

FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

St. John's United Methodist Church - Midtown Memphis



NOVEMBER

24 THURSDAY—25 FRIDAY— The church office will be closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

27 SUNDAY— Advent begins (10:50am)

29 TUESDAY— UMW set up for Hanging of the Greens (6:00pm)

30 WEDNESDAY— Hanging of the Greens dinner and service (5:30pm; service at 7:00pm)

DECEMBER

1 THURSDAY— Perea Packers (set up at 12:00pm; box packing at 3:30pm)

2 FRIDAY— Perea Packers (11:00am)

3 SATURDAY— St. Jude Marathon cheering on the corner (9:30am)

3 SERVICE SATURDAY— Soup kitchen, to volunteer contact Annie (3:30pm)

4 SUNDAY— Welcome conversation— Contact Annie if interested in attending (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org) (9:30am)

4 SUNDAY— *Conversations on Race & Racial Tensions* at Centenary UMC (2:30pm)

4 SUNDAY— Meditation & Mindfulness in the room outside the chapel (4:00pm)

4 SUNDAY— Service of Healing & Blessing in the chapel (5:00pm)



THE WAY
a service of recovery

This Friday at 6:00pm
John Kilzer leads us with
Jim Spake, Jim
Duckworth, Sam Shoup,
and Tom Lonardo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Workshop has been canceled. There will be an arts and crafts opportunity for children at the Hanging of the Greens dinner on **Nov. 30**.

Cheer On the St. Jude Marathon St. John's is on the marathon route, and we'd love to have the largest crowd cheering on the runners! Join us at **9:30am** on the steps of the church on **Dec. 3** to partake.

Hanging of the Greens Service & Dinner
Buy your ticket for Hanging of the Greens, on **Nov. 30** from Rae-Anne before or after worship in the vestibule. Appetizers begin at **5:30pm**, followed by dinner. Service begins at **7:00pm**. There will be vegetarian and kid-approved food available, as well as a children's craft project! Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$5 per child, and a \$30 maximum for families.

Gifts for Guests Help our soup kitchen guests this holiday season by sponsoring backpacks to be filled with necessities. Sponsorships for backpacks are \$20 each and can be purchased before or after service on **Nov. 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11**. Help pack backpacks at the Family Christmas PJ Party on **Dec. 14** at **6:00pm**. Join us for the **Christmas Eve** soup kitchen (**3:30-5:30pm**) to help serve the meal and pass out backpacks!

Conversation on Race and Racial Tensions
Seeking The Welfare of the City, a group of clergy and laity, have been facilitating important conversations on issues affecting our city and country. The next conversation will be on **Dec. 4, 2:30pm** at Centenary UMC. All are strongly encouraged to attend, listen well, and learn much.



St. John's welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and people who sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness. We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

TODAY'S USHERS:
Don Tyson, Bill Denton,
John Buxton, Carla Shirley,
Bob Miller, Gary Hall

TODAY'S COUNTERS:
John Buxton

+ Please stand as
you are able.

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St. John's United Methodist Church

November 20, 2016

10:50 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday

“Imago Christi”

THE ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

Mission Moment

Kimberly Moore

“Gifts for Guests”

Prelude

Maurice Greene
(1696-1755)

“Trumpet Tune in F Major”
Betsy Carter, Trumpet

+ *Call to Worship—Deuteronomy 26: 1-11*

Let us worship the name of our wonderful God

The Lord reigns over all creation

The voice of God creates all things

Nothings exists without the creative power of the Lord

May God give strength to all who gather here today

May the Lord bless us with peace and thanksgiving.

+ *Processional Hymn—UMH 102*

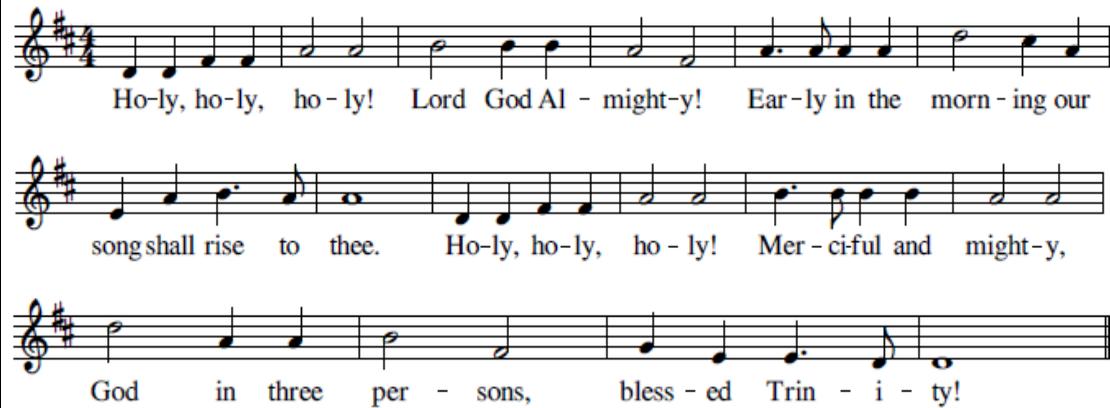
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“Now Thank We All Our God”

+ *Collect for Reign of Christ Sunday*

**Almighty and merciful God,
you break the power of evil and make all things new
in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.
May all in heaven and earth
acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever**

+ *Responding in Praise*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al - might-y! Ear-ly in the morn - ing our
song shall rise to thee. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer - ci-ful and might-y,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*The United
Methodist
Hymnal
no. 64,
Public
Domain*

— *Please be seated.* —

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Atrium Moment—Ellie Sheehan

Joys and Concerns

**Rev'd Johnny Jeffords
Rev'd Renee Dillard
Rev'd John Kilzer
Matthew Bogart
Carol Craig
Zachary Ferguson
Lyn Stewart
Annie Hunter
Bill Dozier
Robert Phillips
Rose Holmes**

*Senior Minister
Discipleship Ministries
Recovery Ministries
Music/Worship Ministries
Organist
Children/Youth/Young Adult Ministries
Church Administrator
Communications/Volunteer Development
Building & Maintenance
Custodian
Housekeeper*

Time of Receiving

Communion Music

“The God of Love My Shepherd Is”
Mary McDonald, Soprano

Eric H. Thiman

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

+ *Invitation to Journey*

+ *Recessional Hymn—UMH 157*

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

“Voluntary in A Major”
Betsy Carter, Trumpet

Maurice Greene

Call to Prayer

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Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Sharing Our Prayers

Epistle to the Colossians—Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSV)

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Homily

Rev. Dr. Johnny Jeffords

“Imago Christi”

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sins
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.

+ *The Peace*

The peace of Christ Jesus be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Offering

Daniel Musselman

“Come Thou Fount”
Chancel Choir

Jill Chamberlain Brookoff & Carol Craig, Piano Duet

+ *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 uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Text: Rev. Dr. John Kilzer

Peace be with you.
And also with you.
What? With our hearts?
We lift them up to the Lord.
Why?
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... join your company of heaven in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Mystery of Faith

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

... with one heart, one voice, one spirit, and one love, say

The Great Amen

Amen.

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, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.