

**Order of Worship**  
*All Saints Sunday*  
November 5, 2023 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Andante tranquillo from Sonata III</b>	Felix Mendelssohn
	Annelisa Crabtree, organ	

**Welcome** Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## Greeting

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

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

Leader: From every nation, race, clan and culture,  
God's people gather to worship.

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

Leader: Blessed be God, now and forever.

**All: Amen!**

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>For All the Saints</b>	UMH 711
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## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, we yearn to be counted among the saints of old,  
but so often we find ourselves falling short.

**People:** We long to love others unconditionally,  
but we allow our egos to get in the way.

Leader: We want to forgive those who wrong us,  
but instead we withhold mercy.

**People:** We strive for the openness of spirit to pray for those who persecute us, but we refuse and show contempt.

Leader: Guide us on this journey of discipleship,

**People:** that we may grow as your children  
and live as saints of your love.

**All: Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Beloved children of God, even when we fail,  
God's love never fails.  
What we will be has not yet been revealed,  
but we know that we will be like Christ one day.  
Until that day, trust that we are surrounded  
by the love and tender mercies of our God.

**People: Amen.**

## Anthem

## Eternal Gifts

John W. Becker

Chancel Choir

## Children's Message

## Scripture

## 1 John 3:1-3

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Committing to God's Vision

Rev. Wines

### Reflection

### Act of Commitment

## Reception of New Members

### INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
Reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace give to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

***I will.***

Will you who sponsor these candidates  
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

***I will.***

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these  
persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.]**

#### RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership.*

As members of Christ's universal church,  
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

***I will.***

#### RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As full or associate members of this congregation  
of the United Methodist Church,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,  
your service, and your witness?

***I will.***

#### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses the new members:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you

by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

### Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

*You are invited to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one or a saint in your life.*

### Hymn

### Here in This Place

### Benediction

Rev. Wines

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This morning, we welcome back guest organist/pianist **Annelisa Crabtree**. Annelisa studied piano and organ at the University of Michigan before moving back to the DC area. Currently an event manager, she's passionate about reality television and French Fries and is glad to be back helping lead worship at Clarendon UMC.

*Call to Worship written by Beryl A. Ingram and included in the 2020 Abingdon Worship Annual*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from a prayer written by B. J. Beu and Mary Scifres and included in the 2023 Abingdon Worship Annual*

*Prayer of the People Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott, posted on pres-outlook.org, and provided for free distribution.*

*The prayer for the commitment cards is adapted from a prayer by The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel Diocesan Bishop Diocese of Olympia*

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