES – Deion Crews & Margaret Anne Adair. COMMUNION STEWARD – Lynn Fuller. COMMUNION SERVERS – Jerry/Rhonda Maygarden, Abbi DuBose, & George Dreading.

## TODAY’S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

### All Saints

**First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9.** The prophet describes the victory banquet on Mount Zion which will mark the deliverance of God’s people. On that day all tears will be wiped away and the redeemed will sing God’s song.

**Psalm: 24.** David lift up his psalm to the God who rules over all. Those who walk in righteousness will enter into that glorious realm.

**Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a.** John, echoing the vision from Isaiah, gives a vision of the new creation of God. Here will be the new Jerusalem where the faithful dwell with God.

**Gospel Lesson: John 11:32-44.** The resuscitation of Lazarus. Jesus uses this opportunity to show that faithfulness is rewarded with seeing the glory of God.

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18.** This is the beginning of the story of Ruth, a Moabite, who became an ancestor of David the king. An example of family devotion is found in her refusal to leave her mother-in-law: “Where you go I will go ... “

**Psalm: 146.** An exhortation to trust in God. It is God who made all that is and who sets the captives free.

**Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-14.** The writer proclaims Christ as the great high priest who has secured our eternal redemption. This is accomplished because the blood of sacrifice is his own blood.

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-34.** The writer proclaims Christ as the great high priest who has secured our eternal redemption. This is accomplished because the blood of sacrifice is his own blood.

## DAILY READINGS

	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Test.</i>	<i>New Test.</i>
MONDAY	51	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10
TUESDAY	51	Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1	Acts 7:17-29
WEDNESDAY	51	Micah 6:1-8	John 13:31-35
THURSDAY	146	Numbers 36:1-13	Romans 5:6-11
FRIDAY	146	Deuteronomy 15:1-11	Hebrews 9:15-24
SATURDAY	146	Deuteronomy 24:17-22	Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

## MISSION FOCUS

### NOVEMBER FOCUS: ECUMENICAL MISSIONS

We participate in ecumenical missions (missions not specifically affiliated with the United Methodist Church) with the theological understanding that through faith in Jesus Christ we are made members-in-common of the one body of Christ. We invest ourselves in ecumenical missions, laboring together with the help of God toward the salvation, health, and peace of all people. We participate and support a variety of local and global ecumenical mission organizations through individual and group contributions and volunteer support. Examples of ecumenical missions we support include (but are not limited to) Council on Aging, Future for Haiti Missions, Manna Food Pantries, Milk and Honey Outreach Ministries, and United Ministries.