



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 23, 2023

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu, 9 AM to 2 PM

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today! To learn more about the life of the church, if you have a special need, or you wish to visit with the pastor, please contact the office at 727.527.6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.

Gender Pronouns: Asking and correctly using someone's correct pronoun is one of the most basic ways to show your respect for their gender identity. When someone is referred to with the wrong pronoun, it can do harm.

Childcare/Nursery: Located in the courtyard, the first room to the right as you leave the sanctuary building. Children are welcomed and encouraged to stay in worship, even if they are noisy! The nursery is available beginning at 10 AM for children younger than kindergarten.

Children's activity sheets and fidget bags are available in the narthex.

Changing table is available in the Nursery.

Unisex/family restrooms are accessible from the narthex, to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

The balcony is open for those wishing to have more social distancing.

Holy Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Masks are recommended while on campus at Allendale to protect the most vulnerable.

Zoom links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at www.allendaleumc.org/online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 31- Aug 5 Youth End of Summer Bash

Sun Aug 6 Blessing of the Backpacks

Sun Aug 13 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join

Sep 8-10 United Women in Faith Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LASHLEY FEASTER MARKS (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. There she met her husband, Chris, at the Methodist Church his father pastored. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She and Chris were then blessed to be placed with their son, Elijah, whom they adopted in August, 2021. She loves music, spending time with family & friends, and the Gators.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Erica George

*Contact tru@allendaleumc.org
to join our band or choir*

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Aug 13 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:

We will hold a special time in our service on Aug 6 for students and school staff of all ages to bring up their backpacks, briefcases, or any school tote to be prayed over for this school year. We value the hard work and ministry of our teachers and administrators, and want to celebrate their impact.

PAINTED NAILS IN SOLIDARITY:

Drag Gospel Sunday is July 30. Come with your nails painted, or get them painted before worship to support our drag siblings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ACTION WEEK:

This week, we are supporting several local programs with action and service.

1. Hope for Her (Jul 25-27 9 AM-4 PM) organizing and packing 500 backpacks..
2. Juvenile Welfare Board (Jul 26 9 AM-12PM) preparing baby supplies for new mothers.
3. Ready for Life (Jul 26 1 PM-2:30 PM) organizing kitchen and storage spaces.
4. Cornerstone Annual Baby Shower (Jul 29 9:30 AM-12 PM) donating diapers & wipes and making laundry bags

*For more information visit
www.allendaleumc.org/actionweek*

DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Allendale UMC, and other death penalty opponents' call to stay the execution of James Barnes and to oppose the death penalty at a vigil from 5-6 PM on Thu, Aug 3 at the NW corner of Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. *For more information, contact [John Stewart at sjstew@gte.net](mailto:John.Stewart@gte.net).*

ST. PETE IS NOT FOR SALE:

Attend the upcoming Faith In Florida event on Jul 27 at 6 PM at Bethel Community Baptist (2901 54th Ave S) talking about the development of the Gas Plant district, sharing stories of those who were relocated from that district to make way for Tropicana Field and the interstate, and what can be done to ensure that the upcoming redevelopment of the area benefits the whole community.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Bobbie Windle: cancer treatments
Amy Wells: Michael's health concerns (brother)
Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Aileen Carey	Jul 26
Barbara Morse	Jul 26
Marilyn Lyn Dickinson	Jul 29
Hannah Newton	Jul 30
Bill Lee	Aug 7
Bob Wallace	Aug 7
Nicole Slaughter-Graham	Aug 15
Holli Hallmark	Aug 16
Sheila Stewart	Aug 18
Will Redlow	Aug 19

Birthdays missing? Please contact the office

CARE AND SUPPORT:

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support
Office hours Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7
make an appointment for care by calling the church office at 727-527-6694

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center
Visit www.allendaleumc.org/therapy

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 68 in-person, 134 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera

WITNESS

YOU'VE SEARCHED ME AND KNOW ME:

Imagine God. What does God look like? What kind of expression does God have on God's face? Does God have a face? Does it look like yours? What face does God make when you do something good? What face does God make when you make a mistake?

For many of us, religious trauma shapes each of these answers. In fact, given Christian hegemony, we might argue that everyone is in some way shaped negatively by some punitive, scary, surveilling depiction of God. God has been imagined as a figure who always knows what we're up to. And not only does God know what we're up to, God is judging us the whole time.

Perhaps, it can be healing to imagine God as a loving teacher. Certainly, not all teachers are loving, but if we are lucky, we all can think of one teacher who was kind and generous towards us. In this Psalm, the psalmist describes all the best attributes of a good teacher. Someone who knows when we sit down and rise up, who knows our thoughts, who knows our ways, who can anticipate the words we'll say, who lay a loving hand on our shoulders for encouragement. Our most loving teacher is always around, knows everything, and meets us everywhere. There's never room for us to get bored because we are challenged with appropriate assignments. There is joy around us everywhere. And most importantly, the best teachers advocate for us and know our character. They make room for us and hold us accountable to the best versions of ourselves.

As we read this Psalm, we can challenge ourselves to create a loving God who wants joy and liberation for us and equips us to meet the moments of our lives. In creating this God, that God becomes real.

We can hope that this God has a bigger footprint than the God who has done harm.
-Min. Candace Simpson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here

PRELUDE Allendale Band

I Am Set Free |Jordan|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

All My Days |Miller|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lashley Feaster Marks

SONG Allendale Band

Child of God/Reckless Love |Miller/Asbury|

TIME WITH CHILDREN & BAPTISM Rev. Andy Oliver

Sawyer & Finley Davidson

OFFERING Congregation

Draw The Circle Wide |Light, Miller|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Lashley Feaster Marks

INSPIRED READING Theresa Frost

The Summer Day |Mary Oliver|

SONG Allendale Band

You Have Searched Me, God, And Known Me |Gillette|

SCRIPTURE Lashley Feaster Marks

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Mark Miller

What Does the Lord Require of You? |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lashley Feaster Marks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

I Am Set Free |Jordan|



PSALM 139:1-12, 23-24

Dr. Seuss' "*Horton Hears A Who*" has often been co-opted by anti-abortion activists utilizing Horton's refrain "A person's a person, no matter how small" to justify their stance. Audrey Geisel, Dr. Seuss' widow, has expressed discomfort at her husband's work being utilized to push a particular viewpoint. Despite the challenges and potential repercussions faced by those seeking abortion care in many U.S. states, a comparison to the biblical concept of Sheol (the realm of the dead), we are reminded that we are never truly alone - God is ever-present, even during our most trying times. We are urged to invite God, mentors, and systems of accountability to search our hearts and guide us, surrendering to the possibility of being wrong and being open to course corrections, all of which foster a more honest and spiritually aligned life.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

*Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar:
www.allendaleumc.org/calendar*

Sun Jul 23

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon Jul 24

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Jul 25

5:30 Youth Movie Night

Wed Jul 26

6 PM Mindful Meditation Class (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Jul 27

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Jul 28

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Jul 29

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)

Sun Jul 30

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

DINNER MENU

*Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center.
\$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or
Vegan options are always available.*

Wed Jul 26

Smoked Sausage with Onions, Roasted Ratatouille, Pasta Agilo Olio, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Wed Aug 2

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Italian Cut Lemon Pepper Green Beans, Salad, Dessert