



Southside Baptist Church
11th Ave. & 19th St. South
Birmingham, AL 35205

SOUTHSIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH
"Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"

HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE

November 26 | 12 pm | South Highlands Presbyterian

Community Thanksgiving Service



It's time for our annual
Thanksgiving Turkey donations!

Make checks out to Southside Baptist
Church designated "Food Bank." (Or you
can contribute online.)

The deadline to give is November 19.

Jazz Vespers

Sunday, November 17

6:00 pm in Drennen Hall



SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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The Importance of Remembering

One of the significant events which takes place each year in November is Veterans Day – called Remembrance Day in Scotland. It is a day which remembers that at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent on the battlefields of France in the First World War.

During that war, France suffered 1.4 million First World War military deaths and those of 40,000 civilians; Britain had 760,000 military and barely 1,000 civilian casualties; America had 116,516 military deaths and approximately 320,000 sick and wounded of the 4.7 million men who served.

Beginning in 1921, bright red poppies were sold on both sides of the Atlantic, a tradition which continues to this day in Great Britain, and is the reason why I wear a poppy at this time of the year, to remember those who died and to support the needs of veterans from various conflicts since 1918. Its status was transformed by a Canadian surgeon, Lt-Col John McCrae, who sat down during a lull in the 1915 Battle of Ypres and wrote a poem that had a lasting legacy.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

We do well, at this time of the year, not only to remember those who died in the First World War but those who have served their country, to defend freedom so that we can live without fear in 2019.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.* (Laurence Binyon)

Dr. Kenneth Roxburgh
Pastor for Preaching and
Teaching



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. The Gathering in
Drennen Hall

9:30 a.m. SundaySchool
11:00 a.m. Worship in
the Sanctuary

Luke's Gospel - Encountering Jesus

NOVEMBER 3
All Saints Sunday
"Communion of the
Saints"

NOVEMBER 10
"What Is True
Greatness?"
Luke 9:43b-48

NOVEMBER 17
"Who Is My Neighbor?"
Luke 10:25-37

NOVEMBER 24
Thanksgiving Service
"Bread of Life"
John 6:24-35

A Place at the Table

Against the cloth of Fall colors of orange, green, and red, the foliage of leaves, pumpkins, and gourds fill the table. Candles flicker their soft light against the glassware creating a shimmering twinkle of expectant light. The pressed burnt orange napkins fanning out from the center of the porcelain silver-rimmed china plates await the laps of the hungry guests about to savor the culinary spread. The smells of roasted turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, and fresh baked bread combine with the pecan and pumpkin pies indicating that soon the meal would begin. Every place is set. The table cards clearly marking the place of each special guest, every place but one. There's still a place at the table for that one that seeks not only to be included, but to belong. Feeling a true sense of connection, hearts and minds unite, for what matters is our shared love. The petty differences which seek to divide us are forgotten and replaced with a divine reminder that - yes, we truly are one. At the table there is plenty of room and as the guests arrive, both those expected and those not, all are welcomed. For the table is endless, the food plentiful, and belonging is understood.

Somewhere someone needs a place to not only be included, but to belong. As we journey as a family of faith, let us embody the life of Christ, setting the table for all, especially those that yearn desperately to find connection, to a find a place, and to truly be a part. Belonging begins and ends with unconditional love, abundant grace, and uncountable forgiveness. The table is set, can we include one more?

Rusty Bennett
Deacon Chair

Thank you, Veterans!

As we collectively honor those who have served our country on November 11, we would like to specially recognize those members of our congregation who have served. (We apologize to anyone we've left off this list).

Stuart Collier	Peter Polgorzelski
Jerry Huie	Kevin Pruitt
Cleve Kinney	Brent Thompson
Warren Kinney	Cedric Williams
W.D. Peeples	

Advent Devotional

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and that means its time to put together our Advent Devotional Guide. This year, our theme comes from Isaiah 2:5, "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

As always, this can't be accomplished without the support of our church family. We accept devotionals, artwork and poetry. Submissions should be one page (or less) in length.

If interested in helping us out, please email Marilyn Shepard at shepardm@jccal.org.

Marilyn Shepard
Deacon Vice Chair

Save the Dates!

Southside Choristers will be presenting special music for Advent on two consecutive Sunday mornings in December. On Dr. Roxburgh's last Sunday at Southside, December 8, you will hear Faith Lenard sing "O, Holy Night," Anna Virginia Jones sing "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" and the choir will sing "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arranged by Dale Adelman, and a new arrangement by Ethan McGrath of a 16th century carol, "A Spotless Rose." Sarah Heaslett will accompany the choir and soloists. On Sunday, December 15, we will have guest instrumentalists Stephanie Archer and Laurie Middaugh on piano, Annesley Streets on violin, and Emily Sandgren on cello and percussion. Highlights include exciting arrangements of "People Look East" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory" for choir, piano four hands, violin and percussion. Please save the dates!

Kenny Gannon
Interim Choir Director

Upcoming Events

- 11/3 All Saints Sunday/ Daylight Savings Ends
- 11/3 Congregational Council Meeting - 12:30 pm, Rm 140
- 11/5 Birmingham Area Sacred Harp Singers
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/17 Jazz Vespers - 6 pm, Drennen Hall
- 11/18 Deacons Meeting - 6 pm, Heritage Rm
- 11/20 Serving the Homeless: Third event in the Homeless Prevention Series - 9am to 1pm at Highlands United Methodist Church (serving breakfast to the homeless)
- 11/26 Five Points Community Thanksgiving Service 12 pm - South Highlands Presbyterian Church
- 11/28-29 Thanksgiving Holidays (Church Offices Closed)

Wednesday Night Menus

- 11/6 Soup and Sandwiches
- 11/13 Hamburgers
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 11/27 No Evening Activities

November Birthdays

Cheryl Simonetti 11/01	Lance Ramp 11/15
Mary Ann Somers 11/04	George Triantos 11/16
Abbey Nelson 11/06	Eli McMillan 11/16
Lucy Parsons 11/06	Jim Barron 11/17
Mary Lynn Bates 11/06	Henry Penick 11/23
Jesse Bates 11/06	Yifan Shen 11/24
Wendy Jones 11/10	Ginger Hydrick 11/24
Charlie Waldrep 11/13	Aria Elise McMillan 11/26
Kay Ferguson 11/13	Tammy Smith 11/27
Bobby Bloomston 11/14	

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible
Study in Drennen Hall

NOVEMBER 6
Holy Habits: Spirituality for
the 21st Century

NOVEMBER 13
Holy Habits: Spirituality for
the 21st Century

NOVEMBER 20
Thanksgiving Fellowship

NOVEMBER 27
No Evening Activities

Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

After This Life

November 3
The Age-Old Question
Job 14:7-15

November 10
The Hope of Resurrection
Isaiah 26:12-19, Daniel 12:1-4

November 17
The Prospect of Judgment
Matthew 25:31-46

November 24
The Water of Life
Revelation 7:9-17