

***All Saints Celebration  
and  
Memorial Service***

The North Carolina Annual Conference  
The United Methodist Church



Thursday, June 16, 2022 • 11:00 am  
Greenville Convention Center  
Greenville, North Carolina

## All Saints Celebration and Memorial Service

### Prelude Music

**\*Processional Hymn of Praise** .....*For All the Saints* .....UMH 711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

---

*\*\* During this service, words of the hymns are to be read silently while the music is playing.*

**\*Call to Worship**..... Bishop Leonard E. Fairley

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!

**All: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**All: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshiped.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord's word I hope;

**All: My soul waits for the Lord**

**More than those who watch for the morning,**

**More than those who watch for the morning.**

**\*Opening Prayer**..... Rev. Christopher L. Brady

O God Most High, with all the saints of every time and place, we come to worship you.

We praise your glory and rejoice in the wisdom you reveal to us.

Enlighten us once more in this time of adoration and blessing.

Fill us with hope, even when conditions around us seem only to hurt and destroy.

Help us to do good and to show mercy, expecting nothing in return,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD AND RESPONSE**

**Anthem** .....*Find Us Faithful*..... Mr. Lee Rodio

**Prayer for Illumination**..... Rev. Michael D. Frese

**Lord, open our hearts and minds**

**by the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**that, as the Scriptures are read**

**and your Word proclaimed,**

**we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons** ..... Luke 6:20-28..... Rev. Michael D. Frese

II Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-9..... Rev. Dena M. White

**Sermon** .....*The Promise of Faithfulness*..... Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Locklear

**\*Affirmation of Faith #881** ..... The Apostles' Creed..... Rev. Tara C. Lain

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**the third day, he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Act of Remembrance (Naming of the Honored Dead)** .....Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan  
Rev. Elizabeth H. Hood  
Rev. Dr. H. Gray Southern

We bless your name, O God,  
for all your servants who, having finished their course,  
now rest from their labors.  
Give us grace to follow the example  
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,  
to your honor and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(The name of each of the honored dead is read aloud, followed by the ringing of bells. Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the reading of the names of the deceased.)*

**CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

- Philip Sherman Brown* ..... June 18, 2021
- Eldrick Ray Davis*..... June 23, 2021
- Marty Jeffrey Cauley* ..... June 29, 2021
- Bill James Locklear* ..... July 4, 2021
- Robert Gentry Harris, Jr.* ..... July 13, 2021
- Sidney Gene Hadden*..... August 7, 2021
- Pearl Gooding West*.....September 3, 2021
- Thomas Arnold Pope* .....September 30, 2021
- Richard Leonhard* ..... October 15, 2021
- Jerry Milton Schronce* .....December 3, 2021
- William Mac Jeffries, Sr.* .....December 5, 2021
- John Edward Morrison* ..... January 9, 2022
- Willie Heber Frizzelle* ..... January 13, 2022
- Ronnie Lee Rivenbark* ..... January 25, 2022
- Robert Burton Storrs, Jr.* ..... February 18, 2022
- Margaret Cotton Foote*..... March 1, 2022
- Eugene Ray Jenness*..... March 5, 2022
- John Whitfield Hobbs* ..... March 11, 2022
- George Allen Jones* ..... March 11, 2022
- Richard Arnold Stanley, Jr.* ..... March 27, 2022
- Brian Glynn Gentle*..... April 6, 2022

<i>James Carroll Lee</i> .....	April 7, 2022
<i>Margaret Anne Biddle</i> .....	April 20, 2022
<i>David Anthony Argo</i> .....	April 28, 2022
<i>Betty Bobbitt Willis</i> .....	April 28, 2022
<i>Michael Gordon Register</i> .....	May 16, 2022

**SPOUSES OF CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

<i>Martha Jane Williamson Moe</i> .....	January 26, 2021
<i>Pasquale Patrick DiGiuseppe</i> .....	May 19, 2021
<i>Christine O’Neal Wallace</i> .....	June 29, 2021
<i>Dilys R. Hale</i> .....	July 6, 2021
<i>Donald Champion</i> .....	August 2, 2021
<i>Doris D. Reynolds</i> .....	August 6, 2021
<i>Janet Karen Gallimore Argo</i> .....	August 30, 2021
<i>Winifred Browning</i> .....	September 3, 2021
<i>Jeanne Roberts Rouse</i> .....	September 6, 2021
<i>Helen Meredith Jones</i> .....	October 30, 2021
<i>Dolores M. Bowman</i> .....	November 10, 2021
<i>Loula Price Nicks</i> .....	November 11, 2021
<i>Margaret Louise McKita</i> .....	January 29, 2022
<i>Eugenia Shannon Stanley</i> .....	February 15, 2022
<i>Carol Turner Wenberg</i> .....	February 27, 2022
<i>Bernice G. Reynolds</i> .....	April 21, 2022
<i>Frances Bass White</i> .....	May 8, 2022
<i>Ethel Gaye Wall Mann</i> .....	May 21, 2022

**\*Prayer for the Saints and Faithful Departed** ..... Rev. David J. Blackman

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 You surround us with witness after witness  
 to your transforming love.  
**Inspire us and empower us to persevere;  
 fill our hearts with courage.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 You weep with us in our heartbreak and loss.  
**Comfort us and protect us in our mourning;  
 fill our souls with hope.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 You cry out in victory over sin and the grave.  
**Raise us and release us to fulfill your calling;  
 fill our lives with faithfulness and good works. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH  
FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD**

**\*Recessional Hymn** .....*Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*.....UMH 709

Come, let us join our friends above  
who have obtained the prize,  
and on the eagle wings of love  
to joys celestial rise.  
Let saints on earth unite to sing  
with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King  
in earth and heaven are one.

One family we dwell in him,  
one church above, beneath,  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death;  
one army of the living God,  
to his command we bow;  
part of his host have crossed the flood,  
and part are crossing now.

Ten thousand to their endless home  
this solemn moment fly,  
and we are to the margin come,  
and we expect to die.  
E'en now by faith we join our hands  
with those that went before,  
and greet the blood-besprinkled bands  
on the eternal shore.

Our spirits too shall quickly join,  
like theirs with glory crowned,  
and shout to see our Captain's sign,  
to hear his trumpet sound.  
O that we now might grasp our Guide!  
O that the word were given!  
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide,  
and land us all in heaven.

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**..... Rev. Jonathan E. Strother  
 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**\*Postlude**

---

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Bishop Leonard E. Fairley.....Resident Bishop, Raleigh Area  
 Bishop Paul L. Leeland..... Retired Bishop  
 The Reverend Elizabeth H. Hood .....Assistant to the Bishop for Clergy Life  
 The Reverend Dr. H. Gray Southern.....Assistant to the Bishop  
 The Reverend David J. Blackman..... District Superintendent, Beacon District  
 The Reverend Christopher L. Brady ..... District Superintendent, Capital District  
 The Reverend Michael D. Frese ..... District Superintendent, Corridor District  
 The Reverend Dena M. White..... District Superintendent, Fairway District  
 The Reverend Dr. Kenneth W. Locklear ..... District Superintendent, Gateway District  
 The Reverend Tara C. Lain ..... District Superintendent, Harbor District  
 The Reverend Ismael Ruiz-Millan ..... District Superintendent, Heritage District  
 The Reverend Jonathan E. Strother ..... District Superintendent, Sound District  
 The Reverend Lisa N. Yebuah..... Cross Bearer  
 The Reverend Dr. Timothy D. Catlett..... Crosier Bearer  
 The Reverend Kathie Wilkinson..... Tintinnabulum Bearer  
 Mrs. Marla Ham ..... Accompanist  
 Mr. Lee Rodio ..... Soloist

*For All the Saints*

Words: William Walsham How

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Public Domain

*Find Us Faithful*

Words and Music: Jon Mohr

© 1987 Birdwing Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Jonathan Mark Music (Admin. by Gaither Copyright Management)

Permission granted by CCLI

*Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: trad. English melody

Public Domain