

WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE
The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Share this with persons you know who are out of town or unable to attend our Worship Service in person. **Visit the Church Website at** www.bridgeportumc.org and click “Watch Online”.

REVIVE RECOVERY meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM at our Johnson Avenue Campus.

YOUNG EXPLORERS SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 3–5th grade) meets at 9:30 AM in the Primary Chapel. Each week, children will explore God’s love through Relationships, Experience, and Wonder with interactive Bible lessons, play based learning, and caring volunteers who help faith come alive.

THE FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS Sunday School class will meet in the Parlor at 9:30 AM for a 6 week Bible study, Creed: What Christians Believe and Why, by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome!

L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday) Looking for a place to connect, share, and grow in how faith meets real life? Join us for L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday), a small group designed to help us apply our faith to the challenges and questions we all face. Whether you’re curious, wrestling with questions, or simply seeking encouragement, you’ll find a welcoming space for honest conversation and support. We will meet Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm at the Johnson Ave Campus.

ATTENTION YOUTH: DON’T MISS FALL WORKSHOP 2025! NOVEMBER 14–16 AT CAMP COWEN

Get ready for a weekend packed with worship, friends, campfires, laughter, and life-changing moments! Fall Workshop brings together youth (grades 6–12) from across the West Virginia Conference to grow in faith and have serious fun. All BUMC students will receive cost assistance, and transportation is available. Questions? Contact Rev. Sarita Robinson or visit wwwumc.org/2025-fall-workshop.

OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, November 9, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service in the Main Campus Sanctuary. District Superintendent Neil Leftwich will preside as we receive ministry reports and approve officers for the coming year. All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 8:26-28
Monday: Hebrews 12:1-13
Tuesday: Psalm 103:1-12
Wednesday: Exodus 4:10-16
Thursday: John 4:4-14
Friday: Isaiah 41:9-13
Saturday: Psalm 100:1-5

Breath Prayer This Week
Dear Father, you are able to do far more than we can even imagine. Help us to speak up and share your goodness with others whenever we have the opportunity. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Sunday School Classes:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
Faith, Family, Friends/Parlor/9:30 AM
Youth SS/Education Building/9:30 AM
Young Explorers SS/ages 3-5th grade/ Primary Chapel/9:30 AM
Nursery Care/Infant-2 year old/ Nursery/9:30 AM
Children’s Church Ages 5 thru 5th grade/10:45 AM/Children’s Church room, back of Sanctuary
Lectionary Bible Study/Thursdays/ Library/10:00 AM
Revelation Bible Study/Sanctuary overflow/Thursdays/7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study/Johnson Ave. Campus/Tuesdays/ 7:30 PM

AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

6:15 PM SATURDAY EVENINGS, infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
8:30 Service Childcare - infants-5 years, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
10:45 Service Childcare - infants-2 years, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr. olds, Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right
10:45 Children’s Church - ages 5-5th grade, Children’s Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary
Prayer Cards to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

November 1, 2025 6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC Tom Price
*HYMN *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely* FWS 2042
*INVOCATION
*THE LORD’S PRAYER
MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES
~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.
~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org for regular updates.
WORD IN MUSIC
*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12*
MESSAGE *Pronouncements of Grace* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Blest Are They* FWS 2155
THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
*CLOSING HYMN *For All the Saints Who’ve Shown Your Love* FWS 2283
*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE
Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old in the Nursery in the back hallway by the Chapel
*Indicates standing as able.

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE

November 2, 2025 9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
*Scripture *Matthew 5:1-12*
Today’s Message *Pronouncements of Grace* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
The Naming of the Saints
Holy Communion
(This sacrament or “Holy Covenant” is a way of visibly remembering God’s Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
Going Forth to Share and Serve
Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth
*Indicates standing as able.

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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TO GIVE

FIRST TIME USERS, **SIGN UP**
FOR AN ACCOUNT OR
GIVE ANONYMOUSLY.
ESTABLISHED USERS **LOGIN**.
THOUGHTFULLY **GIVE**.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

November 2, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF “MATTHEW 25”
We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, “When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me” (Matthew 25:40). This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

GATHERING MUSIC
PRELUDES *When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. by Joel Raney
Saints of God Lloyd Larson
There is a Happy Land arr. by Dale Wood
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today’s leader is Jay Larry.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD
INTROIT *A Call to Joyful Praise* Joseph M. Martin
O God, who reigns on high, your glory we proclaim.
We gather now to worship you and praise your name.
Come before the Lord with joyful singing.
Come into his gates with tuneful praise.
Come into his courts with glad thanksgiving.
Alleluia, sing to the Lord a new song.
We are the people of the covenant.
We are the children of the Lamb.
We are made for alleluias.
We are instruments of grace.
We are a symphony of praise. ...
Sing to God. Sing, sing an alleluia.
Sing unto the Lord. Sing hosanna.
All people, come with joyful singing! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Reader: We gather with the saints of every age,
ALL: We gather with those blessed not because of their power but because of God’s mercy.
Reader: In the world’s eyes, they were weak—
ALL: yet in God’s kingdom, they shine with glory.
Reader: Christ is risen, and their hope is ours.
ALL: For grace has the final word!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: God of every generation, we give you thanks for the great communion of saints – for those whose faith shaped our own, whose mercy reflected your heart, and whose hope rested in your resurrection power. You bless not the proud and powerful, but the poor in spirit, the meek, and the merciful. You lift up those the world forgets and crown them with your everlasting grace. Gather us now into that same fellowship of love. Open our eyes to see your kingdom among us – where sorrow turns to joy, and death gives way to life. By your Spirit, make us participants in the blessedness Christ proclaimed, until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven.
ALL: Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and the joy of all the saints, we pray. Amen.

**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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

MESSAGE *Pronouncements of Grace* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: God, we give you thanks for these saints who have finished their course and now rest from their labors:

Nancy Martin Dotson	Mary Lou Horter Middaugh	Mike Rawlinitis
Richard Shepherd Davis	Karen Elaine Marks	Richard Lee Hickman, Jr.
Jerry Duane Ayers	Wade Dotson	George Steven "Steve" Sly
Gene Taylor Dodd	Sarah Ann Lynch Carr	Jane Downin Alderman
Marcia Yvonne Conley	Haeley Elizabeth Harman	Margaret Ann Mayo
Alice "Allie" Steele Bayne	Lois Louise Snider	Linda Jane Gimmel
Mable Beatrice Somerville	Tom "Tommy" Lynn Fogg	Marjorie Jannett Berry
Carol Betler Curtis	Keith Alan Mackey	Robert "Bob" Eugene Twigg

ALL: we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God. Amen.**

*Indicates standing as able.

Sanctuary
Johnson Ave. Campus
Maplewood
Sanctuary
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Primary Chapel
Children's Church Room
Children's Church Room
Fellowship Hall
Education Building

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of *Wyatt Kenneth Creed*, born October 21. The parents are Josh and McKenna Creed and the grandparents are Tom and Betsy Price.

