

## *Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve*

**WELCOME** — A warm welcome is extended today to all who join us in worship. Today we remember the saints who have gone before us to The Church Triumphant. May God, who makes us all saints through Christ, bless our worship.

**ALTAR ARRANGEMENT** — The harvest arrangement is presented to the glory of God by The Energetics. Thank you for enhancing our worship.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** — Today, 4 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**PPRC** — Today, 5 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE** — Monday, 6 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**FALL BIBLE STUDY** — Tuesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Study of Christianity and World Religions will end on November 15. Choose morning or evening study. All welcome!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — *Harmony rehearsal, 5:00; Supper line opens, 5:45 ; Program, 6:30; Chancel Ringers rehearsal, 6:30; Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30.* **Proceeds from supper will benefit The Children's Center** — come and give your support!

**THE ENERGETICS** — Thursday, 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. You are invited!

**UPCOMING MEETINGS** — *Trustees, November 13, 5 p.m.; Finance Committee, November 13, 6 p.m.; Administrative Council, November 20, 4:30 p.m.*

**FUMC BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** — \$30 registration fee due by November 20. Forms are available in the church office.

**THE HANGING OF THE GREENS** — Sunday, November 20, 3 p.m. Join us to prepare our Sanctuary for the Advent season. A light meal will follow.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** — Sunday, November 20, 6 p.m., Bennettsville Church of the Nazarene on Beauty Spot Road. Dr. Gafford will preach.

**A FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS** — Sunday, November 27, 11 a.m. We will begin our Advent journey in a new and special way! The Chancel Choir will present special music, and as a congregation we will hear the Scriptures and sing the carols preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Invite someone to join us in worship on this day.

**ADVENT FAIR** — 6 p.m. There will be something for all ages! Watch for additional information.

**THIS MAN CALLED JESUS** — Saturday, December 3. A group from First UMC will attend this drama at Lexington. All-day trip; contact the Church Office or Carolyn Wallace (479.7269) to reserve a space on the church bus. Drama is free, but cost of gas will be shared by those on the bus, and you will purchase your meals.

**THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — Sunday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. Save the date!

## *Participating in Worship Today*

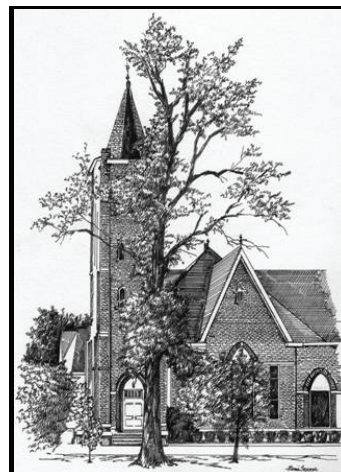
**Crucifer**—Scott Johnson; **Acolyte**—Virginia Williamson;

**Ushers**—Chuck Black, Nicky Jacobs, Hub Meggs, Ricky Sheets;

**Nursery**—Brandy Deal, Terrie Sheets (SS and Worship);

**Greeters**—The Fellowship Class; **Altar Guild**—Joye Breeden, Betty Newton

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**First United Methodist Church**

**Bennettsville, South Carolina**

*The Twenty-first Sunday of Kingdomtide*

*November 6, 2011*



# All Saints' Day

# The Church In Worship

## WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

Please sign the attendance folder and pass it down the pew for each person to sign. As the folder is returned, note the names of others in your pew. Extend a welcome to our guests!

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “**Blessed Assurance**” arr. Gerald Near  
*The opening voluntary is as a veil between our everyday life and this sacred hour of worship.  
Please be silent in this time and prepare your hearts for worship.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!

**We gather with the saints, who live in the presence of God,  
singing praises to the God of our salvation.**

From every nation, race, clan, and culture,  
God’s people gather to worship the One-Who-Is-without-Peer!

**To God and to the Lamb, all honor, glory,  
wisdom, thanksgiving, strength and power.**

Blessed be God, now and forever! Amen!

**Amen!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 711** “**For All the Saints**” SINE NOMINE

## A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

## GREETING

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.**

## LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLES

Oscar Luther Derrick, Jr. ....	March 1, 2011	Mary Elizabeth Payne Miller.....	June 26, 2011
James Gordon Edens .....	February 14, 2011	Mahlon Padgett .....	March 15, 2011
James Leslie Griggs.....	April 3, 2011	Lisa Polson.....	August 11, 2011
Calvin Wingate McMillan.....	May 4, 2011		

## THE ANTHEM

“**Pie Jesu**”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Phyllis Hubbard and Sue Skipper*

Blessed Jesus, Lord and King, grant us mercy, give us peace.

## \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Everlasting 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 fades 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. **Their souls are bound up forever in ours.**

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving. **They are alive forevermore. Amen.**

## \*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer in Unison

## THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY** “**Amazing Grace**” arr. Gerald Near

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 95** OLD HUNDREDTH

“**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**”

**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.**

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 712

GRAND ISLE

“**I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**”

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17, pg. 235, NT

The Word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

## THE ANTHEM

“**Write Your Blessed Name**”

K. Lee Scott

*The Chancel Choir*

## THE MESSAGE

“**Dressed in White**”

Rev. Dr. Gafford

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 702

HYMN TO JOY

“**Sing with All the Saints in Glory**”

## \*BENEDICTION

“**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**”

arr. Walter Pelz

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“**Fanfare**”

Kenneth Leighton

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.