AMES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To make disciples of Jesus, who serve beyond the walls.

10:00 AM Sunday **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** **November 1, 2026**

PRELUDE — Ilene Riitano

Bach, J.S. (1685-1750) - Prelude in E minor, BWV 533

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF GREETING — Rev. Douglas Williams

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN — "Shall We Gather at the River" — 723, UMH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed — 881, UMH

*GLORIA PATRI — "Glory Be to the Father" — 70, UMH

ALL SAINTS LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember those saints who are dear and precious to us who have died and entered into glory since last October.

HYMN — "For All the Saints" v. 1 & 2 — 711, UMH

READING OF THE NAMES

Family members & close friends are invited to stand at their seat as their loved one's name is read. A volunteer from the church will light all the candles, so there is no need to come forward.

HYMN — "For All the Saints" v. 4 — 711, UMH

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember:

People: We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS
PASTORAL PRAYER w/ Lord's Prayer

HYMN "I Come with Joy" v. 1, 2, & 4 617, UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 16:7-11 Becky Jordan

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Nicole Smith

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"Worthy Is The Lamb" - Words and Music by Darlene Zschech (1965),
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 10:13-16

SERMON "Saints of Playfulness" Rev. Amanda Gordon

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Come and Find the Quiet Center" 2128, TFWS

REFLECTION ON PRAYERFUL GIVING Ron Folkwein

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95, UMH

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* HYMN "Marching to Zion" v. 1, 2, & 4 733, UMH

POSTLUDE Ilene Riitano
Bach, J.S. (1685-1750) - Fugue in E minor, BWV 533

LEAVING FOR SERVICE *Please stand in body or spirit.

This Weekend is our remembrance for All Saints. This year we will light candles for Wilma Lesan, Glendora Clark, Jan Samuelson, Greg Sims, Shirley Grathwohl, Don Newell, Joyce Kirk, Phyllis Crouse, Larry Vallery, Billie Irene Watertor, Jim Torrie, Sharon Hogle, John Adams, Jo Durlam, JoAnn Burgason, Jerry Hall, Eldon Guge, Barbara Rassmussen, Jack Smalling, Delores Ball, Jerri Adams

We welcome Missionary Douglas Williams who is retiring from Argentina and visiting us today. He will be sharing about his mission work with us after the church service in the Multi Purpose Room. We hope you will be able to attend.

Game Night is coming up on November 6. There will be Bingo with prizes, Walking Tacos, Nachos, Desserts and Drinks Provided! A love offering will go to Food at First. Mark your calendars!

The Fellowship Hall and 1st Floor Education Building are currently being prepped for painting and new flooring. Over the next few weeks, some groups and activities will have alternate meeting spots. Group leaders have been contacted, but please contact the office with any questions.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 1
8:50am Coffee Talk Class/CR
9:00am Youth/Children Sunday School/ classrooms
9:15am Coffee and Conversation/MPR
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
11:15am Up With Puppets/Puppet Room
11:15am Missionary Douglas Williams/MPR

Monday, November 2
6:00pm Worship Committee/CR

Tuesday, November 3
9:30am Quilters/QR
10:00am Staff Meeting/CR
12:30pm Hosting at Romero House
1:00pm History Committee/HL
2:00pm Life Group/Library
5:30pm SPRC/CR
6:30pm Young Adult Dinner/Hinders

Wednesday, November 4
10:00am Wonderful Wednesday Women/CR
5:30pm Disciple1 & 2/MPR and CR
6:15pm Bells Choir/Bell Room
6:30pm AA/United Church of Christ
7:15pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday, November 5
5:30pm Church Council/MPR and Zoom

Friday, November 6
6:00pm Game Night/MPR

Saturday, November 7
5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

+Abbreviations for Room Names:
CR-Conference Rm / FH - Fellowship Hall / HSR - High School Rm / MPR - Multi Purpose Rm / Sanc - Sanctuary / QR - Quilt Rm / HL - History Library

CHURCH STAFF
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
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If you are visiting with us today, thank you! We are glad you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Center (2nd floor by the elevator) as you leave to get a Welcome bag. There are cards to fill out if you would like more information or would like someone to contact you. The next Coffee with the Pastors will be January 10.