



BRUEN CHAPEL

Fairfax, Virginia

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

All Saints Day

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We remember with fondness those who unselfishly
sacrificed their lives for the Christian faith.

**Great is their reward in heaven where they are forever
in God's care, with Christ our Lord.**

Peace and joy are theirs as they lift praises to God who protects them.

**Our hope is to follow their example, that we may
join in the eternal praises to God.**

+ HYMN

UMH 711, *For All the Saints*

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

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.

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.

A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Wilma Croft • Cynthia Vaughan-Bacon

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves,
wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded
with great affirmation and joy.**

**Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget.
Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put
our money and our resources into our earthly faith.**

**O God, help us to give through our faith,
and allow us to be blessed by those who have gone before us. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OFFERING & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, thank you for the many blessings you have given to us.
We ask that you accept these gifts that we offer back to you
as a symbol of our gratitude. Bless them and multiply them
so that they may be used to do good works in your name.
May we remember that all that we have is because of you. Amen.**

HYMN

TFWS 2155, *Blest Are They*, verses 1, 3, 5

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrew 12: 1-2, Luke 6: 20-31

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Looking at his disciples, he said, “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Are You a Saint?

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 17, Musical Setting A

+ HYMN

UMH 712, *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+ Members of the congregation are invited to stand during these portions if they are able.

Please join us for café in the back after today's service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Website

Check out our redesigned website at www.bruenchapel.org. Find info on upcoming events, videos of our recent services, Rev. Dawn-Marie's weekly reflections, a prayer request form, and more. Share the link with others!

Kids Konnection Stockings

We'll have Christmas stockings from Kids Konnection DC available to fill this year. For some DC children, these stockings are all they receive for Christmas. All filled stockings (or monetary donations) are due by Sunday, Nov. 30.

Rising Hope Collection

In November, we're collecting peanut butter for Rising Hope Mission Church, a local faith community that helps individuals rise above homelessness and poverty. A contributions box is in the church lobby. Learn more at risinghopeumc.org.

Lamb Center Collection

The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Fairfax. If you'd like to support their mission, a contributions box and list of most needed items are in the church lobby. Learn more at thelambcenter.org.

Coffee with the Pastor

Join Rev. Dawn-Marie on Sundays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

Pastor's Contact Info

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