WORSHIP GUIDE

November 1, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
(All Saints Sunday)

WELCOME Pastor Beth Snarr

BELL PROCESSIONAL

PRELUDE "Saints Bound for Heaven" Chancel Choir
arr. Mack Wilberg

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated) Carl Rocap

Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.
May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.
In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.
May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Dorthea James Baxter, Mary Britt, Faye Ekbladh, Neva Rae Gipson, Debra Johnson, Gene Merrow, Harriett Sterns, David Thompson, Lonnie Thompson, Doris Weaver, April Zink

HYMN UMH 711 "For All The Saints"

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

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

5 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!

6 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. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sing Me to Heaven" Chancel Choir
Daniel Gawthrop

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 Dean Brown

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 It's All About WE! Pastor Beth Snarr
Remember
Matthew 4:18-25

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

HYMN UMH 702 "Sing With All The Saints In Glory"

[1] 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.

[2] 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.

[3] 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.

[4] 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 Pastor Beth Snarr

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 "O Divine Redeemer" Elvis Gomez
Charles Gounod

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Dan and Kay Greathouse to celebrate the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to our Prayer Team at *prayer@fumcgnv.org* or go to *https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest*.

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES - IT'S ALL ABOUT WE!



Our new sermon series titled "It's All About WE!" starts today. Tis the season when members and regular attenders are invited, encouraged, and challenged to make a pledged financial commitment to the 2027 ministries of First UMC. This sermon series explores a story from each Gospel that highlights the purpose and power of working together. May the choices we make reflect our belief in the counter-cultural, self-sacrificial message of Jesus, "It's All About WE!"

MISSION FOCUS - THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are collecting food items and making baskets for families in need at our partner school, Metcalfe Elementary. It's obvious more of our Bobcat families are struggling with today's food prices as they have requested **50 baskets** which is 20 more than last year! After completing those baskets, any additional food or funds will be sent to Trinity UMC to fill baskets for the community. We are collecting food items and monetary donations through Sunday, November 15. You can drop off your donations in the Narthex before or after worship, or at the church office during the week.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers and bakers are needed to help with our Holiday Marketplace on November 6-8. Please visit their table after worship today to see how you can help make this ministry successful again this year!

NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Since we are celebrating Holy Communion during the worship service, there will not be a separate Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel today.



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

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*

GIVE BY CHECK

Place in a black offering box, or mail or bring to the Church Office at 419 NE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601

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

GIVE ONLINE

use the QR code above or visit *fumcgnv.com/GiveOnline* or via the First UMC app