



Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church
"A Church at the Heart of Morgantown
with a Heart for Morgantown"

November 14th, 2021
All Saints Sunday

(** indicates to stand if able)

Prelude
Announcements

****GATHERING CALL TO WORSHIP:** Liturgist

Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.

Amen.

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.

Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Amen.

Music Ministry

OPENING PRAYER: Liturgist

We bless your holy 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 Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

****GOSPEL READING JOHN 11:32-44**

Liturgist

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION 21:1-6A Pastor

21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home* of God is among mortals. He will dwell* with them; they will be his peoples,* and God himself will be with them;* 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Children's moment: Pastor

Special Music: "Come, Thou Fount" a solo sung by Jeridan Cowser

The Sermon: "What is a Saint?" Pastor

LITANY OF MEMORIAL Pastor

Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

****(Reading of our deceased, lighting a candle, and tolling a bell.)* ***

Now we go to the forward sharing the faith.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

They are alive forever more. Amen.

(BASED ON JEWISH MEMORIAL PRAYER, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD: (Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com)

Quinn Williams
Charlotte Taylor

Art and Eileen Ford
Frances Lindamood

Becky Digman
Jean Losh
Pam Todd
Jerry Hott
Delbert and Del Hilling
Elaina McCutcheon
Rita and David Friend
Debbie Davis
Sarah Davis
Debbie Summers
Jane Thompson
Jimmy Neville
Keith Carr
Unspoken and silent requests

Dale Staley II
Dana Trent
Phyllis Glowacky
Jean Smith
Pastor John Welch
Bob Jones
Dorothy Moore
Connie Rutan
Teresa Murray
David Thompson
Sancie Smallwood
Kevin Taylor
Ruth Stockwell

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERVICE OF TABLE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING:

We give joyously to our Lord with our time, talents, gifts, service, presence, and witness.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION: (Unison)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
praise him all creatures here below
praise him above ye heavenly host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving Prayer for All Saints (See Screen)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

CHORAL BENEDICTION

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING

Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Prayer Of Hope (All)

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Amen. (From Mother Julian of Norwich)

Postlude

THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, THE SERVICE BEGINS

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Please use our app
<https://www.givelify.com/givers/>.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

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Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/sprucestreetumc](https://www.facebook.com/sprucestreetumc)
Check out <http://mixlr.com/sprucestreetumc/> to connect to hear the live stream of our worship. To listen to past worship services, when on the homepage scroll down on the left-hand column and click Showreel items for past worship services.

Special Thanks to those who provide...

Our Radio Broadcast (listen on 1300 AM or 92.1 FM):
In honor of the choir

Altar Flowers:
In honor of Diane DeAngelis's birthday

You are able to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers by calling the church office at 304-292-3359 or emailing to secretary@sprucestreetumc.org. The cost is \$80 for the radio broadcast (and can be divided for multiple sponsors) and \$35 for the altar flowers and that can be mailed to the church or given through Givelify at <https://www.givelify.com/givers/>.

This Week:

- Sunday, Nov 14: ReLaunch Team Meeting, noon
- Monday, Nov 15: Staff Meeting, noon
- Tuesday, Nov 16: Yoga, 9:00am
- Wednesday, Nov 17: Bible Study, 11:00am
- Wednesday, Nov 17: Prayer Meeting, 6:00pm
- Sunday, Nov 21: Hanging of Greens, noon
- Sunday, Nov 21: Advent Study Kick-off special movie, 6pm

Our prayer shawls, prayer squares, crosses in my pocket and masks are always available. If you desire or need them, please let us know. We will bring them to you. 😊

Gifts of Love ministry is in need of twin size bed sheets, light weight blankets, bakeware, pots and pans, new standard size pillows and fans. Thank you for your generosity.

Bath and Books

Through the month of November, we will be collecting fun, character bath towels and childrens books to help serve the 160 Head Start children in our area, ages 3-5.

Books and towels can be brought to the church, or a monetary donation can be made, and items will be purchased with your donation. All items will be wrapped, addressed to a BOY or GIRL and delivered to the schools prior to Christmas. Any questions, please contact the church office or email Lena Glowacky, lglowack@k12.wv.us, or call 304-319-4040.

Enjoy Books

Enjoy Books have arrived!

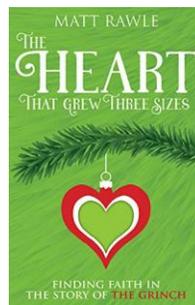
The United Methodist Men will be selling the Enjoy books through the end of December or as long as supplies last. The books contain discounts up to 50% at Morgantown, Fairmont, and Uniontown area restaurants, fast foods, pizzerias, and ice cream shoppes. They make excellent holiday or birthday gifts for relatives, friends, and service providers. Discounts are also available at florists, golf courses, plus many others.

Books may be obtained on Sunday's in Seeker's Hall, through the church office during regular hours, or from any UMM member. Payment by cash or check payable to SSUMM.

Due to increased cost of paper and printing, the price has increased to \$40. However, the new additions will make it a much better opportunity to save money. The UMM will receive an additional \$2 per book for a total of \$12 per book.

A list of participating establishments is available on our website under the Announcements.

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes



We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and

Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.

Join Pastor Bart in an Advent study of this book starting, **Sunday, November 28 at 6PM.** Study will be in Seeker's Hall and online.

Be sure to join us on **Sunday, November 21 at 6pm** to refresh ourselves on the story with a special movie event!

A limited number of books are available. Please contact the church office for a book. A pdf is now available on the church website under the News and More tab.



Hanging of the Greens

Christmas decorations will go up on Sunday, Nov 21 following the 10:45 service. Anyone is welcome to stay to help with the decorating. We especially need a couple of strong people with healthy backs to help.