

FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

St. John's United Methodist Church - Midtown Memphis



NOVEMBER

6 SUNDAY– Celeste Wray's Party in the sanctuary (2:00pm)

6 SUNDAY– Mediation & Mindfulness in the room outside the chapel (4:00pm)

6 SUNDAY– The Service of Healing & Blessing in the chapel (5:00pm)

10 THURSDAY– *Justice or Just Us*– with a representative from The Official Black Lives Matter Memphis Chapter (6:00-7:30pm)

13 SUNDAY– Welcome Class, email Annie (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org) if you plan to attend (9:30am)

13 SUNDAY– Memphis Empty Bowls Project Fundraiser at Church Health Wellness (5:00-7:00pm)

16 WEDNESDAY– Parents Night Out in the fellowship hall (6:00-7:30pm)

17 THURSDAY– *Justice or Just Us*– with a representative from Reconciling Ministries Network (6:00-7:30pm)

20 SUNDAY– Advent workshop in the fellowship hall (12:00-2:00pm)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating Celeste We're throwing Celeste Wray a party **today at 2:00pm**. Join us as we remember our beloved Celeste in the way she wished—with great music, people, and food.

Restoration & Healing Get ready for your week with centering prayer at Meditation & Mindfulness **today at 4:00pm** in the room outside of the chapel. Afterwards, receive anointments and blessings in the chapel at The Service of Healing & Blessing at **5:00pm**.

Memphis Empty Bowls Project Help in the fight against hunger at the Memphis Empty Bowls Project Fundraiser on **Nov. 13** from **5:00-7:00pm** at Church Health Wellness. In addition to great soups and beautiful bowls, this event includes a silent auction, art sale, and live music. Visit memphisemptybowlsproject.com to learn more, volunteer, and purchase tickets. You may also purchase tickets after church in the vestibule or during the week in the office.

Justice, or Just Us? Join us for a special series of talks with representatives from social justice organizations. Our hope is that we can listen well as these advocates share their work and experience, and perhaps an invitation for us to join them in these good works. All sessions are on Thursdays from **6:00-7:30pm**. A light meal will be provided. Mark your calendars for the following dates: **Nov. 10** – The Official Black Lives Matter Memphis Chapter and **Nov. 17** – Reconciling Ministries Network.

Sunday Participation We want you to be part of Sundays by serving as an Acolyte, Crucifer, Communion Helper or welcoming visitors at our information station. Sign up online through the Worship section of our website or through the e-blast.

This Friday at 6:00pm John Kilzer leads us with Gerald Stephens, Joe Restivo, Scott Bomar, and Kim Trammell.



THE WAY
a service of recovery



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 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:

Don Tyson

TODAY'S ACOLYTES:

Vincent Levy, Christopher Williams

+ Please stand as you are able.

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St. John's United Methodist Church

November 6, 2016

10:50 a.m.

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of All Saints
"Engrossed Eyes"*

THE ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

Today we offer a special welcome to Reverend Dr. Myron F. McCoy, Senior Pastor to First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple.

Prelude

Douze Pièces pour Orgue, No. 1 "Prélude"
Matthew Bogart, Organist

Théodore Dubois

+ *Call to Worship*—Psalm 145:17-18, 21

The Lord is just in all ways,
and kind in all doings.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call in truth.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.
Amen.**

+ *Processional Hymn*—UMH 181

"Ye Servants of God"

HANOVER

+ *Community Prayer for All Saints*—Worship & Song 44

**We give you thanks, our God and Father,
for all who have died in the faith of Christ—
for the memory of their words and deeds
and all they accomplished in their time,
for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come,
and for our communion with them now;
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

+ *Gloria Patri*

*The United
Methodist
Hymnal
no. 70,
Public
Domain*



Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gining, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

— *Please be seated.* —

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Holy Baptism: Baptismal Covenant I—UMH 33

Today we present **John Russell Overcast** for baptism.

Choral Response

“The Credo”
Chancel Choir

John Purifoy

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



The Credo is one of the oldest statements of religious belief, dating back to the fourth century. It professes the unifying beliefs of all Christians; past, present, and future.

Pray of Invocation

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Epistle to the Ephesians—Ephesians 1:11-23 (NRSV)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray 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, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Homily

“Engrossed Eyes”

Rev. Dr. Myron F. McCoy

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

"Come Follow Me"
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

RESTORE MY SOUL
MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS
NOVEMBER 6, 2016

4:00 PM
ROOM OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL



SERVICE OF HEALING AND BLESSING

5:00 PM
THE CHAPEL

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.**

Time of Receiving

Communion Music

Keith Getty

“In Christ Alone”
Luke Hefner, Tenor

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*

+ *Hymn of Response—UMH 711*

“For All The Saints”

SINE NOMINE

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

“When the Saints Go Marching In”
Carol Craig, Pianist

Bill Wolaver

+ *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!***

The Great Thanksgiving—TFWS 2257a-d (Musical Setting)

Communion
Musical Setting
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Leader All
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Leader All
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the

Leader All
Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and
 might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Mystery of Faith

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a -
 gain. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the
 high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

Reading the Role of Those Who Have Gone on to the Church Triumphant

- Helen Creasy (January 19, 2016)
- Walter Day (February 07, 2016)
- Celeste Wray (September 15, 2016)

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men. Ho - san - na in the
 high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!