

# Welcome to Worship!

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*Please silence cell phones and other alarms.*

You are invited in these beginning moments of worship to offer prayers, using the prayer cards if desired, and passing them to an usher. Please take a moment to sign in using the gray registration pad found in the pew pocket near the outside aisle, and passing it to your neighbors.

*“When you got the message of God we preached, you didn’t pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God’s true word to you, which it is.”*

*~ 1 Thessalonians 2: 13 (The Message)*

## PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Rondo Grazioso” from Sonata in C Major* Jean Baptiste Breval

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(all reading the bold)* based upon Psalm 107

We are gathered here from north and south, from west and east; recalling with joy the many blessings of God.

**O give thanks to God, who is always good, whose steadfast love endures forever!**

Let all the redeemed sing their praise together!

**O give thanks to God, who is always good, whose love in Christ Jesus endures forever!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 152 *(red hymnal)* *“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”*

\*GREETING & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

SONG OF PEACE *“Peace is Flowing Like a River”* Anonymous

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace, and to pledge our part in receiving and sharing it.

MORNING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Holy God, may this time of worship be a joyful response of praise and thanksgiving for all that you have done, for all that you are doing, and for all that you will continue to do for us and all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM *“A Child’s Prayer of Thanksgiving* Virginia Nylander Ebinger  
*Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the birds that sing, thank you God for everything.*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Following Time With Our Children, “Live B.I.G.” for ages 4 through early elementary is provided on the secure 2nd floor. Children may be picked up on the 2nd floor (4 yrs.—kindergarten, room 203; 1st & 2nd grades, room 202; 3rd grade, room 209.).

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Evelyn Ann Moon, daughter of Brian & Jennifer Moon

Baptismal Covenant II *(red hymnal, pg. 39)*

Hymn 2249 *(black hymnal)* *“God Claims You”*

Please use Evelyn’s name throughout the hymn.

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 (NT, p. 203)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *“What it Really Is”*

## RESPONSE

SILENT, COMMUNITY and 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.**

OFFERING INVITATION

Stewardship Moment - Cheryl Anderson

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Coins received will be designated for the support of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for our work around the world. Please sign the attendance pads as they are passed down the aisle.

OFFERTORY *“Go Forth and Tell”*

David Ogden

\*DOXOLOGY 94 *(red hymnal)* *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(praying together)*

**Thank you Lord, that today we are able to share the gifts you have given us. Receive these gifts and use them to your glory. Receive these gifts and use them for others that they may also know your glory and love. Amen.**

\*OUR SHARED LIFE

\*CLOSING HYMN *(see insert)* *“Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken”*

\*BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *“Benediction”*

Evie Weatherbie

May the Lord give us grace as we leave this place to serve God every passing day.

GOING FORTH *“Come, Creator Spirit”*

N. de Grigny

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, November 6**

**8:30 and 11 a.m.**

All Saints Sunday/ Holy Communion

Ministry Showcase

Rev. Julie Kline

Matthew 5: 1-12

**Sunday, November 13**

**8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Stewardship Sunday

Hymn Festival of Thanksgiving and Praise

Ministry Showcase

Rev. John Boley

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, October 30**

**Ministry Showcase 9:30am—12:30pm**

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Park Street Perks - Perks Gathering Area

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

9:30 a.m. Inquirer’s Class - Chapel

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

4:00 p.m. Notified Rehearsal - Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Trunk and Treat - Parking Lot

6:00 p.m. First Singers Rehearsal - Choir Room

**MONDAY, October 31**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room

**TUESDAY, November 1**

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors - 305

4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Advocacy Services - 3rd floor rooms

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

7:30 p.m. Early Music Michigan - Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, November 2**

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room

10:00 a.m. WMU Lifelong Learning - Fellowship Room

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304

11:30 a.m. A Classroom in the Life - Parlor

1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room

5:45 p.m. Fermata Kalamazoo - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple II - 304

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation - Parlor

**THURSDAY, November 3**

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee - 305

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**FRIDAY, November 4**

**SATURDAY, November 5**

## OUR MISSION

*We are called to*

- Experience God's love
- Celebrate God's love
- Share God's love

## OUR VISION

*We are a Faith Community*

- Alive in Christ
- Open to all
- Growing in faith
- Serving our neighbors
- Active in the world

### **We're glad you are our guest today!**

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center as you exit the side sanctuary doors so that we may personally welcome you and present a gift of love from First Church. Please register your attendance in the gray pad found in the pew pocket.

**Child care** is provided on the second floor. There is also a family room in the right balcony.

**Worship activities for children** can be found on a cart outside the side sanctuary doors.

**LARGE print** Bibles and United Methodist Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available at the Welcome Center. If you need assistance, please speak with one of the ushers. Please return hearing devices to the Welcome Center following worship.

**Today's service is being recorded.** You can request a free copy from the office. A basket on the table near the parking lot entrance has previous Sunday recordings on CD. You can also access Sunday worship recordings from our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>.

### **Worship CDs**

Recordings of past Sunday morning services are available in the Perks gathering area. If you would like to be on a mailing list for CD recordings, please contact

John Ross, [jross@umc-kzo.org](mailto:jross@umc-kzo.org)

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long, Rev. John Boley, Children

<b>Minister of Music</b>	<b>Organist</b>	<b>Violin</b>
Jacqueline Stilger	Bernie Foulk	Willa Kuttner

<b>Cello</b>	<b>Soloist</b>
Luke Cook, Carsten Strand	Carly Braginton

### **Ushers**

Dan Bunker (head usher), Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall, Nic Aranda, Christopher Aranda, Michael Deaton

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Welcome Center</b>
Children	Harriet Chalker

<b>Audio &amp; Lighting</b>	<b>Van Driver</b>
Greg Anderson	Andrew Lehman, Scott Willoughby

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Robert McCann, given by his wife Reba and daughter Beth.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ministry Showcase.** On Sundays through November 13, several ministries of First Church will showcase what they are all about in the Marketplace. Please take a few minutes to stop at their tables to visit with the participants of these ministries today: Russia Initiative, Finance Committee, RampUp, Music & Arts, Family Camp, First Word Collators, Camp New Day and Center for Transformation.

**Apple Pie Sales.** The youth are selling homemade apple pies in the Marketplace today. They will continue to be sold on Sundays until they are all sold. Proceeds from the sale will go to the youth mission fund. Suggested donation is \$12. Pies are frozen and can be kept until you need them for the upcoming holidays!

**Christmas Card Sale: Martha's Table Fundraiser.** The Outreach Team is selling holiday cards by local artist Randy Walker. The sale of these cards will help serve Martha's Table throughout the year. Cards are \$15/box for 12 cards.

**Trunk and Treat. TODAY, 5-6:30 p.m.** Be a part of this Halloween event in our church parking lot! Decorate the trunk of your car, dress up in a Halloween costume, hand out candy, enjoy hot dogs and games. All are welcome!

**The Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice Event, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The Justice Team invites all to listen, learn and participate in this event, "Taxes, Social Security and Climate Change: Critical Issues for Our Congressperson." Speakers will be Harold Beu, Ellie Crocker and Paul Clements. Located in the Kalamazoo Public Library's Van Deusen Room.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends.** Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you retire next Saturday, November 5.

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**All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6.** On this day we honor the lives of members, family and friends that have died in the past 12 months. If there is someone you think we may not know about that you would like us to add to the list of saints that will be read that morning, drop a note off for Christi in the office or email her at [clandreville@umc-kzo.org](mailto:clandreville@umc-kzo.org).

**Stewardship Sunday & Hymn Festival of Thanksgiving and Praise.** Join us on Sunday, November 13 as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday through word and song and dedicate our time, talent and offerings to God and to one another. Our stewardship theme this year is "Living a God-Pleasing Life."

**Share the Warmth.** You can help the needy stay warm this winter by donating new and gently used coats, hats and boots. A Salvation Army barrel is located near the Welcome Center until Nov. 6.

**Brown Paper Grocery Bags.** We are in need of bags for our annual Food Blessing Bags on Sunday, November 20. Empty bags with a list of needed items for the food pantry will be distributed on November 13.

**Young People Ministry Group.** This group for ages 18-35 will meet again on Sunday, Nov. 13 after the 11:00 worship. Amber Walker will lead reflection and conversation about environment, abortion, capital punishment and other "hot" topics.

**Sunday Volunteers.** There is an updated volunteer sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Please sign up to help with a variety of Sunday morning ministries on the Sunday(s) of your choice.

**Holiday Schedule.** The church office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Fri., Nov. 25. We will celebrate Christmas Day worship with a vesper service at 4 p.m.

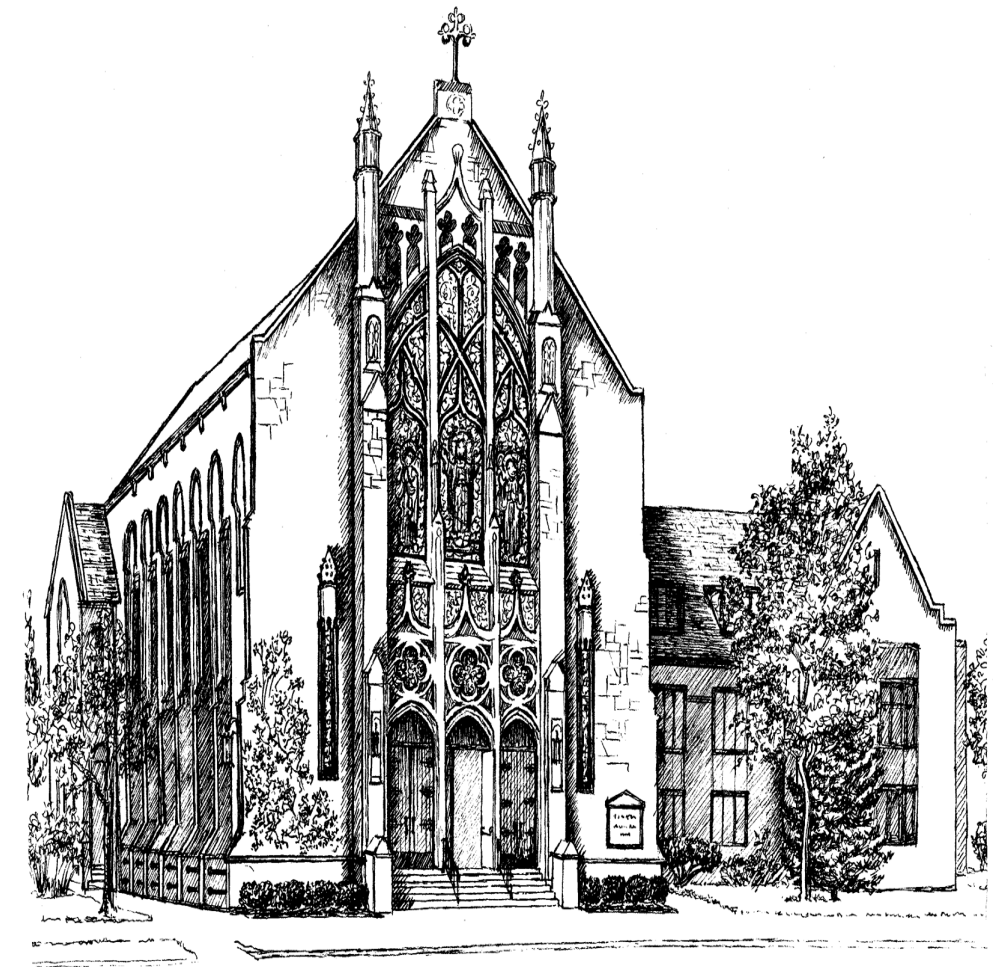


FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

October 30, 2011

11:00 a.m.

*Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love*



**We are a Reconciling Congregation.**

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity. We welcome all with

*open hearts, open minds, open doors.*