

# **First United Methodist Church**

Pastor Chris Hardy



**November 4, 2018**  
**All Saints Sunday**  
**Worship 11:00**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Gathering Meditation**

“He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign LORD will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The LORD has spoken!

In that day the people will proclaim, ‘This is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the LORD, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!’” – Isaiah 25:8-9 (NLT)

**Prelude & Lighting of the Candles**

*Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit write your word upon our hearts so that we may be your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Fling wide the temple gates!

**People: Open the ancient doors!**

Leader: The mighty and glorious One is coming.

**People: Who is this mighty and glorious One?**

Leader: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

**People: Let us be glad and rejoice in God.**

**\*Hymn**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

#213

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse – even through our tears – the mystery of your life-giving grace and love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**† Coins for Kids**

Pastor Chris

**\*Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#384

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

John 11:32-44  
Revelation 21:1-6a (NLT)

**Message**

"His Heavenly Banquet"

Pastor Chris

**Invitation**

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Confession and Pardon**

**Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin – we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

(all pray in silence)

Listen! The One who is seated on the throne says, "See I am making all things new. And now it is finished!"

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Who will enter the presence of the Lord? Who will stand in this holy place? Those who offer their whole lives to God – heart and mind and soul and strength – they will receive the blessing of the Lord.

 **Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The earth belongs to you, O God, the world and all of its people. For the blessings of this life and the gift of salvation we thank you and offer our praise. As you have sought us out to save us, help us to seek your face among our neighbors so that**

**all may know the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of our mothers and fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

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 from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by the water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took the 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.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

Frank Brown  
Nicholas Cascario  
Carl Dutt  
Bernice Free  
Woodrow Free  
Sarah Ella Hewett  
Anne Marie Horn  
Dorothy Jensen  
Janet Jones  
Paul “Buddy” Klinger  
Marion Lewis

Stephanie McCormick  
Dorothy Metzgar  
Muriel Miller  
W. Earl Miller  
DelRoy Smith  
Gary Smith  
Vivian Smith  
Wesley Stancombe  
Audrey Vought  
John W. Young

**\*Hymn**

“For All the Saints”

#711

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

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 the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **†Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Hymn	"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"	#702
Hymn	"Here, O Lord, I See Thee"	#623
Hymn	"Awake, O Sleeper"	#551

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Unbind us and set us free for service. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Marching to Zion" #733

## **\*Postlude**

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\*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.

☞A second offering will be received benefiting the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

†Communion will be served by intinction. The United Methodist Church celebrates an open table and all are welcome to receive God's gift of grace.

# **Backpack Buddies**

## Partnering with Slater Family Network

“Backpack Buddies” is a weekend feeding program for children. On Fridays, needy children in the Bangor School District will receive food donations to take home for themselves and their families for the weekend.

Currently, Second Harvest Food Bank (Allentown) provides the food “staples” for the program. However, there is a lack of donations in the area of snacks and treats. The children are basically provided with the “same old, same old” on a weekly basis. That is where we come in.

We’ll be collecting snacks and treats that do not require preparation, or only require minimal preparation, and are not perishable or require refrigeration.

Some examples of these items are as follows:

- Microwavable, single-serve macaroni and cheese
- Snack packs – pudding, Jell-O, fruit cups, applesauce
- Cereal
- SpaghettiOs
- Chicken noodle soup
- Fruit Roll-Ups
- Granola, Cereal or Fruit bars
- Lance Sandwich Crackers
- Ritz Crackers ‘n’ Cheese Dip
- Pringles chips

Just because it isn’t on this list doesn’t mean that you can’t donate it – so long as it fits the criteria.

Thank you for supporting this ministry as we share the love of Christ with the children in Bangor. God bless you.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

It is our pleasure that you have shared this experience with us.

If you are without a church home, we would be delighted to have you as a part of our Church family. Pastor Chris would be happy to speak with you. God bless you and please come again.

Additional parking is available at Merchants Bank, 303 Penn. Ave., on Sundays and non-banking hours.

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### **Church Office Hours**

Nancy Plowman, Secretary

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **First United Methodist Church Thrift Store**

38 Broadway, Bangor, PA 18013

Telephone: (610) 599-6924

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist:** Grant Metzgar

**Organist:** Karen Skorochod

#### **Next Week's Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist:** Ryan Dietrich

**Lay Leader:** Cheryl Hower