

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—November 6, 2022



CALL TO WORSHIP

based on John 14, Romans 8

Leader: Jesus said “I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you.”

People: **How great is the presence of God!**

Leader: “Peace I leave you. My peace I give to you.”

People: **Wonderful is the assurance of Christ!**

Leader: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they be dead, shall yet be alive.”

People: **Peace and hope are ours in Christ!**

Leader: Today we celebrate the lives of God’s saints.

People: **The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord!**

HYMN

For All the Saints
UMH #620

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain:

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.

[Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. [Refrain]

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.
[Refrain]

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:
(Refrain)

Text: William W. How (1864)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 149 1:4 (NRSV)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- ³ Let them praise God’s name with dancing,
making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in the people;
God adorns the humble with victory.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Dianna Sheely

A STATEMENT OF FAITH

UMH #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks to be God. Amen.

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HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

UMH #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

by Vespers In Holy Week, Orthodox

Great is the power of the Cross! It was set up in the place of the skull, and it prevails in all the world; it made the fishermen into apostles, and the Gentiles into martyrs.

Great is the power of the martyrs in Christ! Though they lie in tombs, they drive out evil spirits and fight in defense of true devotion, subduing the dominion of the enemy through faith in the Trinity.

The prophets, the apostles, the martyrs and the saints have taught humankind to sing the praise of God; they have been given the Light for the nations, and they are champions in Christ...

Silent Prayers may be offered

So now as a people restored to one another and God, let us boldly pray what Christ taught us to pray saying:

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.

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SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of God for the People of God.

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#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.

MESSAGE

The Fullness of Christ
Rev. David W. Brown

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

by Robin Knowles Wallace

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth:
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,

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God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the saints,
God of all children in all generations.
So, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and
resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with all a new covenant.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave
thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, poured out for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink
it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you—

Silence may be kept for the remembrance of names.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the
race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the
Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the
world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast
at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

Blessed Assurance
UMH #369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1873)
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1873)

BENEDICTION

Adapted from The Africana Worship Book, Year B

We have celebrated all that God has done,
from creation, to the cross.

We rejoice in all the saints
who are living
or have lived among us.

We claim the victory which is ours through Jesus
Christ the Lord.

Go in the Peace, Hope, and Wisdom of God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **AMEN.**

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Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jay DeWitt

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Colby Chapman's 70th birthday on November 4.

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



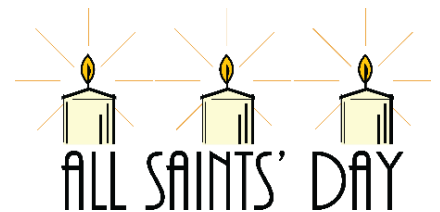
ONLINE
GIVING



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service! Fellowship time is sponsored today by the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir. A special THANK YOU to Lynne Miller for coordinating.

We remember . . .

those who have passed away since All Saints Day in 2021, both members of the congregation and those whose funeral services were here at Armstrong Chapel.



Sandy Arnold
1941-2022



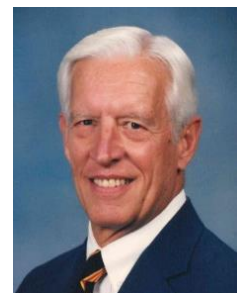
Bob Askew
1923-2022



Ryan Barnes
1982-2022



Anne Deem
1928-2022



Fred Koehler
1928-2022



Richard Linder, Jr.
1944-2022



Paul Logeman
1930-2022



Joyce Matchinga
1929-2022



Lew Washburn
1926-2021
His wife JoAnn was interred with him.

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Veterans Celebration with River's Edge Brass Band

Sunday, November 13
during 9:40 worship in the Sanctuary

Thanksgiving with our neighbors at State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill

Our annual Thanksgiving meal with the families of State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill is Sunday, November 20. We will serve a meal to approximately 100 people in the community.



VOLUNTEER & DONATE FOOD

- **THANK YOU!** to all those who are signed up to serve and/or donate food or needed items.

• Check out the sign-up link to see what's left!
SIGN UP TODAY for this hands-on outreach! <https://bit.ly/3DtsFli>
Contact Dianna Sheely with questions at 513-561-4220.



The Cincinnati Choral Society will perform John Rutter's "Requiem" with chamber orchestra in our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00pm. Rutter's "Requiem" is a 35-minute musical setting of texts from the Missa pro Defunctis, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Psalms. The concert is free.

Pack shoeboxes so that children in the remote corners of the world can hear the good news of the gospel.



Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information. **BOXES ARE DUE 11/13.**

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Grieving? Know Someone who is?

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Wednesday, November 16 @7pm in the Armstrong Room
Sponsored by Stephen Ministry

Advent Candle Lighting

We are looking for couples / families / individuals to do a small reading and light the Advent candles during worship.

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

@ 8:20am and 9:40am

12/24 @ 5:00pm and

8:00pm

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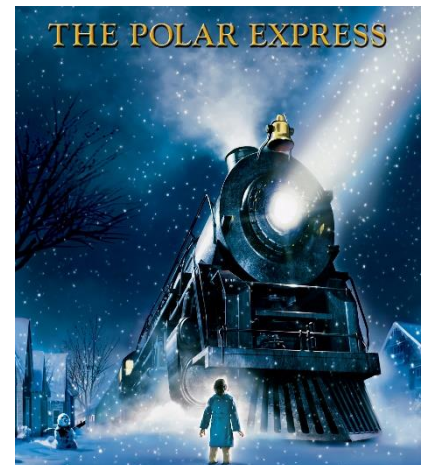


FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 11
from 7-9pm in the Atrium

On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

Journey beyond your imagination! This Big Invite is an opportunity for families to come together, invite friends, and enjoy each other's company.



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The Gingerbread Bash is a fun, hands-on way for the whole family to celebrate Christmas together!

Friday, December 9
7:00-8:30pm in the Atrium

You'll make a gingerbread nativity, play games, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover that sometimes the most incredible gift comes in the most ordinary box.



He is the Potter and we are His clay. He will mold us and make us so that we may be made into a flawless piece of work to fulfill His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Women's Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 4 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Gather to enjoy a fun afternoon filled with fellowship, music, Christmas goodies, and TEA!

Women United will participate in IPM's Christmas Store by donating gifts for kids this year. And it's easy – no sign-up needed – bring a donation of your choice to the Tea!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Armstrong Chapel's annual Church Conference will be held Wednesday, November 16 at 12:00pm via Zoom. It is an opportunity to engage in the mission of Armstrong Chapel. Conference includes election of officers, and approval of appointive clergy salaries. All members are invited with voice and vote at this meeting. Contact the Church Office for the Zoom link (561-4220, jhelton@armstrongchapel.org).

We have an app for your smart phone!

- Search your app store for "ShelbyNext Membership."
- On the sign-in screen, replace the word "domain" with "**armstrongchapel**" and leave everything behind the dot intact.
- Enter your user name and password if you already have it, or click "New user? Create an account."
- Here you can see the directory, give and even log your Sunday attendance (instead of filling out a Connect Card).
- To let us know you're at church: click "Check-In," click a person in your family, choose your service (group), click done at the top right. Log in each family member attending. Choose Remote Check-In and click the blue check-in button.



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