

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

All Saints Sunday • White Ribbon Memorial • Holy Communion • November 2, 2025

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE Fugue in G-minor *the "Little"* BWV 578 (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #711 United Methodist Hymnal — For All the Saints

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Premer, Congregation Care Associate

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

"Let there be light!"

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

"I am the Light of the world."

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God's light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,

let us worship God.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! Alleluia, Amen."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Anne Premer

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.

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.

Following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Tricia Guerrero

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

Thanks be to God!

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Ephesians 1:11-23

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

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

HOMILY "The Glorious Inheritance"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

THE COMMEMORATION

Paul A. Agnew, Edith Andersen, Connie Brekke, Rosalio Casillas, Ella Mae Sheesley Holmes, Ralph Conrad Jr. Immel, Maxine Guillot Keeling, Ronald Krieger, Ray Langeland, Pok Sun "Sun Gi" May, Diana Yea Bin Oh, Mary Clare Van Iderstine Petersen, Marlene Ranta, Janet Rawuka, Danny D. Ricketts, Nancy Ringwald, Herbert Emil Roney, Jennie Elena Scheer, Shelley Wiggins, Ellen Johanna Wise, Ilasavanda Elaine Wollman

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER

Rev. Batson

O Eternal God, creator of humankind, giver and preserver of all life, we remember these sisters and brothers of the faith, these beloved ones, with love and gratitude. They were our companions in the way. They cheered us, encouraged us, loved us. We shall miss them. For them and for all those who have gone before, who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses, and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts, we bless thee and give thee thanks. May we be followers of those who now inherit the promises. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Larry Wilson

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give; mail your gift to the church; or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. 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

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten (arr. William Hawley)

Not one sparrow is forgotten. even the raven God will feed; and the lily of the valley from His bounty hath its need. Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in Thy mercy have a share? And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit Thy protecting care?

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Larry Wilson

Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose—to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Batson

We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing hymnal. Gluten-free vegan wafers are available. The Ushers will guide you in coming forward to receive the communion elements. You will be invited to take a piece of bread or gluten-free wafer, dip into the cup, and receive. Online worshippers are encouraged to prepare a piece of bread/cracker and juice to receive at home.

#614 UMH – For the Bread Which You Have Broken

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

#723 UMH – Shall We Gather at the River

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Olsen Paget

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. 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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN #708 UMH – Rejoice in God's Saints

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Elegy (George Thalben-Ball)

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:** Children meet in the Sanctuary, following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School in the Education Building on the 2nd floor.

—We welcome **Community UMC of Pacific Palisades** each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the chapel with open arms and generous hospitality as they move forward during this time of transition.

—**Special thanks** to Dick & Mary Crawford for ringing the handbells during the Commemoration.

—**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.

—**Communion Server Ministry:** After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund. Available dates: November 16, December 7/21/28.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** Reredos: "In memory of David Anthony Naylor at the time of his birthday. With love Aunt Kathy." Narthex: "In loving memory of Bimal Masih who is deeply missed." Sulabh, Ajay, Shalita and grandchildren.

—**Give:** our 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.

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SUNDAY INSERT
NOVEMBER 2, 2025

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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November Messy Church

We hope you will join us for Messy Church on Saturday, November 8 from 4 - 6 p.m. Our theme is "Growing Generosity." Through games and crafts, storytelling and song, food and fun, we will explore the meaning of giving and the impact we can have when we share what we have with others. We will close our time with a delicious home-cooked meal prepared by church members and shared together in community.

Saturday, November 8, 4 - 6 p.m. in Simkins Hall



Take a Tour of the First Church Building

The History and Archives Committee discovered that the First UMC original church structure is still standing at 2621 2nd Street, and is part of a Santa Monica Conservancy 3rd Street Tour. Join us on Sunday, November 9, at noon, to take a tour by registering through the Santa Monica Conservancy:

<https://smconservancy.org/event/third-street-walk-16/>

Next Sunday, November 9, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

2520 2nd St. Santa Monica, CA 90405



Church Charge Conference 2025

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: Cherish!" We are excited to welcome Presiding Elder Rev. Melissa MacKinnon. The agenda includes reports on the ministries and missions of First UMC, financial items, membership matters, and election of officers and council members for the coming year. And look for the Spiritual Mothers paper prayer quilt on display—made from cards honoring women who have influenced your faith, written during the October 5 Women in Leadership worship service. Lunch will be served and child care will be provided. Contact Jamie Jones for childcare: j.jones@santamonicaumc.org

Sunday, November 16, after worship, in Simkins Hall

Online viewers may join us via Zoom. Link here:

<https://santamonicaumc.org/church-charge-conference/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• All Saints Sunday / White Ribbon Memorial

Today is All Saints Sunday, and the White Ribbon Memorial. Look for a table set up by the north wall of the sanctuary near the prayer quilts. There, before service you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon (as many as you like or one name per ribbon), say a prayer, and tie it to the string or place it in the bowl on the table. Ribbons hung last year are hanging this year.

Today, during 10 a.m. worship

• Walk the Labyrinth / Chapel Open for Prayers

This month the Labyrinth is open on the first Friday of the month, 1–3 p.m. in Simkins Hall. If you've never walked the Labyrinth before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation, or see a labyrinth host for guidance. Children and families welcome! The Chapel is also open for prayers during this time.

Friday, November 7, 1–3 p.m. in Simkins Hall, Chapel

• Laity Sunday / Stewardship Moment

Next Sunday we celebrate Laity Sunday, where congregation members lead us in service. Also, we will kick off our annual Stewardship campaign, with Sam Johnson leading a Stewardship moment.

Sunday, November 9, during 10 a.m. worship

• SCROOGE The Musical

Live performance for the first time since 2017!

First UMC's All Community Theater (ACT), in collaboration with Community UMC of Pacific Palisades and St. Paul's Lutheran Church is presenting "SCROOGE The Musical." Come join Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, four helpful ghosts and 23 of your favorite church friends as they become Londoners and joyfully retell the classic Charles Dickens tale of greed and redemption, with glorious music by Leslie Bricusse. Suggested ticket donations are just \$10 each and may be purchased online here: www.santamonicaumc.org/act, or in the Alcove after worship. A reception will follow. Don't miss the show!

Performances: Friday, November 21, at 7 p.m.;

Saturday, November 22, at 6 p.m. Simkins Hall

Crew needed! (Ticket takers, concession volunteers, backstage assistance with kids and costumes, and stagehands: 2-4 people each.) Text Dorothy to sign up: 310-592-4402.

MISSION AND SERVICE

• Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk

It's not too late to donate to Westside Food Bank's 35th Annual 5K Hunger Walk at Ocean View Park. The First UMC team is walking to help those facing hunger in LA County. Let's come together to make a difference in our community! Donate to Team First UMC here: www.santamonicaumc.org/hunger-walk

Today, November 2, 12 p.m. check-in and expo, walk begins at 2 p.m. at Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, Santa Monica, CA)

• 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 Westside Food Bank, The People Concern, Children, Youth, & Family Collaborative, Meals on Wheels, The Wesley Foundation serving UCLA, and more.

Sunday, November 23, after worship in the Alcove

TWO ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Westside Food Bank

Join First UMC for one Friday in November to help Westside Food Bank with packaging produce boxes.

Friday, November 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1710 22nd Street, SM 90404

2. The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson (with the help of Janet Searfoss) run a volunteer group on the **third Saturday of the month** at The People Concern, making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier. Volunteers do not have to work every Saturday or Sunday but are asked to commit to a regular shift each month.

Next volunteer day: Saturday, November 15

Contact Tricia to sign up for either of these opportunities: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

Families are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary, in the Family Zone in the Narthex, or in the nursery.

www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

We have 3 groups for **Sunday School** following the children's message in worship:

- Nursery Care for 6 months through toddler
- Younger Elementary for Kinder-3rd graders
- New Sunday School group for 4th-7th graders

Please contact Jamie (j.jones@santamonicaumc.org) for more info.

• Preschool Enrollment - Open Now

Schedule a tour today with Preschool Co-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

The Youth Ministry at First UMC is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry **Sundays, 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge** (*Not meeting tonight*)

PRAYER

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• Prayer Requests

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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, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 5, 10 a.m.** at Literati Cafe

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, November 15**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the Chancel Choir! **Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:40 p.m. - 9 p.m.** Contact Jim Smith if you are interested in joining: djes@roadrunner.com

• Messy Church

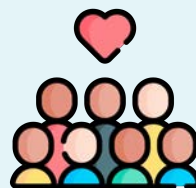
Messy Church is a monthly all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way.

Next meeting: Saturday, November 8, 4 - 6 p.m. in Simkins Hall. Theme: Growing Generosity

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings once a month after worship.

Next meeting: **Sunday, November 9, after worship** in the Alcove



150th ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS CONTINUE

Even though our 150th Anniversary Celebration took place on October 12, there are still plenty of opportunities to reflect on and celebrate our rich history:



• History & Archives Exhibit in the Fireside Room Continues

It's not too late to view the History and Archives exhibit! The final day of the display is Charge Conference Sunday.

Exhibit open at 9 a.m. thru coffee hour each Sunday in the Fireside Room

• Be the Hope: The Story of First UMC - Second Edition

The second edition of First UMC member Jerry Brown's book: *Be the Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica*, will continue to be available to pick up Sundays after worship in the Fireside Room. Included is a new chapter written by Jerry encapsulating 2018-2025; a new forward by Rev. Batson; and a new set of photographs.

Copies also available at the Welcome Table, and a downloadable pdf book is available on the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/first-umc-history

• 150th Anniversary T-shirts and Bags!

Join the celebration of our 150th Anniversary in style! Order online one of our premium logo t-shirts—available in adult and children's sizes with a variety of colors to choose from—and don't forget the sturdy, high-quality canvas bag to carry with you everywhere. Samples can be seen at the Welcome Table after worship on Sundays.

Visit the online store: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/first-united-methodist-church-of-santa-monica/>

• 150th Commemorative Mug

You may still pick up a FREE Commemorative Mug after worship today! (*one per person, while supplies last*).

• 150th Anniversary Community Cookbook

It's not too late to pick up the 150th Anniversary Cookbook! As Rev. Greg shares in the foreword: "Hospitality is a spiritual gift, and the church potluck is a fundamental part of our identity as a community of faith. Part of that tradition is the handing down of recipes from generation to generation." The book includes: Recipes preserved from our historical archive cookbooks; An alphabetical collection of recipes submitted by congregation members; In Loving Memory recipes submitting by family members; Photos and quotes reflecting the meaning behind these dishes; A special section dedicated to the recipes of Marilyn Hedges. And don't forget it makes a great stocking stuffer!

Book available for a \$20 suggested donation at the Welcome Table or church office.

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 (*take a photo of the code with your phone camera*), 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: App Store, search FirstUMC_SM.

