

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Baptisms • Reception of New Members • November 10, 2024

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE Postlude for the Office of Compline (Jehan Alain)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #127 United Methodist Hymnal — Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Martinez, Lay Leadership Team

What do you bring before the Lord this day?

We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord.

What do you seek?

We seek peace for our weary souls.

You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Hope in the Lord, O my soul, for I will praise Him who is the health of my countenance, and my gracious Lord and God."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Glenda Martinez

Please greet those worshipping near you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Jones, Family Ministries Coordinator

#2233 The Faith We Sing— Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

BAPTISMS Jihyo William Kim, Annie Da Lee, Daniel Lee Wong, Elise Charlotte Wong (*see insert*)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Annie Da Lee, Cady Helen Senior, Brian Kent Wong (*see insert*)

I Am a Child of God

I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.

As the congregation sings, the children may go to Sunday School in Rooms 204 and 206.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Dan Nessel, Lay Lector

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

Thanks be to God!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Annie Lee, Brian Wong

HYMN #549 UMH — Where Charity and Love Prevail

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

Dan Nessel

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Power to Give"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS



Sunday, November 10, 2024

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Glenda Martinez, Lay Leadership Team

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present **JIHYO WILLIAM KIM, ANNIE DA LEE, DANIEL LEE WONG, ELISE CHARLOTTE WONG** for Baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture these persons in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

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Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Rev. Batson

JIHYO WILLIAM, ANNIE DA, DANIEL LEE, ELISE CHARLOTTE, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN #611 United Methodist Hymnal — Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vs. 1-2)

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Dan Nessel

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also mail your gift to the church or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. Or, you may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give, or mail checks through your online banking programs. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

I Am Bound for the Promised Land (Craig Courtney)

Peter Smith, percussion

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie. *Refrain: I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the
promised land: Oh, who will come and go with me: I am bound for the promised land. Oh, the
transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight! Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and
rivers of delight. (Refrain) Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay;
though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away. (Refrain)*

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy
Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dan Nessel

**Gracious God, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a
reflection of our love and gratitude. Just as the widow gave all she had, may we
also give sacrificially, trusting in your provision. Use these offerings to further your
kingdom, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bless our giving, that it may
glorify your name and extend your grace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #557 UMH – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE March (Clarence Mader)

Ty Woodward

*Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world.
You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.*

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a Let's Connect Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign in online: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new, or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Children and Families on Sundays:** Families are invited to begin worship in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Message, children are guided to Sunday School for ages 12 months through 5th grade in the Education Building. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary or in the Family Zone in the Narthex.

—**Baptism:** If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for you or your children, please see one of our pastors.

—**Safe Sanctuaries®:** First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:**

At the Reredos: "In loving memory of Bimal Masih, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who is missed dearly." From Sulabh Masih.
In the Narthex: "In honor of our veterans."

—**Give:** Your gifts help us grow our ministries today and into the future. Thank you for considering giving to the General Church Fund to support everything we do. You may give today during service, or other ways; by mailing payment, dropping by the business office, or securely through the online giving portal located on the website front page. Questions about financial gifts, or gifts of time? Give us a call anytime at the church office.

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a Prayer Quilt in worship, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilt on the north wall of the Sanctuary, or call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. Request a prayer at any time. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

—**Westside Food Bank:** We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. Bins are located outside the Sanctuary Sunday mornings.

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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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STEWARDSHIP 2025

Our theme this year for our Stewardship Campaign is “Building Our Home: A Celebration of Belonging.” My family and I resonate with this theme as we returned here to Santa Monica First UMC this past July. My appointment as your Senior Pastor brings us back to where my journey as a pastor began twenty-four years ago as one of your Associate Pastors.



This church and the community feel like home, and I am grateful for this opportunity to serve. The past three months have been filled with energy and new life. We have enjoyed reuniting with old friends and being introduced to new ones in worship and during the fellowship time. Our worship is filled with beautiful music, both choral and instrumental, every time we gather. We recently received new members in September and anticipate another group joining in November. Messy Church has returned, offering another opportunity to gather for worship and fellowship. Our award-winning Preschool is adding new families and continues to grow. Each week is filled with opportunities for discipleship: small groups, classes and seminars, youth group, a women's retreat, and others. We continue to reach out to our community through the support of organizations such as Homeboy Industries, the Westside Food Bank and Upward Bound House. The list goes on, but the message is the same: our church is alive and well, building upon our long history and great traditions.

What makes all of this possible is your generous giving. Our support builds our church home where all belong, making the ministries listed above a reality. By giving of our time, talents, and resources, we deepen our relationship with God and one another. If you've not yet begun the spiritual practice of regular giving, I invite you to do so by making a pledge commitment for 2025. If you can increase your giving in support of our growth, I invite you to commit to that in the next year as well.

During the month of November, we will focus on what it means to Build our Home through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Join us each Sunday (November 10, 17 and 24) to hear members share how giving has made a difference in their lives. We invite you to participate as well. There are three easy ways to submit a pledge to the church:

1. Return the pledge card sent to you in the mail to worship on **Consecration Sunday, November 24**.
2. Fill out an online pledge card: www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship
3. Email our Business Administrator, Christina Eddy, with your pledge at c.eddy@santamonicaumc.org by November 30.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous support as we continue to build our faith together.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Greg Batson
Senior Minister



Upward Bound House's 12th Annual Home Run for Kids

Experience a fantastic morning of exercise, community, and fun, all while supporting a good cause! This year's family friendly & dog friendly event will feature a live DJ, MC, a 5K run/walk, a "Kiddie K" race, and an expo area filled with fun, games and so much more! 100% of the funds raised go towards our mission to end family homelessness. ***Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the white First UMC tent for Communion with Pastor Greg and Tricia before the race starts.**

Next Sunday, November 17 (11620 San Vicente Blvd)

Join/Donate to the First UMC Church and Preschool Team:

www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids

Church Charge Conference 2024



**In-Person and via Zoom
November 17, 11 a.m.
in Simkins Hall**

All Church Charge Conference

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference! We will engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments, both in person in Simkins Hall, and via Zoom so online viewers can be a part of the conference. This year's theme is "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Flourish!" We are excited to welcome District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi. Lunch will be served and child care will be provided (email Jamie Jones: j.jones@santamonicaumc.org). Zoom link on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/church-charge-conference.

Next Sunday, November 17, after worship, in Simkins Hall



Today's Coffee Hour

- Join Kendra Gorlitsky's Scouts as they host a **Troop 2131 Popcorn Fundraiser** today after worship. Proceeds support the group throughout the year with equipment, scholarships, and more.
- We're excited to announce our **90+ Birthday Club**, starting today. During coffee hour, we'll acknowledge our cherished member **Yvonne Dodd**, who is celebrating her 90th birthday this month with a birthday cake and song. This acknowledgement is more than just a celebration of age; it's an opportunity for fellowship and connection, allowing us to learn from the rich life journeys of our seniors.

We look forward to seeing you after worship today!



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UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

• November Mid-Week Recital

We welcome our November Mid-Week Recital musicians, **Nora Chiang Wrobel, piano, and Chika Inoue, saxophone.** Nora Chiang Wrobel has performed as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Canada and China in major venues including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Rolston Recital Hall, Hahn Hall, Jordan Hall and Zipper Hall of the Colburn School. Concert saxophonist **Chika Inoue**, has been praised by The Los Angeles Times with "beautiful tone, acute sensitivity and virtuosic technique." To read complete artists' bios, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series.

How to watch the Livestream: • Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc) • YouTube Channel: [@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/SantaMonicaUMC) • Website: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream • App: (Search FirstUMC_SM at the App Store) *After livestream airs, recitals remain on above platforms to view anytime.*

Wednesday, November 13, at 12:10 p.m., online

• November Messy Church

Messy Church is an all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way. At Messy Church, today's busy families of all shapes and sizes are invited into a welcoming space to experience faith. November's theme: Messy Thanksgiving! www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

Saturday, November 23, 4 – 6 p.m.

• Blood Pressure Screenings

Did you know that regular blood pressure screenings can help detect hypertension early, which can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other complications? The Health Ministry Council continues to offer free monthly blood pressure screenings during Sunday coffee hour. We encourage everyone to stop by and check in for a free blood pressure screening and discussion of healthy lifestyle habits for maintaining optimal blood pressure levels.

Sunday, November 24, after worship in the Alcove

MISSION AND SERVICE

• Ways to Serve at First UMC

Many of you have asked... How can I do more? How can I serve? These are excellent questions to consider! We have ways to serve out in the community with our Mission Partners - AND ways to serve here in our church community. Opportunities include: Labyrinth Host, Lay Lector, Welcome Ambassador, Usher, In-Home Communion Server, Singing in the Chancel Choir. All are vital ways to faithfully share your gifts. To explore a service opportunity, please reach out to Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

• Volunteer Opportunity at The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson runs a volunteer group on the **third Saturday of the month** at The People Concern, making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches. If you would like to be part of the group rotation of volunteers, contact Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

• Disaster Response

The California-Pacific Conference Disaster Response Task Force is extremely active and able to present at churches, groups, or events information related to Disaster Response. UMCOR and its partners respond to disasters in the U.S. and across the globe every day. Learn more about current Cal-Pac and UMCOR disaster relief efforts:

www.santamonicaumc.org/disaster-response

• United Women in Faith Christmas Bazaar

The United Women in Faith are gearing up to sell their handmade peanut brittle and Christmas Bazaar items! Through annual events like the Bazaar, the UWF support local and global missions/organizations, including The Westside Food Bank, The People Concern Children, Youth, & Family Collaborative, Meals on Wheels, The Wesley Foundation serving UCLA, and more.

Sunday, November 24, after worship in the Alcove



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

Families are invited to begin worship in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Message, children are guided to Sunday School for ages 12 months through 5th grade in the Education Building. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary or in the Family Zone in the Narthex. You are invited to look around and greet a child and their family in worship. You might hear a few more giggles and whispers or see some wiggles...let's celebrate the joyful and life-filled presence beloved children bring to our community each week! www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

• Preschool Enrollment Ongoing

Schedule a tour today with Co-Associate Directors Dane or Johanna at 310-395-7292, or visit our webpage for more information: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool

YOUTH

• United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

Weekly UMYF meetings held Sundays 6 - 8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry

Upcoming Meetings: Nov 10, 24, Dec 8, 15

PRAYER

• Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open for Prayers

The Labyrinth and Chapel are open on the first Friday of the month, from 1 - 3 p.m. Families welcome! Open dates:
Next Opportunity: Friday, December 6, 1 - 3 p.m.

• Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time.
www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests/

• Request a Prayer Quilt

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is a group that makes Prayer Quilts as a service for those in need. (**Prayer quilts may only be requested and sponsored by members of the First UMC congregation.*) To request a Prayer Quilt, visit:
www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

ONGOING MINISTRIES AT FIRST UMC

If you'd like more information for ministry opportunities, you may contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org

• Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom Men's Bible Study is a weekly online meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture.
www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy

• Listening Hearts Women's Group

Listening Hearts is a spiritual community of women who gather to listen to one another in the midst of life's chaos, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings:
t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.
Next meetings: **Wednesday, Nov 13**, via Zoom;
Wednesday, Nov 20, Literati Cafe

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, Nov 16**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. **Sing in the Chancel Choir!** We always welcome new members who would like to sing with the choir! Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Jim Smith if you are interested:
djes@roadrunner.com

• Open Space Young Adults

Open Space is a young adult ministry that offers community for young adults to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. Learn more: www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space. IG: @openspacesm.
Next meeting: **Nov 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m., off-site.**

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings **once a month** after worship. Next meeting: **Sunday, Nov 24** in the Alcove.

Welcome to First UMC of Santa Monica!

Welcome to the worship, service, and fellowship of Santa Monica First United Methodist Church. First UMC is committed to a ministry that touches the lives of people in many significant ways. Through our worship and music, study opportunities, social groups, mission involvement and ministries of care, we proclaim the good news of God's love for all people. We also work to help make the world a better place in which to live, here in the communities of the Westside and around the world, and eagerly invite your participation in this beloved community. Our church has been a significant presence in the larger Santa Monica community for over 125 years.



Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. You may give online via the QR code on the right (*Point your phone camera at the QR code and click on yellow link— you should be able to still receive the necessary information*), via mail, or onsite through the church office mail slot. To learn more about ways to give, including the annual Stewardship campaign, Planned Giving, Tree of Life, support for the Music Program, and the flower fund, visit:



www.santamonicaumc.org/give

STAY CONNECTED

To join in fellowship and ministry online, here's how to connect online:



First UMC website: www.santamonicaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc

Instagram: @santamonicaumc

YouTube: @SantaMonicaUMC

The First UMC App: Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM.

Website Pages to note:

Church Charge Conference Zoom link:

www.santamonicaumc.org/church-charge-conference

Messy Church - upcoming dates:

www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

Audio Sermon Archives - *Listen to past sermons*

www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives

Sunday Worship Service archives -

www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive

Living with Dignity Advanced Care Planning: Schedule an Appointment

The Pastoral Care Staff here at First UMC offers many services, including guidance with advance care planning, and memorial services. The Five Wishes is the first easy to-use Living Will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. If you're interested in scheduling an appointment with Anne Premer, Congregation Care Associate, she will assist in answering questions and filling out the paperwork:

a.premer@santamonicaumc.org, or call 310-393-8258 x 103.

Sunday Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to dedicate flowers to on a given week? The church office can assist with the dedication and the cost is \$80. Order at the Sunday Welcome Table, or online:

www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund

The First UMC App:

First UMC offers a free app - download it and give it a try! With the app, you can:

- Participate in Sunday's service, in real time or anytime at your convenience, right from your smartphone or iPad.
- Access our calendar of our events
- Invite a friend to an event, or share info about a special program we offer.
- Access an **audio/written Bible** with a built-in daily reading plan.

To download the app, go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM