CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY
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Faith Moving † God's Love Transforming † Difference Making

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM † Worship ~ 10:00 AM

† We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.

† Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.

† Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

† Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will return to their parents following the Children's Moment to participate in the life of the church and receive communion. If you prefer for you child not to receive communion, they may remain in their seat or go forward with their arms crossed over their chest to receive a blessing. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the Narthex.

† Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

> Joshua 3:7-17
> 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
> Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
> Matthew 23:1-12

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Jacob Crumbley (Delisa's nephew)



The flowers in the Altar are given by Jim & Sue Moore **to the Glory of God in Memory of their Parents, Ed & Thelma Moore and John & Dean Bunch**.

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP~

PRELUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME Lay Reader
OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Reader & Congregation

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

People: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

People: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

All: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 711 (vs 1, 2, 4, 6) *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ UMH # 8 The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70 MEINEKE
MORNING PRAYER Lay Reader
*HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH # 708 (all vs) *Rejoice in God's Saints* LYONS
OFFERTORY PRAYER Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC *I Will Rise* TOMLIN
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH #95 OLD 100TH
ALL SAINTS' RECOGNITION Mrs. Cathy Schoonover



Eugene T. Spann ~ September 30, 1933 – December 20, 2025

John Thomas Herndon ~ June 2, 1940 – March 12, 2026

Barbara Kay Kendrick ~ June 6, 1937 - June 1, 2026

Linda "Kay" Rozier Segars ~ August 18, 1943 – August 20, 2026

Mavis Beecher van Bibber ~ April 23, 1937 – August 27, 2026

Anna Louise Roberts ~ September 3, 1937 - September 16, 2026

RECOGNITION OF SAINTS' RESPONSE ~ *Each name will be read, a candle lit, a bell rung, and the people respond:*

"Thank you, Lord, for this Your servant"

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Chancel Choir *Fix Our Eyes* SORENSON
Isaac Willocks, violin / Yekajielinna Lian, cello

* SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:1-12 / 1 John 3:1-3 Lay Reader
The Gospel and Word of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise and thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Humble Saints" The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

GREAT THANKSGIVING 18: ALL SAINTS' AND MEMORIAL OCCASIONS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you,
God of creation and of all beginnings,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of apostles and martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

You made us in your image;
and though we all have sinned and fallen short of your glory,
you loved the world so much you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
Through his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
made with us a new covenant, and baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven,
we join in the song of unending praise, singing (saying):

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.

Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
On the night he offered himself up for us he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.

Therefore,
in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
which we offer in union with Christ's sacrifice for us,
as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine
we may know the presence of the living Christ,
be one body in him, and grow into his likeness.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you...[in our hearts].
May we run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
being surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses and looking to Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, and to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION FOR OUR AT HOME FRIENDS

* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ TFWS # 2221 (all vs)	*In Unity We Lift Our Song*	EIN' FESTE
* BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*	HYMN TO JOY

*Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Zoey Evans / Zoe Wilcher
Counter: Mike Crocker
Lay Reader: Cathy Schoonover
Live Stream: Sandy Dempster
Media & Sound: Mike Crocker
Ushers: Anthony Dunn * / Joe Galipo
* help with offering



5: Harry Hall



4: Mark & Delisa Kyzer ~ 26 years

TOMORROW ~ November 2
12:00-5:00
Fellowship Hall

It is not too late to make a date to donate!! Register at www.RedCrossBlood.org or walk-in! POC: John McIntyre, 478.954.9035



UNITED METHODIST MEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
@ 5PM

Join us at Christopher's Place pavilion on the eastside of campus and invite a friend!!

prime timers

LUNCHEON
CELEBRATING VETERANS' DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
11AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. John Manning will share with us. Please RSVP to the office, 478.922.0211 or Shirley Hall, 478.951.3520.

Children's Mission

Kidz for Christ's is collecting food items for the Little Angels Attic Thanksgiving giveaway. Please bring your donations by November 8 and place in the container in the Narthex.

Items needed: canned corn / canned green beans / canned sweet potatoes / cranberry sauce / boxed stuffing mix / boxed instant potatoes / boxed macaroni & cheese / gravy packets.

Thank you for your help with this project! God Bless You ~ Delisa, Edith, and Lessia

Looking Ahead

PARSONAGE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 4 - 6PM

Finger foods & fellowship

203 Oak Forest Lane, Warner Robins

Food will be provided but you are welcome to bring your favorite holiday snack or treat!



LITTLE ANGELS ATTIC Christmas tree is up in the narthex with angel gift suggestion tags! Each angel tag has an item listed to purchase for our annual Toy Giveaway on December 1st & 15th. Simply pick an "angel", buy that gift, and return to the church—place in narthex, bring to LAA room, or leave at church office. However, if you want to buy or bring whatever lightly used or new toy, feel free. **Gifts do not need to be wrapped!** If you prefer to donate money for this, simply put LAA on your check. In late November we will purchase items for the toy giveaway days and take your gifted items and put out for these two dates.

Additionally, we will need extra help those two days so please note on your calendar. You do NOT have to have any experience as everyone will be shown what to do.

The Blessing Box is extremely low on donations! If you are able, please bring any of the: packaged crackers / tuna packets / breakfast bars / "Slim-jim type" beef sticks / bottled water / fruit cups / non-chocolate granola bars / beanie weenies. Thank you for caring for our neighbors in need! POC: John McIntyre, 478.954.9035.

Donations for the Children's Ministry Mission, LAA, Blessing Box or Food Pantry may be brought to the narthex, LouAnn's office, or LAA work room. Children's Mission items need to be received by **Sunday, November 8**. LAA toys need to be received by **Sunday, November 22.**



NO November meeting

Last meeting of the year will be

Tuesday, December 1st, 6pm

Admin Bldg Serenity room

POC: Jennifer Davidson



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 3PM

FIRST UMC, 205 DAVIS DR, WARNER ROBINS

Since its formation in 2019, The Palmetto Saxophone Quartet has been thrilling audiences with its dynamic performances. The group is comfortable in any setting, whether exploring new repertoire, delivering unique and profound performances of classic and forgotten scores, or nurturing the next generation of musicians through clinics and masterclasses. The ensemble consists of four world-renowned artists: Clifford Leaman, Sheldon Johnson, Andrew J. Allen, and Matthew Castner. In this performance, they will present classics of the French concert saxophone repertoire, as well as toe-tapping syncopated classics.

Tickets ~ $18 per person, students free

OCTOBER 25 ATTENDANCE: 50 / 6 on-line