

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.**

...And 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 he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...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; Chris is risen; Christ will come  
again.**

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

❖Hymn "For All The Saints" #711

*The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit.*

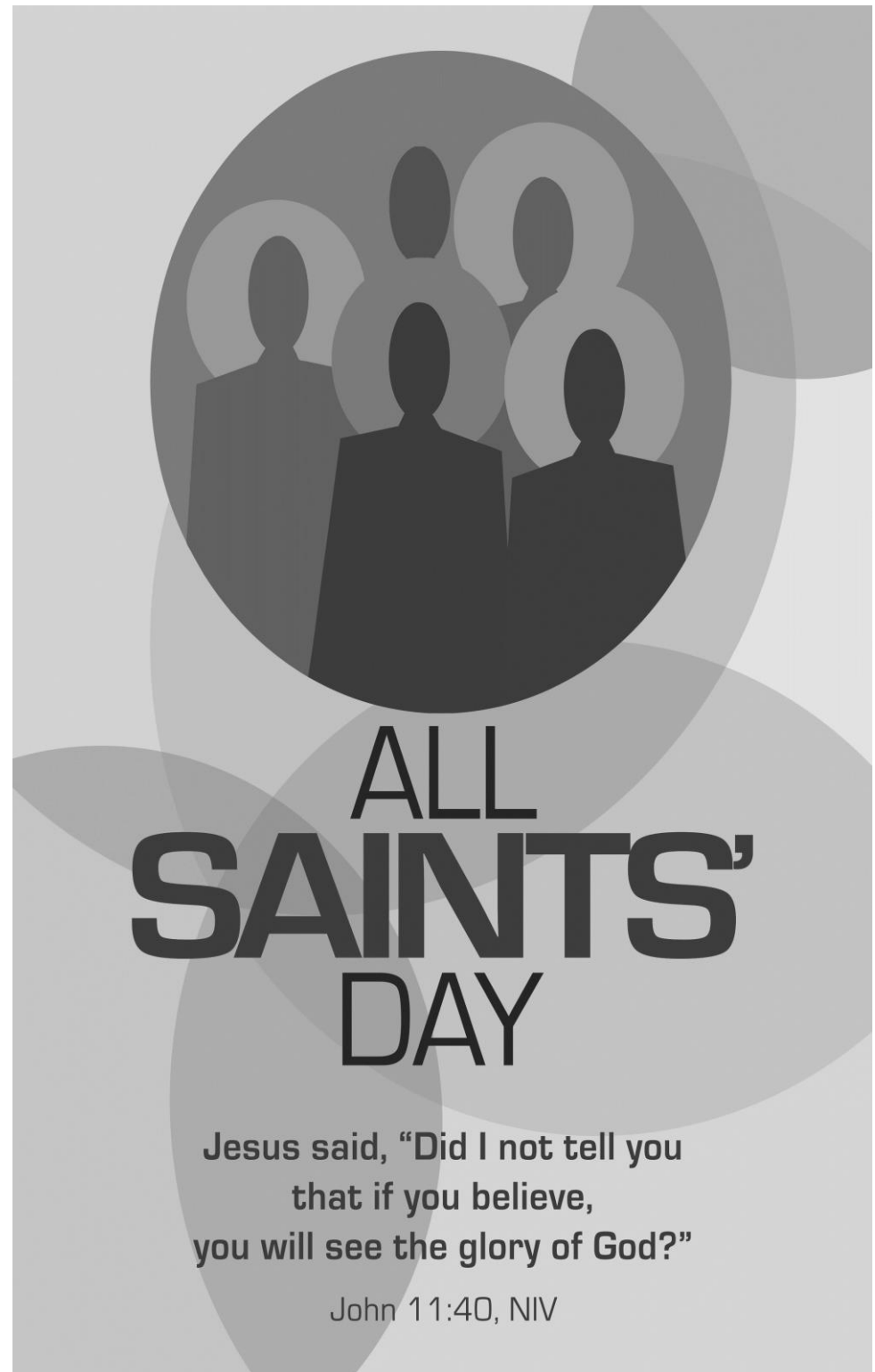
❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing "Shalom to You" #666

Postlude

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Leechburg First UMC is seeking a Financial Secretary. PA state clearances and the FBI fingerprint clearance are required. Anyone interested in applying for the position should contact Tabetha Skrot or fill out an application that can be obtained from our administrative assistant, Pam McGranor.



# First United Methodist Church

*"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"*

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## All Saint's Sunday

- ❖ We know that everyone is differently abled so please stand or sit as best suits your comfort level.

## Greetings & Announcements

### Prelude

*As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

- ❖ Centering Chorus "Give Thanks" Insert
- ❖ Call to Worship Insert
- ❖ Opening Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" #712
- ❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

In life and death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpse of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Sharing of Joys & Concerns

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

- ❖ Gloria Patri #70

All Saints Observance, Litany of Remembrance Insert

Choir Anthem Come to the Table  
Children's Moment Pastor Sara  
Sung Prayer of Illumination "Thy Word Is A Lamp" (Ref.x2) #601  
Epistle Lesson Revelation 7:9 - 17 #1076  
❖ Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1 - 12 #837  
Message "From Every Tribe" Rev. Sara J. Wrona  
Hymn "Marching to Zion" #733

## Offertory Reflection

*They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.  
Deuteronomy 16:16b - 17*

- ❖ Doxology #95

## Prayer of Dedication

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward will, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**

## Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

Call to Communion "Fill My Cup, Lord" #641

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, November 5 All Saint's Day

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

**GREETERS:** *Bob & Vange Stewart*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Gloria Womer*

### MONDAY, November 6

6:45 PM - Choir Practice

### TUESDAY, November 7 Election Day

7:00 PM -Trustee's Meeting

7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY, November 8

2:30 PM -Crockpot Ministry

### SUNDAY, November 12 24th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

**GREETERS:** *Gloria & June Womer*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Jo Ellen Stewart*

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**UPCOMING Finance/Council Meeting on Tuesday,  
November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

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The **FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my beloved husband Derek who went to be with his Lord 15 years ago (November 6<sup>th</sup>) by  
M.J. Cline

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my granddaughter, Abby's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 16<sup>th</sup> & in memory of my mother, Possie Pischke's birthday on November 15<sup>th</sup> by Becky Blankenship.

## First United Methodist Church, Leechburg

### Prayer List

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14 - 15

Please be in prayer for Family and Friends:

Aiden, Bryce, Margie Anto, Anna Cibik, Lana Daugherty, Cathy Hahn, Sue Harwick, Debbie Hill, Betty Hunter, Phyllis Lamison, Dianne LeSueur, Lindsey, Deb Loftus, Judy Nolf, Rachel & Damon Rowe, Peggie Trapolsi (Pr. Sara's mom), John Womer, Sharon Wright, and Amber

Our Homebound Members:

Anne Cherry, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Kolenik, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Carol Parsons, Myrtle Prunty, Phyllis Schaeffer, Dave Sherbondy, and Helen Weaver.  
**Any changes please let Pam know in the office.**

Our Church Leadership

Greensburg District Superintendent Rev. Paul Ritchey

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

The People of the Ukraine

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

The Middle East

### **VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON**

Next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> , we will be celebrating our Veterans with a soup & sandwich luncheon in the fellowship hall after the worship service. If you are interested in making soup or sandwiches please sign up. If you are not please come and enjoy lunch with us.

### **VETERAN'S DAY SLIDE SHOW**

We would like to continue our pictures of honoring our Veterans during the worship service next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have pictures of your family members and would be willing to share them please send them to Pam at the church office by Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADOPT A GRANDPARENT**

Sign-up sheet is now available for the Adopt a Grandparent. For \$12, the recipient will receive a gift that includes MK Mint Bliss Lotion for feet and legs and fuzzy socks.



Grief Support Group  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
358 Main Street, Leechburg  
724-845-7518

Mondays, September 11 - December 11, 6-8 PM

[www.servinggodgracefully.net/griefshare](http://www.servinggodgracefully.net/griefshare)

### **CONCERT**

The Kiski Valley Community Band will perform a patriotic concert at 1 p.m. November 12 at the Casino Theatre in Vandergrift. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Vandergrift Veterans Memorial Project.

### **FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS**

We will be making sandwiches for the community on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We will be packing the lunch bags on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with a meeting following at 10:00 a.m.

### **CROCKPOT MINISTRY**

Caring Crockpot Ministry classes in November 8, & 15 from 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
If you are interested in helping please contact Lori.

Thank you for your continued support in all of our outreach projects!

### **SPECIAL OFFERING**

The first Sunday of each month (through December) we will collect a special offering for the Mission/Outreach Team. This money will help offset the costs of the hams and turkeys they provide for the community in November & December. Thanks so much for your continued support of this team and their mission/outreach projects!

### **ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree sign-up sheet is now available in the vestibule.

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November 17 - 18, 2023 ~ \$200.00/person

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The typical North American definition of poverty is a lack of financial resources. Because of this perspective, many churches and organizations seek to address poverty by giving financial assistance or material goods such as food and clothing. While this assistance may help alleviate suffering temporarily, it has not proven to be an effective method for lifting people out of poverty. COT intentionally moves away from a transactional approach to poverty alleviation to a holistic and relational approach. COT defines poverty as a lack of resources. These resources may be financial, relational, spiritual, physical, intellectual, or a combination. This holistic view of poverty drives our work. Each COT site provides its participants with the tools and the supportive relationships needed for them to identify their strengths, build their resource base, and achieve self-identified goals. COT provides under-resourced families with the information, skills, and support they need to create a new future story. COT seeks to walk WITH, not do FOR.



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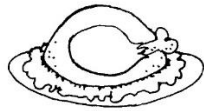
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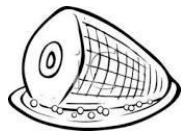
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## TURKEY & HAM GIVEAWAYS



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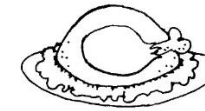
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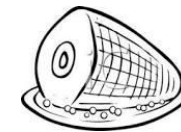
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Centering Chorus

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong";  
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord  
has done for us." Give us. Give thanks!

Call to Worship

On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of  
saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and  
languages, to proclaim:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on  
the throne, and to the Lamb!**

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May be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the  
one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

**May we join in the work of the Shepherd to  
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## Litany of Remembrance

Pastor: Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember Those saints who are dear and precious to us Who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months.

*As each name is called, a candle will be lit in memory of Ron VanDervort and Laurel Klingensmith. Family members or close friends of the person named may rise where they are sitting.*

Pastor: We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence.

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