



*We are Surrounded by So Great a  
Cloud of Witnesses...*

Hebrews 12:1

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*The First United Methodist Church of Oakhurst  
Is a community of faith committed to Christ,  
seeking to learn the needs of our members,  
friends, and neighbors, and responding with Christian love.*

# *All Saints Jazz Service*

November 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.

\*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.

Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison.

**Hymnals: UMH is Red or Purple-TFWS is Black-W&S is Green**

Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

## **WE GATHER**

PRELUDE

*Soon and Very Soon*

UMH 706

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Shall We Gather at the River* UMH 723, vs. 1

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

For all the saints who have come before us and helped  
form our lives and faith. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who have taught us about witness and the  
power of love. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who work in our church so we may come to  
know what it means to serve. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and  
those who labor still. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides  
workers and witnesses.

**Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to  
become faithful witnesses of the faith.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*For All the Saints*

TFWS 2283, vs. 1&4

## MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Beloved God, who is known to our mothers and fathers, our family ancestors and our spiritual forebears; today we give you thanks as we celebrate all the saints who have guided and helped inspire our lives. We remember the saints who extended your loving care to those who were suffering losses in life; fear, pain, struggle, sorrow; who yearn for relief and long for hope. We lift a prayer of thanks for those who showed God's love to neighbors and strangers, who lived God's love, saints of yesterday and today, the hands, heart and voice of Christ.**

**Remind us to also be the hands, heart, and voice of Christ; the saints of tomorrow. Forgive us for the times we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn, and sluggish in our efforts. We repent our lack of faith and love which has so healed and uplifted your saints. Empower our renewed intentions, that we may one day join with the great cloud of witnesses, the communion of saints. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Do, Lord, Remember Me*

**Do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me;  
do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me;  
do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me.**

**Way beyond the blue**

**I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun.  
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun.  
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun.**

**Way beyond the blue**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

EPISTLE LESSONS

*Hebrews 12:1-2a*

Pew Bible NT 226

*Philippians 1:3-11*

Pew Bible NT 196

For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us;  
for the Word of God within us; **thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWs 2195

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!**

**Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,**

**lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

SERMON

*Thanks Be To God* Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith  
*Thankful for Our Siblings in Christ*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

NAMING OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE  
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2022.

*(As names are read, family members may come forward to light a candle.)*

*Darlene Herberg, George Lynch, Virginia Richmond,  
Catherine Dupree, Leroy Pembleton, Phyllis Fyfe,  
and Marilyn Pembleton.*

NAMING OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED FROM  
OUR LIVES. *(Members of the congregation are invited to come forward, share  
a name, and light a candle in their memory.)*

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 474, vs. 1 & 3

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS AND THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

*Memorial gifts have been given in loving memory of:*

*Gloria Hope, Virginia Richmond, June Gough,  
Brian Eble, Geroge Lynch, Phyllis Fyfe.*

*A gift to Trustee Capital Improvements has been  
given by Phyllis Fyfe.*

Congregational Response: **We accept those gifts as a sacred  
trust and will guard and use them reverently and joyfully in  
honor of the faithful and devoted lives of our brothers and  
sisters in whose memory and honor they are given.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Farquhar

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### SANCTUS

Farquhar

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

## CONSECRATION

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Farquhar

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

## BLESSING

### AMEN

Farquhar

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

## LORD'S PRAYER

### SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

The invitation to share God's covenant love through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is extended to all. Come and be filled with the body and blood of Christ, knowing you are beloved and rooted in that love as you go forth to love all God's children. We will serve by **intinction**. You are invited to come by the center aisle, receive a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You are invited to reflect in song as all are being served. There are gluten free bread and juice available. The chancel rail is always available if you would like to pause for prayer.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

UMH 703

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

TFWS 2158

*I'll Fly Away*

TFWS 2282, vs. 1&3

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ; from child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness to elder's wisdom. We thank you for this time of remembrance. Increase our faith. Help us to love boldly! Encourage us to act. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

OFFERTORY

*One Step He Leads*

arr. Choplin

Chancel Choir

\*PRESENTATION

*Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH 102, vs. 1

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Now, as God's saints in this time and place, we have the opportunity to give witness to the love of God.**

**May the gifts we offer and the lives we lead, spread God's grace over all the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*When the Saints Go Marching In*

**Oh when the saints go marching in  
Oh when the saints go marching in  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
when the saints go marching in.**

**Oh when the trumpet sounds its call...**

**Oh, when they gather round the throne...**

**Oh when the saints go marching in...**

\*SENDING FORTH

\* LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

*Let All Things Now Living*

TFWS 2008, vs. 1

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

\*POSTLUDE

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***Our Service of Worship Has Ended  
Our Worship Through Service Begins***

## Words of Welcome

*Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining together with us, where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.*

## For Your Information

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly with our streaming team in the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available for the comfort of parent and baby in the rear of the sanctuary, behind the pews.
- To access the **restrooms**, please exit the side door to the right of the lectern/chancel area. In the hall, make a left into Fellowship Hall and follow the signs.
- There are **infant changing tables** available in the restrooms.

## Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

**ACOLYTE:** Sue McRae

**COUNTERS:** Patty Aria, Abby DiNapoli, Judy Gorra

**USHER:** Gerry Busfield

**GREETER:** Scott Danielson

**LAY READER:** Barbara Gruezke

**MUSIC LEADERS:** Gary Farquhar, Rob Crowther

Many thanks to Rob Crowther for providing our percussion this morning.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**Given in loving memory of Bob More by his wife, Joy.  
Given in loving memory of Richard Beckmann by Peg, Kenneth,  
& Kimberly.**



**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED** for many Sundays coming up. Please sign up in the upstairs kitchen.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE BOOKLETS** are available in the foyer for those who missed conference and are interested in reading the business reports of our church.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE**-November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM. Oceanport UMC will be hosting us this year.

**NOVEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING** benefits Hope School. Please use the LOVE envelopes for your offering. They are located on the sanctuary entrance tables.



**This Week we hold in  
Prayer...**

**Our Homebound:** David Miller (Jersey Shore Center), Bev Itell (Complete Care), Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens Cary Carlisle, Carol Allen (Jersey Shore Center), Bob Cleary, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Bilotta

\*\*The church has a team of prayers, known as the Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer need, please contact the office.

\*\*If you know someone who is in need pastoral care, please contact Jill Hubbard-Smith 732-209-4563 or [revjimhs@gmail.com](mailto:revjimhs@gmail.com).

**Pastor:** Jill Hubbard-Smith

**Secretary:** Joy More

**Director of Music:** Gary Farquhar

**Sexton:** Lisa Costello

**Director of Wesley Nursery School:** Noel Worthington

## Please Join Us In Mission and Ministry

### **Sunday, TODAY-ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

Service of Worship In Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School - Wesley Hall	11:00 a.m.

### **Monday, November 6**

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10:00 a.m.
Worship Committee – Wesley Hall	7:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 7**

Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11:00 a.m.
Daisies – Fellowship Hall	4:00 p.m.
Scouts – Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 8**

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	9:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, November 9**

Alanon – Wesley Hall	10:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, November 10**

AA – Wesley Hall	8:00 p.m.
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### **Sunday, November 12**

Service of Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11:00 a.m.

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