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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

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GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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that with this glorious band above,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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and while due hymns of praise we pay,
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'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

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in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
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thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
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5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
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Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

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GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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that with this glorious band above,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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and while due hymns of praise we pay,
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'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

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in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
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thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
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5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
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Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

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GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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that with this glorious band above,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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and while due hymns of praise we pay,
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'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

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in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
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thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
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5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
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Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

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GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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that with this glorious band above,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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and while due hymns of praise we pay,
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'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

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in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
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thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
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5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
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Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

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GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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that with this glorious band above,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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and while due hymns of praise we pay,
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'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

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in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
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thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
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5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
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Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

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GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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that with this glorious band above,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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and while due hymns of praise we pay,
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'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

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in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
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thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
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5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
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Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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(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
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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hereafter, of thine endless grace,
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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
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The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

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Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
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ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
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FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
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*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

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the prince of this world overcame.

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

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TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
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Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
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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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

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1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
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Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
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All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

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October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)
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Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
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In these the Father's glory shone;
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through these rejoice the heavenly host.

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At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
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and worship him day and night within his temple,
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nor any scorching heat,
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and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

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For this reason they are before the throne of God
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

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9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
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10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
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6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

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Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Adult Classes
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ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON ***Revelation 7:9–17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
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2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
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The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
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For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
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nor any scorching heat,
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

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ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
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Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

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Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
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CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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Large Print Hymnals at the Sanctuary entrance.
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
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Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
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*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
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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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
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nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
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For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

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the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ***There Is a Higher Throne*** W&S 3189

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace – salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

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MESSAGE ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** Melissa Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE ***Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*** UMH 709

LIVING THE MISSION

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THE CONSECRATION OF OUR 2027 COMMITMENTS

Reader: Jesus said, "Freely you have received; freely give." Today, we bring before God our commitments for the coming year, offering them in gratitude for all that God has given us.

As we have freely received God's grace, will we freely share God's love through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

ALL: With grateful hearts, we will give freely and serve faithfully, trusting in God's abundant grace.

Reader: Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these commitments as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Bless the gifts we offer, the ministries they sustain, and the lives they will touch. Grant us wisdom to use these resources faithfully, courage to serve generously, and hearts that overflow with your love. May all that we do in the coming year bear witness to your goodness and grace;

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***
Tune: WHEN THE SAINTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** UMH 882

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Reader: O God, we remember this day the great cloud of witnesses – the saints who have gone before us into your eternal joy. They are part of that great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before your throne, where sorrow and suffering are no more.

ALL: We give thanks for their lives, for the light they shone among us, and for the grace that now enfolds them.

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

William Thomas "Tom" Hamilton † Nancy Lee Persinger
Larry Dennison McKnight † Charles Richard McClure † Anita Charlene Payne
Robert James Saffle † Louise Irene Batman † Ronald K. Francis
Kellie Brianne Fitzpatrick † Randy Scott † Brittani Anne Bomer
Shellis Robinson † Jeneane B. "Bonnie" Mattingly
Alice Carolina Hoy † Joanne "Jody" Westfall Simpson Tetrick



For these, and for all the saints, O God, we give you thanks.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Eternal God, keep us in communion with all your saints – past, present, and yet to come – so that, strengthened by their witness, we may run with perseverance the race set before us.

Grant that we, too, may live as faithful witnesses to your love, trusting in the Lamb who is our shepherd and following wherever he leads. Sustain us through life's trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen our hope in the day when hunger and thirst shall be no more, when every tear will be wiped away, and when all your children will gather in everlasting praise before your throne.

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

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting A*** UMH 17–18

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1-2)	UMH 723
Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1-2)	UMH 327
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 2 and 4)	UMH 64
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1 and 6)	UMH 154
Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth in the strength of this meal to follow the Lamb who is our shepherd, to bear witness to your love, and to live as people of resurrection hope.

ALL: And when our journey is done, gather us with all your saints at that great heavenly banquet, where every tear is wiped away and all creation rejoices in unending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (November 1 – November 8)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
9:30 AM	Young Explorers SS (Pre K3-5th)	Primary Chapel
9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Gym

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	First UMC, Clarksburg
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Friends feeding Friends	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Greater Clarksburg Parish Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY (Office Closed)

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, November 8

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
9:30 AM	Young Explorers SS (Pre K3-5th)	Primary Chapel
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00-7:00 PM	2nd Sunday Family Game Night	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir will not meet	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers will not meet	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Elementary Handbells will not meet	Children's Church Room
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*SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints*** UMH 711

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE ***For All the Saints*** (SINE NOMINE) arr. by Wilbur Held

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh – Senior Pastor; Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor

Christian Sympathy to Melanie Groves on the death of her mother, Shirely Lewis.

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. Visit the Church Website at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY: Taking Recovery into the Community! This Wednesday, November 4, Revive Recovery is stepping outside the church walls to serve alongside Friends Feeding Friends. Together, we'll help provide a free community meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity. Friends Feeding Friends serves dinner each Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM outside First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Join us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors!

SECOND SUNDAYS: FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Next Sunday, November 8, from 5:00–7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Let the games begin! Join us for our next Second Sundays gathering: a fun evening of games, food, laughter, and fellowship for all ages! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of games, including giant games and special activities for preschoolers and younger children. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something for everyone! Come for the whole evening or drop in anytime. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything to join the fun!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! Are you ready for fun, friends, faith, and making a difference? Come be a part of an M25 Generation, a generation putting faith into action and living out Jesus' call to love and serve others! Join us every **Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Gym**. Bring your friends, come as you are, and get ready for a great time. You belong here!

FREELY: "Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8
God's generosity invites our grateful response. Please prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment to Bridgeport UMC's ministries and mission. Return cards by mail, in the offering baskets, or online at bridgeportumc.org. Additional cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary; ask an usher for assistance.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 12:16-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:4-9
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 1:3-14
Thursday: Joshua 15:13-19
Friday: Mark 6:6-7, 12-13
Saturday: Micah 6:6-9

Breath Prayer This Week

Loving God, may we turn to you for guidance and deep assurance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES Sunday at 9:30 AM
Adult Classes
Bread of Life - Library
Faith, Family, Friends – Parlor
Youth and Children
Youth SS/Education Building
Young Explorers (ages 3-5th grade) - Primary Chapel
Nursery Care (infants through age 2)- Nursery
Children's Church
Grades K-5 -10:45 AM - Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary

Weekly Bible Studies
Lectionary Bible Study -Thursday - Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study - Sanctuary overflow - Thursdays -7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study - Johnson Ave. Campus -Tuesday - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE & OTHER ASSISTANCE—ASK AN USHER

Saturday, 6:15 PM infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 – infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – infants through age 2, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
Sunday, 10:45 – ages 3-4, Education Building – 1st room on right
Sunday, 10:45 – grades K-5, Children's Church Room

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

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC — Tom Price, pianist
*HYMN — ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6) — UMH 154
*INVOCATION
THE WORD IN MUSIC — Tom Price
*SCRIPTURE LESSON — ***Revelation 7:9–17***
MESSAGE — ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** — Melissa Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE — ***Shall We Gather at the River*** — UMH 723
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*SENDING FORTH
POSTLUDE

Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE

November 1, 2026 **9:45 AM**

Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs — Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
*Scripture — ***Revelation 7:9–17***
Message — ***The Great Cloud of Witnesses*** — Melissa Paugh
Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
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
Living the Mission
Consecration of our 2027 Commitments
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

251 Worthington Drive † Bridgeport, WV
November 1, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES ***O Day of Rest and Gladness (MENDEBRAS)*** arr. by Lani Smith
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (GRAND ISLE) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Steal Away arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Sarita Robinson.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 7)
Reader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:
ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"
Reader: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!
ALL: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Reader: Amen! Let us worship God!
ALL: We will worship our God, this day, this moment, and forevermore! Amen!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Lord God Almighty, we come humbly into your presence with praise, worship, and adoration. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unfailing goodness and never-ending love. We thank you for the Lamb who is our shepherd, who leads us beside still waters and guides us to springs of living water. As we follow your Son, enable us to hear his call, recognize his voice, and walk in his ways. Remind us that we are united with all your saints in one great communion of love and grace. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who struggle, and renew our hope in your promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP — ***Marching to Zion*** — UMH 733

WORD IN MUSIC — ***The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*** — GUIDETTI
St. Ambrose; trans. by J. M. Neale; arr. Henry H. Ley

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
the Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
the unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place. Amen.

At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children's Church during the Word in Music. Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.