

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

CHURCH CONFERENCE: We will have our annual Church Conference at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 18, in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share in the discussion.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: If you know anyone interested in learning more about our church in a more casual environment, please invite them to a special Contemporary Service at 7 p.m. Monday, November 17, for music and a message for everyday life. A free pizza dinner starts at 6 p.m. For more information, please talk with Lisa Gebhart.

CHRISTMAS EVENSONG: Christmas Evensong is set for 4 p.m. Sunday, November 30, followed by a dinner featuring spiral ham. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors. Because we are expecting a large turnout, please sign up to bring side dishes on the sheet at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please talk with Lisa Gebhart.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We are filling shoeboxes to be distributed to children around the world. Please bring your packed box or boxes by Sunday, November 16. You also can participate by going online to *samaritanspurse.org* or asking Gloria George to shop for you.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights

People: The moon that waxes and wanes,

Leader: The planets that whirl around the sun,

People: The galaxies that wink from afar.

Leader: In the darkness you call out, "Let there be light,"

People: And the universe is filled with heavenly light.

Leader: You are our creator, too,

People: The One who formed us and who forms us still.

Leader: May your word of truth ring out today with your call to
new life!

People: Amen.

***Singing**

He Is Lord

UMH #177

(Twice)

He is Lord, he is Lord!

He is risen from the dead

and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow,

every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Creator of the heavenly lights, there is no shadow in your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful creator, the Gardener of our lives. You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor and worship you. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Remembrance and Communion of Saints²

Leader: Gracious God, revive our connection with all who have gone before us in faith, especially those dear to us whom we lift to You now –

(Acolyte to light a candle for each name read)

- Loretta Held
- Michael Himes
- Ethel Owens
- Benny Swain
- Joseph Sykes, Jr.

We also light a candle in memory of the saints that we know individually and have not been mentioned here.

Leader: Surrounded by a great multitude of faithful witnesses, give us strength to walk faithfully the path before us, with our eyes fixed on Jesus – our guide and our hope. By Your Spirit, unite us with Christ, with one another, and with Your church across all times and places, until the day when Christ returns in glory and we join the heavenly feast.

Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we offer You all praise and thanksgiving, now and always.

All: Amen.

***Singing**

For All the Saints

UMH #711

(vs. 1, 5, 6)

**1. For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.**

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**5. And when the strife
is fierce,
the warfare long,
steals on the ear
the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave
again, and arms are strong.**

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**6. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,**

through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost:

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem

Blessing of Offerings

***Singing** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**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.

Reading the Scripture

James 1:17-27 (NIV)

- 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
- 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.
- 19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,
- 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
- 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
- 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
- 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror
- 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.
- 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives

freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Freely Receive, Freely Give

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

Confession and Pardon

UMH p.12

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our

whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, We have broken your law, We have rebelled against your love, We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silent confession)

Leader to people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People to leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Everyone: Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH p.13

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together The Lord's Prayer:

All: 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**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. God forgave my sin
in Jesus' name,
I've been born again
in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name
I come to you,
to share his love
as he told me to.**

Refrain:

**He said, "Freely, freely
you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name,
and because you believe,
others will know
that I live."**

**2. All power is given
in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven
in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name
I come to you,
to share his power
as he told me to.**

Refrain:

**He said, "Freely, freely
you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name,
and because you believe,**

**others will know
that I live.”**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing / Postlude**

***Singing**

Revive Us Again

Brown #286

**1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love—
for Jesus, who die, and is now gone above.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.**

**4. Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love.
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.**

¹*From The Abingdon Worship Annual, September 1, 2024*

²*The Seedbed Worship Planner, November 1, 2026*