Dunbar United Methodist Church
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2026

Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE — Sharon Cline, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP — June Sayre

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by love.
We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace.
Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of love with everyone we meet.

*OPENING HYMN — "For All the Saints" v 1-4 — UMH#711

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Living God, who delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints whose witness has shaped our lives and who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.
As we remember those saints who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months, we remember their witness to your love and grace with joy and gratitude.

As each name is called, a candle will be lit in honor of each person and a bell will ring. Family members and friends of the person named are invited to rise.

We bless you for the life and love of these dear ones and rejoice that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence. We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts.

At this time you are invited to speak out loud, any name of a loved one or friend that has passed in 2026.

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember that we are members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.
And so, we proclaim:
We are God's children, witnesses of God's word that is at work in us and in the saints who have gone before. Today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen.

HYMN — "For All the Saints" V 5-6 — UMH#711

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Libby Tolley

JOYS AND CONCERNS — Pastor Nancy White

SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Sermon — Pastor Nancy White

HOLY COMMUNION — UMH#7

Invitation
Prayer of Confession and Pardon
Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of Preparation — "Come to Table of Grace"
Invitation For Offering
Offering
Offertory
*Doxology — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — UMH#94
Taking the Bread and Cup
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Receiving the Bread and Cup

*CLOSING HYMN — "Shall We Gather at the River" — UMH#723

*BENEDICTION

May God bless you with reminders of the saints who have gone before, so that, inspired by their witness, you may live as witnesses to love here and now. And may God surround you with the assurance that nothing—neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"TFWS" denotes the black supplemental hymnal "The Faith We Sing"; "W&S" denotes the green supplemental hymnal "Worship & Song"
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The call to worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, UM Discipleship Ministries (adapted)

Announcements

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for November is Stuffing Mix. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2027, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be $30 and can be given in honor or memory if you'd like.

Upcoming Dates:

- If you have youth that would like to attend Resurrection in Tenn. in January, please speaking with Pastor Nancy, Cathy Tucker or Christi Hayes by November 1.
- November 12 at 6:30 will be the Dunbar Community Thanksgiving Service at DUMC. We will need Ushers and volunteers for service pies and drinks.
- Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 14 at 8:30am.
- Sunday, November 15 will the DUMC Thanksgiving covered dish dinner immediately following church.
- Christmas Poinsettia order forms are due by Sunday, November 15, 2026
- Women's meeting is Thursday, November 19 at 11am.
- Coffee Church will be November 22 and we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Advent immediately following the service.

Fellowship time: If you would like to sign up to bring and serve during fellowship time, please sign up on the door outside the office. There are two individuals who have offered to donate money to help with the fellowship time.

Our worship participants next Sunday, November 8, Liturgist: Bruce Wilson;
Children's Sermon: Lisa Spradling; Ushers: John Fisher & Keith Southall;
Fellowship Time Host: No one is list for fellowship time.
Contact Information for Pastor Nancy White 304-549-0496

DUMC Financial Snapshot

Last Week's Offering Total: $4,024.00
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: $4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: $16,314
Annual Apportioned Amount: $48,896
Payout Percentage:33%

Scan here to give online!

Weekly events

Mondays – 6pm Bible Study at the Ron & Teresa Boggess' House
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Monday – Friday at 12:00pm – women's exercise group, Gymnasium
Wednesday at 6pm Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Sunday – Archery – registration at 5:15 and classes start at 5:30.



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