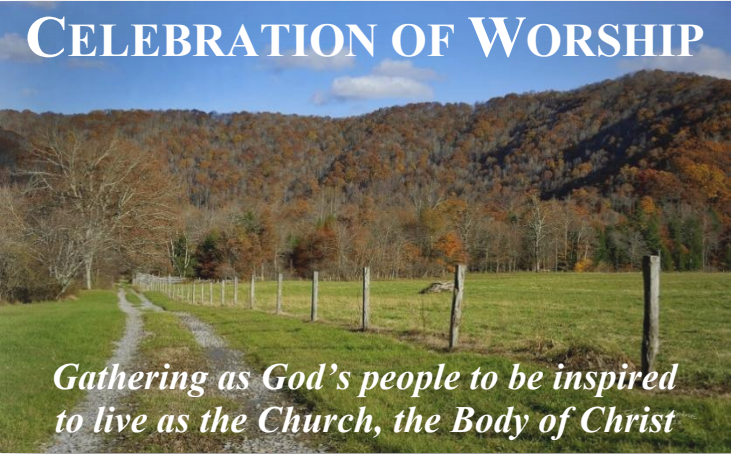




+ Those who are able are invited to stand.
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – The Faith We Sing
You are invited to respond with the Bold responses.

MOMENTS OF CENTERING
God of blessing, thank you for a new day
to live for you. In the company of all the saints in
heaven and on earth, I rise to sing your praise.
Make me a worthy companion of my ancestors in faith
and let me love others as I have been loved. Amen.

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Renee Warner*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*
*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a
wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*

How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone,
abandoned?

**Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We
can depend upon God’s loving presence to rescue
us and to heal our brokenness.**

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have
already come; tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

Even though we have been battered and blown by
storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in
God’s abiding presence.

**It is the grace of God that has brought us through
and will continue to be with us all our lives.**

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright
shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s
praise than when we’d first begun.*

Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.
**Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually
be praising God for all God’s mercies.**

+INVOCATION *Responsively*
Holy and Living God, as the angels and all the saints
gather before your throne and proclaim your
everlasting praise and glory, so we gather here today
in this place made holy by your presence to worship
you. Stir up, O Lord, your people to seek more eagerly
your living presence.

**Remind us of your presence in this time of worship.
Grant us grace to follow those who have gone
before us in lives of faith and commitment, that we,
like them, may know the inexpressible joys you
have prepared for those who love you - we ask it
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION *UMH 711*
For All the Saints, vv. 1, 4, & 6

THE CHURCH REMEMBERS AND IS THANKFUL
READING OF THE MEMORIAL REGISTER

*After reading each name, a chime will toll. Following
the reading of the Memorial Register of the members
of the First Church family who have died in the past
12 months, names may be offered by the Church
family. A chime will toll after every name.*

MEMORIAL REGISTER

Wilda Godwin Susan Karickhoff
Sarah Carr

PIANO SOLO *Carolyn Brown*

THE CHURCH SHARES

OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Dan Martin*

+DOXOLOGY *UMH 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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Children are invited to
the Chancel for Wiggletime.*

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

WIGGLETIME *...then off to Children’s Church*

THE WORD

SERMON *Rev. M. Steven Meadows*

THE ANTHEM *Barbara Loftis, director*
Come to the Table of Grace

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In the company of friends and in the present memory of all who have gone before us, we meet around this table of welcome.

In the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

Gathered by kindness and nurtured in your love, O God, we gladly enter into this still-point of faith and healing. Attested by time, honored by countless generations, these symbols of bread and wine continue to be our common hope and unity with all creation in its yearning for peace, grace, and restoration. And so, the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we enjoin our voices with faithful children, women and men, past, present and yet to come:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest!

Risen Christ, present to all generations and here with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands are open, yet our hearts are often full of unworthy things. It is your mercy's power to change those of us who remain. Holy One, you are our hope and courage for living.

Loving God, pour out your Spirit on us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us your body and soul, healing, forgiving, and making us whole; and that we become for you, your body and soul; loving and caring in the world until at last your reign of peace and righteousness comes. For as many grains of wheat went in the making of this one loaf, and many grapes went into the pressing of this cup of wine, we who come from diverse beginnings and of different ages and genders, hold varying perspectives

on faith and life, are made one in the love and goodness of Jesus Christ.

May we treasure this unity—alive within our diversity—and seek to be bearers of hope, friendship, and peace.

And so, may the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Friends let us eat and drink together in the Spirit of God's enduring love and compassion.

And as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

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, forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you move forward to receive the bread and cup, pray for those around you, and after you've received the elements, you're welcome to stand or kneel at the Chancel in personal prayer.

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 702*

Sing with All the Saints in Glory, vv. 1, 2 & 3

+SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.

