



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9 AM to 5 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

- Sat Oct 28 Trunk-Or-Treat (Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Sun Oct 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sun Nov 5 All Saints Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Thu Nov 9 Beloved Community Friendsgiving Feast (Community Center) - 6 PM
- Sun Nov 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sat Nov 18 Work Day: Playground Weeding & Cleanup (Playground) 9 AM
- Mon Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil (175 5th St N) 6:30 PM
- Fri Dec 8 Annual Farmworkers' Ingathering drop-off (407 S. Saturn) 9:30 AM
- Sat Dec 16 Brunch With Santa (Community Center) 10 AM
- Thu Dec 21 Longest Night Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

GINA GIBBS (she/her/hers) Pinellas County born, raised and returned. Proud Dunedin High, UNC Charlotte, CUNY School of Social Work, and CUNY School of Law alumnus. Gina currently is a public school Social Worker. #UnionProud. She lives in Largo with her wife, Deborah, many beloved pets and a colossal number of plants, unfinished books, and craft projects.

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

KATE PRAVERA (she/her/hers) grew up on the west side of Cleveland, but lived most of her life in Chicago until coming to St. Pete in 2016.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell

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

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE!:

The rosebud on the altar honors Owen Joseph born October 12, 2023 to Jessica and Ian, and the first grandchild for Sandy and Steven Geis. He weighed in at exactly 9 pounds. Allendale's congratulations and blessings go to the entire family on this happy occasion!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Our Trunk-or-treat gathering is on Sat Oct 28 in the parking lot at 10 AM! *Please register if you'd like to decorate your trunk for the event. www.allendaleumc.org/treat. Registration is not needed to attend as a tick-or-treater.*

FRIENDSGIVING DINNER:

Allendale UMC, McCabe UMC, and Mt. Zion UMC will have a combined Beloved Community Friendsgiving Feast on Thu Nov 9 at 6:30 PM. Allendale will provide the turkey and ham, and everyone is invited to bring a covered side dish or dessert. *Please let us know if you are coming and what you are bringing by filling out our RSVP at www.allendaleumc.org/feast.*

5TH SUNDAY DRAG GOSPEL WORSHIP:

Our next Drag Gospel Sunday with Momma Ashley Rose and Ms. Penny Cost is coming up on Sun Oct 29 at 10:30 AM! Pop on some fun classic drag accessories, like a feather boa, folding fan, or flashy cat-eye glasses, or dress up for Halloween!

ALLENDALE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY:

Are you interested in Allendale's church history? Do you like to celebrate? Help us plan a party for Allendale's 100th birthday in 2024. *Reach out to Lynda Beltz or Diane Gibson at 727-743-6369 to get involved!*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

LaDonna Hill Nov 1

David Harris Nov 4

Lois Jablonski Nov 4

Kenn Wiberg Coleman Nov 8

Vickie Dunn Nov 10

Claire Redmond Nov 11

Pam Green Nov 13

Kenaya Edghill Nov 16

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

We want to recognize the saints who've gone before us. *If you'd like to include a saint in your life who passed away within the last year, please submit their name and date of death to www.allendaleumc.org/saints.*

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/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 67 in-person, 144 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

TAKING SIDES:

Today I am taking sides.

I am taking the side of Peace.

*Peace, which I will not abandon
even when its voice is drowned out
by hurt and hatred,
bitterness of loss,
cries of right and wrong.*

*I am taking the side of Peace
whose name has barely been spoken
in this winnerless war.*

*I will hold Peace in my arms,
and share my body's breath,
lest Peace be added
to the body count.*

*I will call for de-escalation
even when I want nothing more
than to get even.*

*I will do it
in the service of Peace.*

*I will make a clearing
in the overgrown
thicket of cause and effect
so Peace can breathe
for a minute
and reach for the sky.*

*I will do what I must
to save the life of Peace.*

I will breathe through tears.

I will swallow pride.

I will bite my tongue.

*I will offer love
without testing for deservingness.*

*So don't ask me to wave a flag today
unless it is the flag of Peace.*

*Don't ask me to sing an anthem
unless it is a song of Peace.*

*Don't ask me to take sides
unless it is the side of Peace.*

-Irwin Keller, Oct. 17, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Bill Lee

God of Hope |Livingston Jr.|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Let It Rise |Murphy|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Gina Gibbs

SONG Allendale Band

I'll Rise |Harper|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

We Pray For Peace |Gillette|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gina Gibbs

SONG Allendale Band

Simple Gospel |United Pursuit|

SCRIPTURE Gina Gibbs

Exodus 33:12-23

SERMON Kate Pravera

SONG Congregation

Proof Of Your Love |For King & Country|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Gina Gibbs

POSTLUDE Bill Lee

Postlude in E Flat |Marsh|



EXODUS 33:12-23

The strength and splendor of the Almighty are on full display, and it can be a bit unnerving to confront sheer and absolute Power. We're used to power being used for wicked, to make us bend to the will of those who deny others' autonomy. If we know that power will only answer to power, our triumph over our enemies depends on an Almighty who goes before us. We have with us the greatest Power because those who mean us harm will reconsider. And we sing, always rejoicing, because our powerlessness will never define us. Through enslavement, war, and persecution, we call on the Almighty God who don't play about us.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Madison Redington, Erin Giblin,

Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

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

Sun Oct 22

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Oct 23

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

6:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Oct 24

Wed Oct 25

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Traumatizing Theology Class (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Oct 26

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Oct 27

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Oct 28

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

10 AM Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)

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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 Oct 25

Penne all'Arrabbiata (pasta in spicy sauce w/ chili peppers), Italian Sausage, Salad, Bread, Dessert dish. Mild option available.

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Nov 12 at 10:30 AM

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