# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

# November 2, 2025 21st Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints Sunday)

WELCOME PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Brant Adams

Pastor Beth Snarr Cameron Perrin and Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

#### **REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

Doug Ray

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

#### We give thanks!

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

## We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

## We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

# We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

## We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

# We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Allen Baer Jr., Patricia Barnard, Faye Harris Bishop, Sonja Bourdeau, Nancy DeLacure, Ray Garbett, Patrick Helm, Cal King, Jim Knight, Marian Lake, Mickey Milam, Ann Ingman Phillips, Suzanne Ray, Nina Ring, Betty Skelton, Paul Smail, Pattie Thompson, Ted Tims

#### **PROCESSION OF THE BELLS**

#### **HYMN** UMH 711

"For All The Saints"

- <sup>1</sup> 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!
- <sup>2</sup> 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!
- <sup>3</sup> 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!
- <sup>4</sup> O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- <sup>5</sup> 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!
- <sup>6</sup> From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH 881

**Apostles Creed** 

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.

#### **GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

# **RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

"Dwell in the Light Forevermore"

Lloyd Larson

**Chancel Choir** 

**CALL TO PRAYER** FWS 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

**LORD'S PRAYER** UMH 895

**GATHERING SONG** FWS 2233

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

# **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SERMON** 

Choosing Faith: Encouragement 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Pastor Beth Snarr

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

**HYMN** UMH 702

"Sing With All The Saints In Glory"

- <sup>1</sup> Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.
- <sup>2</sup> O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.
- <sup>3</sup> Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.
- <sup>4</sup> Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

#### **BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W&S 3154 "Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

**POSTLUDE** 

"Intonation on For All the Saints"

Maggie Tran

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WE WELCOME AND AFFIRM THOSE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION, FAMILY STRUCTURE, AND MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THIS CONGREGATION.



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by Dan and Kay Greathouse in honor of their sons, Michael and Glenn.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

If you have prayers to be lifted up or wish to be part of the team who lifts up prayers, drop an email to prayer@fumcgnv.org or go to https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest.

## **MINISTRY FOCUS - MISSION FOCUS- HURRICANE RECOVERY**

Our second-mile gifts today will support Hurricane Melissa recovery efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) who will be supporting the response efforts of our Methodist partners in Jamaica and the Caribbean. Funds collected will go to deliver essential supplies like food and water, support the removal of debris, and provide temporary shelter for the displaced. Please note "UMCOR" on your gift. Thank you!

#### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are collecting food items and making baskets for **30 families in need** at our partner school, Metcalfe Elementary and will also partner again this year with Trinity UMC to fill baskets for the community. We are collecting food items through next Sunday, November 9. You can drop off your donations in the Narthex before or after worship, or at the church office during the week. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and generosity! You can view the list of needed items along with the option for sponsoring a basket for \$50 at <a href="https://fumcgnv.org/Thanksgiving">https://fumcgnv.org/Thanksgiving</a>. If you wish to sponsor a basket now, please indicate "Thanksgiving Baskets" on however you give this second-mile gift.

# The light of Jesus shines most

#### brightly when our God-given time and talents are shared in service to others. Learn where

you can volunteer by using the QR code above or visit fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve

# WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



#### **GIVE BY CHECK**

Mail or bring your check to the Church Office 419 NE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601



Have you considered longterm support of our church ministries through our Legacy Endowment Fund? For more details, contact legacy@fumcgnv.org



#### **GIVE ONLINE**

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