



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2, 2025

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: *Mon-Wed 9-4, Thu 10-4*

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 preferred 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 in the office hallway, 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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed Mar 5 Pankaj Farewell Meal (CC) 5 PM | Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Mar 6 Church Council Meeting (Hybrid) 7 PM - www.allendaleumc.org/council
- Sat Mar 8 Intl. Women's Day St. Pete - Unite & Resist (277 Central Ave) 12 PM
- Mon Mar 10 Faith & Action for Strength Together - FAST Rally (Location TBA) 7 PM
- Sat Mar 15 Free Concert: A Flutist Journey feat. Adrian McGrady (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Tue Mar 18 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Mon Apr 7 FAST Nehemiah Action (Location TBA) 7 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

THERESA FROST (she/they) is the Campus Tours and Events Manager at USF St. Petersburg. She oversees the planning and execution of campus tours and events, ensuring a welcoming and informative experience for all visitors. Theresa graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science. She has always had a passion for justice and advocacy and is thankful to be able to do that work with our students. Theresa is currently engaged to Peter Nguyenho, with their wedding date set for January 2026. She is also the proud mom of two beautiful kittens, Dream and Dapper. In her free time, Theresa enjoys writing poetry and spending time with those she cares about.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz & Priscilla Pridgen

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Russ Lehman, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs, Debbie Duty, Pam Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN:

This year, our theme for Lent, "Everything In Between," invites us to explore the tensions and complexities of faith. Guided by the Gospel of Luke, we'll walk with Jesus as he challenges the divisive issues of his time, revealing a love that transcends easy categories. We hope you'll join us in this journey of looking beyond binaries and discovering where God meets us—not just at the edges, but in between.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

12-1 PM - Drive Up Ashes
5 PM - Pankaj Farewell Dinner
6 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship Service

HEALING CHURCH TRAUMA:

Allendale UMC is a welcoming and affirming faith community. Many of us come from diverse church backgrounds, some of which have been harmful or even traumatic. Starting Wednesday, March 19, at 6 PM, Rev. David Franks will lead "Healing Church Trauma," an eight-week closed group (limited to eight participants) for those who wish to explore their experience of "Church" and the theology we offer here at Allendale to heal that experience. Sign up in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning or contact the church office if you'd like to join.

PRIDE & TRANS PINS:

We are selling Pride Flag and Trans Flag enamel pins in the shape of Florida. Pins are \$5 each and are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Deborah Eldred	Mar 6
Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12
Nick Carey	Mar 16
Jeannine Smith	Mar 17
Bill Munette	Mar 21

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/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 109 in-person, 436 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Mar 9 at 10:30 AM
Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

GIFTS

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



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

WITNESS

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE:

During apartheid in South Africa, Johannesburg's Central Methodist Mission created a candle encircled in barbed wire, inspired by Amnesty International's symbol. They called it the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice. Each week, they lit the candle during worship, naming those harassed, imprisoned, or killed for resisting racial injustice. As they read John 1:5—"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"—they rededicated themselves to justice. Their actions led the government to ban their services from radio and TV.

This Sunday we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for all who stand to be squeezed by barbed-wire actions aimed at crippling the work of the National Institutes of Health; for patients who are enrolled in a clinical trial on which they have placed their hope for being healed; for adults and children whose wellbeing depends on groundbreaking research that has led to lifesaving vaccines, innovative immunotherapies, and the chemotherapy that can lead to a cure; for universities where groundbreaking research could come to a screeching halt along with the breakthrough advances ascertained in their labs; for all employees whose positions have been or are in line to be eliminated; and for all who will be impacted by these actions in ways that they cannot currently imagine.

We light this candle proclaiming that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome the light. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

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

Spring Song | Higgins|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE, PEACE, & JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band

Immortal, Now Visible |Walter Smith (adapted)|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Theresa Frost

SONG Allendale Band

Let It Rise |William Murphy (adapted)|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

Walk In The Light |Black Spiritual|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Theresa Frost

LIBERATION THEOLOGY REFLECTIONS Cet Mohamed-Moore,
Nico Ramirez, Dylan Dames

SONG Allendale Band

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jeuss |Helen H. Lemmel|

SCRIPTURE Theresa Frost

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

SERMON April Birdsong

COMMUNION Congregation

At The Table There's A Place for You |Cameron Helwege|

To be inclusive, Communion elements are gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Theresa Frost

POSTLUDE Bill Lee

Recessional Song |Wetherill|



2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

Our encounters with Glory may be isolating experiences that make us feel separated from the rest of the community. We have this experience where we might struggle to fully convey its magnitude to those who didn't witness for themselves. But the Glory of God also compels us to share this experience with others. We can ascend with trusted inner circle so that we are not alone in our witness and transformation process.

Allowing others to witness our TRANSformation is sacred. This vulnerability is how we become holy together.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | aaron@allendaleumc.org

Bill Lee | Organist

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Michaela George, Erin Giblin, Courtney Ross, | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Mar 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Mon Mar 3

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Mar 4

5 PM Staff Parish Relations (Hybrid)

6 PM Trustees (Hybrid)

Wed Mar 5

12 PM Drive Up Ashes by the Sign

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary)

Thu Mar 6

5 PM Finance (Hybrid)

6 PM Church Council (Hybrid)

Fri Mar 7

Sat Mar 8

Sun Mar 9

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group- 3/9 at 9 AM

This class meets every other Sunday

Scripture Class on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

Join via Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes

Dinner at 5 PM, Classes at 6 PM

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 Mar 5

Glazed Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian Option