

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – *All Saints Sunday - November 4, 2018*

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PRELUDE.....*Variations on SINE NOMINEE*.....Ray Peebles, organ  
Denis Bédard

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“For All the Saints”.....No. 711

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881 ..... Rev. Wilkinson

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE .....Dr. Day

We celebrate the communion of the saints as we remember our honored dead. Our church has been built upon the love and sacrifice of those who have served so faithfully in the past. Their example, influence, and commitment served to bless and inspire us. In this time of remembrance, we give thanks to God for their contributions to this great church. O God, we give thanks for your servants who have finished their course and now rest from their labors.

**Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness.**

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Rev. Wilkinson and Dr. Rhoads will read the names of the First Methodist Family who have died during the past year. Assisting in honoring the saints are Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith (8:30), and Mr. Lamar Bryant and Miss Lucy Burr (11:00). After reading the names, Dr. Day will continue...

Lord, give us your grace this morning to comfort those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death this year. Thank you for being the good shepherd who comforts and consoles us in our sorrow and pain.

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*.....Rebecca Vacha  
Samuel Liddle

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*O God Beyond All Praising*..... Wesley Bells  
THAXTED Rebecca Vacha, director

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 713.....Rev. Wilkinson

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† GLORIA PATRI.....No. 70

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\*\*CHILDREN’S BLESSING..... Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS .....Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Dr. Rhoads

THE LORD’S PRAYER ..... Congregation (speaks in unison)

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Shall We Gather at the River”.....No. 723

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*When Memory Fades*\* .....Ensemble (8:30)  
Eric Nelson Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Cara Lamb, piano

† Doxology .....No. 94

SCRIPTURE READING.....Amos 4:12.....Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 1045 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD**.....Dr. Day

I. First, make sure of your relationship to God.

II. Second, learn how to deepen and strengthen your relationship with God by walking with Him daily.

III. Third, “set your house in order” before you meet God.

IV. Fourth, do your best to make right any relationship God reveals to you.

V. Finally, make the most of today.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“I Know Whom I Have Believed” .....No. 714  
*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Rhoads

*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)  
Dr. Rhoads (11:00)

SENDING FORTH.....Amen.....Ensemble (8:30)  
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....“Toccata” from *Suite Gothique*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Leon Boëllmann



## All Saints Sunday



Hal Monroe  
Christa Jones  
Brenda Lazarus  
Mike Moore  
Leta Ann Eaves  
Molly Edwards  
Bill Hitchcock  
Ernest Lampkins  
Gisele Preslar  
Bob King  
Bill Holloway  
Jane Drake  
Tim Dulany

Marion Ewing  
C. D. McDaniels  
Eleanor Higgs  
Kathryn deGeneres  
Patricia Lonnecker  
June Miller  
Frank Hall  
Susan Miller  
Green Rives  
Peggy Folds Gale  
Charles Elder  
James Poole  
Gwen Branton

Dorothy Dornier  
Deborah Brown  
Dotte Schermerhorn  
Anita Hollebeak  
Nan Shackelford  
Glenn Devenney  
Dooley Weyman  
Lenora Cowel  
Ken Hayes  
Don Clanton  
Anne Buckley  
Lee Sutton  
Anna Langenstein

*\* When memory fades and recognition falters, When eyes we love grow dim, And minds confused,  
Speak to our souls of love that never alters; Speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused  
O God of life and healing peace, Empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.  
As the frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish, In weary arms, which worked their earnest fill.  
Your aging servants labor now to finish, Their earthly tasks as fits your mystery's will.  
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing, Your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.  
Within your spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one.  
All joys remain, un-shadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone.  
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won.*