

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost + November 14, 2021

† *We're delighted you're here and hope you feel at home! Please take a moment to complete the visitor/prayer request form inserted in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate as you exit.*

† *MUMC welcomes children—and children's noise! If at any time during the service your child needs a place for more active play, an optional nursery for pre-K students and younger is provided downstairs.*

## GATHERING

### Welcome

*To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*  
—1 Corinthians 1:2-3

### Prelude

*We invite you to prayerfully (and joyfully!) prepare your heart for the worship of God during this time.*

### Opening Prayer

*The prayer begins:*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

### \*Praise

Highest Place  
Agnus Dei

## PROCLAMATION

Scripture—Ephesians 6:10-18

### Children's Sermon

Scripture—Revelation 19:6-9, 11-21

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

## RESPONSE

### Prayers of the People

*The congregation responds to each petition:*  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayer concludes:*

**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.**

\*Praise, How Great Is Our God

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Give, Serve, Grow

*Giving is an act of worship & an expression of gratitude to God. We offer Him ourselves and the material world He has placed under our care. Our tithes and offerings become a means of spreading the gospel, strengthening disciples, and serving the needy. Online giving has been set up through a link on our website.*

*Opportunities for service and growth are listed on the back of the bulletin, including our current prayer list. More immediate prayer requests are sent via email/facebook throughout the week.*

*If you'd like to sign up for our e-newsletter, e-prayer chain, or for more information, please contact the church office at 865.982.4799 or [umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com](mailto:umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com).*

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Benediction

May the Almighty and Merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. Amen.

### \*Postlude

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND SERVICE

*The mission and desire of Middlesettlements United Methodist Church is to reach out and lovingly touch lives as Jesus Christ did, both by word and example.*

### COVID Policies

Our church council met this week and voted to relax our current COVID guidelines for worship:

- Masks will no longer be required for volunteers with children/youth
- Meals may resume (more on that below!)
- Streaming will continue online (though not in the Fellowship Hall, unless requested)
- Ionogen air purifiers will continue to be used in high traffic areas and in children's/youth classrooms

### Kitchen Renovation

While kitchen use was paused this fall, plans moved ahead for a much-needed renovation. Until this project is completed, Wednesday night meals will continue to be on hold since we've had to pack up the kitchen tools and the stoves/ovens/counters could be moved at any minute. However, our Fellowship Hall is still available for use, so anything that doesn't depend on the kitchen including our annual family potluck and decorate for Christmas & Advent is still on the calendar!

**Please join us for a Baby Shower** in honor of Mom-to-be, **Whitney Marler** today 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The shower is hosted by a few of their church family. They are expecting a baby girl and her name will be Caroline Ruth. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Target.

**Let's decorate the Church** for the Advent season. We want to prepare our church building as well as our hearts. Our annual church pot-luck dinner and advent decoration is on November 21 at 6:00 p.m. We are asking that you come to share your favorite food and prepare to work cleaning and decorating. The Blanche Class will be our host.

### Advent Devotionals

We are looking for authors for MUMC's 2021 Advent Devotional! If you would like to write an Advent devotion, please contact Pastor Magan at [pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com) or the church office. Thank you!

THE SEQUEL IS HERE! **Sharing the Holy Light by Brenda Dalton Clemens.**

Those of you who read Brenda's first book, *The Light Will Come*, will want to read this sequel. This religious fiction book continues the story of Paulus (who guarded Paul in prison in the first book) and his sister Livia as they struggle to serve as new "Christ followers" in frightening times. Copies of her new book as well as her first book are on the cabinet in the narthex. The book cost is \$20.

### Adult Bible Study (Wednesday)

All adults are invited to a verse-by-verse study of Galatians in the Fellowship Hall (6-6:45 pm).

### Children (Wednesday)

Kid's Club (elementary age) and Wiggling & Singing (toddlers & pre-K) meet at 6 pm in the church basement. Nursery is also available from 6-8 pm.

## PRAYER LIST

Christian Sympathy to the family of **Juanita Brown** and Andy, Staci, Ty, and Andi Love Lawhorn on the passing of Andy's father **Sam Lawhorn Jr**; Donna Hammontree unspoken request; **Lynn Talbott** (Asbury Health Care); Howie and Rachel for friends Robert and Debbie Smith. **Robert** has recently been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in his lung; Kathy Puckett's cousin **Denna** (cancer treatment); **Janice Loveday** (cancer treatment); **Lucille Tallent**, (Foothills Transitional Care); **Joyce Mays** (shoulder surgery – to be rescheduled); Howie & Rachel Ammons prayers for **Scott Underwood** (son) and family and also **Peggy Brynes** (daughter-in-law's mother); **Carl & Josie Cromwell**, **Grace Sawyer**, **Elaine Butcher**, **Ina Bolton**, **Luther Goodson**; **Carolyn Crisp**, **J.B. O'Connor**, **Leona Mote**, **Effie Cardin**; **Kermit Marcus** (Justin's father); Howie & Rachel Ammons brother-in-law, **Bruce Rudder** (cancer); Mary Justice' son, **Donnie Swanner**; and friend **Dianne** (cancer); Leslie McAmis's sister, **Susan Philips** (chemo); Bridget Jenkins' daughter **Holly Child** (cancer).

*Prayer requests are kept on the list for 3 weeks and may be re-requested*

## WORSHIP NOTES

MIDDLESETTLEMENTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Service of Worship

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

### A GUIDE FOR DAILY PRAYER *using your bulletin*

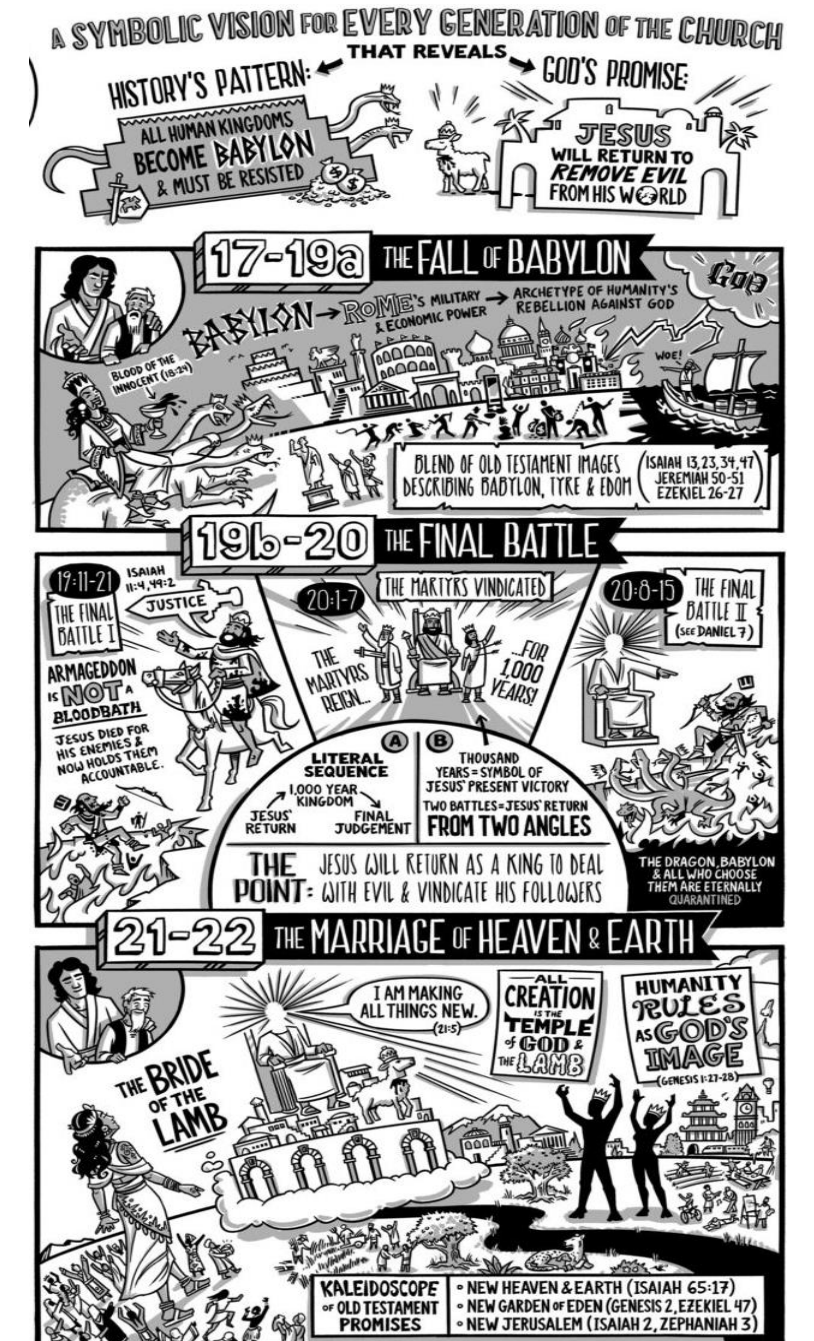
**Begin by remembering...**take time to remember God's presence in you, around you, and in your circumstances. God has never left you or abandoned you: He is with you always.

**Praise God...**begin with the opening prayer/ Call to Worship, sing one of the hymns, and take time to thank God for His works in your life, the church, and the world.

**Read your bible...**Life with God is more than us talking—we're also called to listen. Take time to read one of the Scripture Lessons of the week (or another of your choosing), asking God to instruct, guide, correct, encourage, and enliven you by His holy word.

**Respond...**Reflect on the reading, pondering the words and examining yourself and life, paying attention to the whispers of truth and love from the Holy Spirit. Turn over to His care your self, life, loved ones, and community. Pray for those on our church prayer list, adding those for whom you've committed to pray, ending with the Lord's prayer. Recite the Affirmation of Faith, clinging to these foundational truths in a world of confusion. Finish with a blessing (if your food can be blessed, so can you!).

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