

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, November, 10

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Fill Us with Your Spirit

Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November, 17

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Matthew Weiler

Thanksgiving Sunday

Mark 13:1-8

We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center. **Child care** with trained and fully vaccinated staff is provided on the second floor for infants through three-year-olds.

Worship activities for children can be found on a cart outside the side sanctuary doors.

LARGE print Bibles and Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.

Today's service is being livestreamed and recorded. You can request a free copy of the DVD from the office. You can find previous worship services on our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

Church Staff

Rev. Julie Kline.....Lead Pastor
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Ava LonchardeBuilding Host
Eamon Bronson.....Building Host
Jim TiffanyCustodian
Ruth Butters..... Young Adult Resident

IN TIMES OF GREAT DECISION



In times of great de - ci - sion, be with us, God, we pray! Give
O God, whose gifts are count less, you send us bear - ing peace. You
O God, you bridged the dis - tance; you opened wide the door. You
You call on ev - ery na - tion to put a - side all greed, to



each of us a vi - sion of Je - sus' lov - ing way. When
fill our dreams with jus - tice for all comm - u - ni - ties. You
call us by our pre - sence to reach to serve the poor. You
care for your cre - a - tion and for your ones in need, To



loud - er words seem end - less and oth - er voic - es sure, re -
give us glo - bal neigh - bors, that all may just - ly live. May
teach us: Wel come stran - gers! Seek jus - tice on the earth! May
care for those in pri - son, for child - ren, for the ill. In



mind us of your pro - mise: your love and truth en - dure.
those we choose as lead - ers re - flect the life you give.
those we choose as lead - ers see ev - ery per - son's worth.
times of great de - cis - sion may we choose lead - er's well.

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Tune: AURELIA Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi,
Larry Stewart

Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger

Organist: Bernie Foulk

Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton,
Kennedy Hayes, Lucas McGinnis & Zachary Jackson
Acolytes: Grace Harthorn & Campbell Weiler

All Saints Sunday Visuals: Deb Willoughby,
Kristy Lepley

The rosebuds in the chancel are to celebrate the birth of Hugo Anthony and to mourn the death of Henrik Edward on October 16, 2024. We hold these identical twin baby boys in our hearts and prayers with their parents, Brandon and Britnee Warzybok; their big sister, Vera; and big brother, Thaddeus.

New Adult Sunday School Class: DOUBT is a class based on a book and video of the same name by Adam Hamilton. We will look at the importance of doubt in the spiritual lives of Christians, as well as examining common beliefs with which many people

struggle. This class is in the parlor and starts today after worship and goes through Dec. 8. Led by Carol Hodges.

Free concert TODAY! A combination of the churches around Bronson Park bring you "Voices United: Together for Peace" at 4pm at the First Congregational Church. The concert aims to bring peace to our community through music ahead of the national election.

Election Day. Our chapel will be open from 9am to 5pm for prayer on Election Day. As people go to the polls on this day we pray first and foremost for peace. There will be candles for lighting, quiet space for praying. A caregiver will be available 9am-12pm & 3-5pm to talk with, pray with, or simply sit beside you.

Splendid Suppers for Seven. We have four hosts ready to welcome you into their homes beginning in December. Sign up for a date that works for you at the Welcome Center. For newcomers and repeat customers alike! This is has been a fun event for all that have participated in past dinners.



First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

November 3, 2024
10:00 AM

ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY

212 S Park St
Kalamazoo, MI
www.umc-kzo.org

We would like to connect with you.

Please fill out the attendance pad and introduce yourself as you pass it to your neighbor. You are invited in these beginning moments to use the green prayer cards found in the pews. The cards will be collected by an usher during the opening hymn to be shared with clergy.

*** Please rise in body or in spirit**

PRELUDE *Prelude*

F. Couperin

INTROIT *Be Glad in the Lord All Ye Saints*

Hal Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Larry Stewart

One: Welcome to worship from all the places you join us today. Please rise in body or in spirit and join with me in this opening prayer

All: God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end. Amen

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 711** *For All The Saints*

(UMH-red hymnal)

Please come forward if you feel so moved and light a tea candle on the tables at the front of the sanctuary during the last four verses of the hymn after the choir procession.

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Matt Weiler

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Julie Kline

LITANY FOR THE 2024 ELECTION (SEE INSERT)

Adapted from a prayer litany prepared by Rev. Shannon Kelly, Missioner for Young Adult and Campus Ministries, Episcopal Church

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Matt Weiler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that in this election season we have at times been judgmental towards those who will vote for a different party. We have failed to pray for those with whom we disagree. We have not been kind or loving. And we have at times placed more of our trust in rulers and governments than in your grace. Forgive us, we pray, for it is from the same loaf and the same cup that we will receive your grace and love today. Free us to joyfully love and serve you and one another. In the name of Christ and in the strength and company of the great cloud of witnesses we pray. Amen.

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 12:28-34

Larry Stewart

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN

Rev. Julie Kline

HYMN #2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

(FWS-Faith We Sing)

MESSAGE The Space Between Now and The Saints

Rev. Matt Weiler

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Matt Weiler & Rev. Julie Kline

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It's right to give our thanks and praise.

One: With Isaiah the prophet, we give you thanks—for the promise of your heavenly banquet, a feast of rich food and well-aged wine; for the strength of your steadfast love, destroying the shroud of sin and shame; for the gift of your saving grace, our long-awaited day of deliverance. Therefore we rejoice in you, singing with the saints of every age:

All: Musical Setting C (*red hymnal, page 21*)

One: With Mary and Martha, we remember Jesus—his liberating word and healing touch, his saving death and life-giving resurrection, his promised return and glorious realm. With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. We remember how he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me. As often as we share this bread and cup, we proclaim the saving death of the living Lord, until he comes in glory to reign. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: Musical Setting C (*red hymnal, page 22*)

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, as we share this feast of bread and wine. Make us one in the body of Christ our Lord and one in the company of your saints. With John the Divine, we look with hope—for the coming of your new creation, a new heaven and a new earth; for an end to suffering and mourning, when every tear will be wiped away; for the fulfillment of your ancient promise on the day when you make all things new. Through Christ, the Alpha and Omega, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Matt Weiler & Rev. Julie Kline

In honor of all the saints we name, and those upon our hearts, the congregation is invited to stand after all of the names have been read, and remain standing through "May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise."

IN REMEMBRANCE

Allan Arvidson
Steve Breed
John Brooks
Mary Butler
Jill Christian
William Ding
Robert Bruce Ebersole
Barbara L. Gower
Alice Jennings
Muriel Johnson

Andrew Kristen
Bela Lahner
C. David Lundquist
Roman Lyszyk
Alice McCorry
Ellen McDonald
Barbara Patterson
Bernadette Richardson-Gueary
Bud Search

Jan Search
Roy Sharp
Jim Treece
Gerald Vernon
JoEtta Vernon
Alice Wall
Henrik Warzybok
Mark Weirick
Patricia Wooden
Dorothy Young

***ANTHEM** "May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise"

Arlen Clark

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God/Father/Mother, 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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Song of the Saints*

Pepper Choplin

***DOXOLOGY #94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH- red hymnal)

***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!***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Larry Stewart

We thank you O God for these gifts, allowing us to be a blessing for the world. As the saints who have gone before us gave generously of their time, talents, gifts, service, and witness, may this offering continue to bear witness to their faithful lives for generations to come. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIVES

***HYMN** *In Times of Great Decision (SEE BACK OF BULLETIN)* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rigadoun*

A. Campra

MISSION

We are called to:
· Experience God's Love
· Celebrate God's Love
· Share God's Love

VISION

We are a Christ-centered community where our stories are woven with God's story.

CORE VALUES



Love: God is Love and all creation is made in love, by love, for love.



Community: Sacred relationship with God and one another.



Inclusion: All identities belong and are loved in Christ.



Justice: Restoration of equity and wholeness.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 3

10:00 am Sunday Worship
11:15 am Sunday School for all ages
4:00 pm Voices United: Together for Peace Concert - First Congregational Church

Monday, November 4

Tuesday, November 5 ELECTION DAY

9:00 am 5pm Election Day Prayer - Chapel
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 pm All Staff Meeting - Parlor
4:15 pm First Beats
4:30 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm SPRC - Parlor/Zoom
6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 am Yoga
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor
10:00 am OLLI Curriculum Committee - Fellowship Room
11:30 am Prayer Group - Chapel
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook
12:30 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm House Meeting Evaluation - Zoom

Thursday, November 7

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
12:30 pm DOCC - Parlor
5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble - Wesley Hall
6:00 pm Grief Group - Chapel
7:00 pm Chancel Singers - Choir Room

Friday, November 8

Saturday, November 9



LITANY

FOR THE 2024 ELECTION

Leader: Almighty God, creator of this world, who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and shapes these important choices.

People: God, our Creator, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: Loving God, we give thanks for the precious right to vote. Help us to hold this right and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

People: God of love, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: Gracious God, guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to represent us and our communities well. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better advance justice and the common good in our community, nation and world so it may reflect the values and priorities Christ taught us.

People: God of grace, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: Merciful God, protect us as we exercise our right to vote. Help us to co-create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth—communities that will center and protect the most vulnerable neighbors among us and to listen and act on the experiences of the oppressed.

People: God of mercy, guide us in truth and love.

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Leader: Healing God, we pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You through creation.

People: God, our Healer, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: Holy God, help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance, hate, or fear.

People: God of purity, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: All-seeing God, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace.

People: Omnipresent, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: All-knowing God, we pray for communities who are struggling with inequity, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation and justice with one another and with God.

People: Omniscient God, guide us in truth and love.

Leader: All-powerful God, help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

People: Omnipotent God, guide us in truth and love.

Today we light a candle of peace for this nation, and sing "Kyrie."

HYMN #2275 *Kyrie*

(FWS-Faith We Sing)