

FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

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NOVEMBER

8 SUNDAY– Commitment Sunday

8 SUNDAY– Memphis Empty Bowls Project (5:00-7:00pm)

9 MONDAY– Charge Conference in sanctuary (6:00pm)

11 WEDNESDAY– St.Johns@Crosstown hosted by Young Adults (7:00pm)

15 SUNDAY– United Methodist Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (8:30am)

15 SUNDAY– Youth Sunday

22 SUNDAY– Advent Workshop (12:00-2:00pm)

DECEMBER

2 WEDNESDAY– Hanging of the Greens dinner (5:30pm)

2 WEDNESDAY– Hanging of the Greens service (7:00pm)

5 WEDNESDAY– Service Saturday, Christmas Soup Kitchen

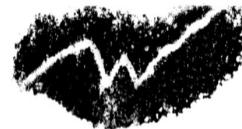
9 WEDNESDAY– St.Johns@Crosstown hosted by Young Adults (7:00pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The nursery is available during Tuesday Bible Study (10:00am-11:00am)
- Memphis Empty Bowls Project tickets are for sale! Purchase your tickets after service in the vestibule.
- Operation: Swaddling Clothes is in great need of diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6. Donations are truly appreciated!
- Service Saturday on December 5 will include our Gifts for Guests Project. The gifts, which will be assembled in the morning, will be given at soup kitchen in the afternoon. Save the date!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Monday- Missy Willams
Wednesday- Matthew Bowles
Friday - Sara Holmes



THE WAY
a service of recovery

This Friday at 6pm John Kilzer leads us with Tony Thomas, Steve Selvidge, Kim Trammell, and Scott Bomar.



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:
Lloyd Hearn, Mike Coop,
Charles Garrison, Herb Levy

TODAY'S ACOLYTES:
Ava Sheehan,
Jack Jeffords

+ Please stand as you are able.

St. John's United Methodist Church
24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2015
10:50 a.m.

THE ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Edward Elgar

“Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations*

+ *Call to Worship: Psalm 24*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,

He is the King of glory.

+ *Processional Hymn—UMH 384*

BEACHER

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

+ *Affirmation of Faith: Stewardship*

**We believe in God,
Creator of the universe,
Giver of every good gift,
Author of life itself.**

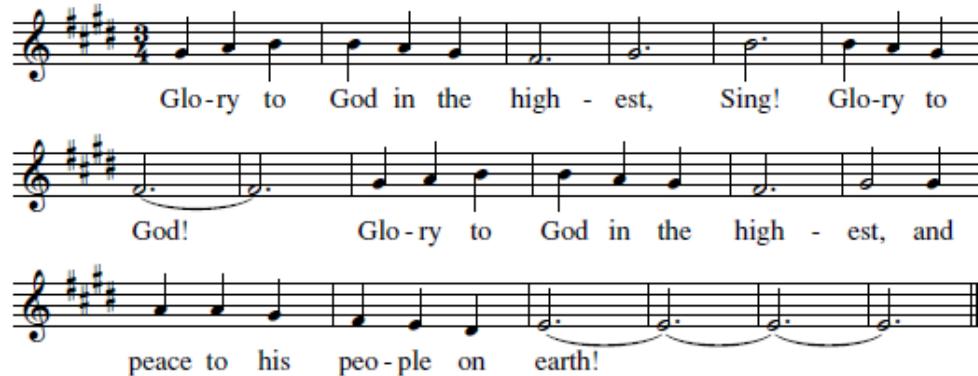
Today's Affirmation was written by Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill in 2004. It is part of their "Forward on the Journey" series.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Surely God is able.

+ *Congregational Response* (sung two times through)



+ *Sharing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

"Passing the Peace" is a distinct, historic, liturgical act. It comes from the most primitive form of Christianity. It is the deepest yearning of the people of faith that knowledge of being forgiven our sins resides, too, in and with our sisters and brothers around us.



TODAY'S THE DAY!

When: Sunday, November 8, 2015
from 5-7 pm (4:30-7 pm for VIP ticket holders)

Where: Church Health & Wellness Center
(1115 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN).

Why: Supporting Memphis Empty Bowls means making an investment in our community. Memphis has been cited as both the hungriest and poorest city in our nation. Your involvement supports vital programs that provide both hunger relief and healthy food to struggling families in the Mid-South. The event brings together children, artists, restaurants, businesses, and community members in the common cause of not only eliminating empty bowls, but in raising awareness around the issue of food insecurity in our city.

WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF

Rev'd Johnny Jeffords	<i>Senior Minister</i>
Rev'd Renee Dillard	<i>Discipleship Ministries</i>
Rev'd G. Scott Morris	<i>Associate Minister</i>
Rev'd John Kilzer	<i>Recovery Ministries</i>
Matthew Bogart	<i>Music/Worship Ministries</i>
Scott Elsholz	<i>Organist</i>
Zachary Ferguson	<i>Youth/Young Adult Ministries</i>
Lyn Stewart	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Emma Martin	<i>Office Manager</i>
Kristen Berning	<i>Office/Communications</i>
Bill Dozier	<i>Building & Maintenance</i>
Robert Phillips	<i>Custodian</i>
Rose Holmes	<i>Housekeeper</i>

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Mission Moment: Kimberly Moore

Joys and Concerns

Centering Hymn—UMH 399

MESSIAH

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Prayers of the People

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.**

Anthem

William Byrd

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Chamber Ensemble

&

Athena Hobbs, Soprano

+ *From the Gospels*: Mark 12:38-44—NRSV

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Sermon

Rev'd Dr. Jeffords

“Right Here, Right Now”

A Place Where All May Gather: Commitment

Offertory

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”

Tanisha Ward, Soloist

+ *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!*

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Journey

+ *Hymn of Response—UMH 433*

CHARLESTOWN

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

+ *Sending Forth to Serve*

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

Charles-Marie Widor

“Toccata” from *Symphony V*