

Affirmation of Faith based on our Mission & Vision Statements Rev. Dodson
We are drawn together in Christ's love: for joy; to become our genuine selves; to grow spiritually. This love and joy, this genuine Spirit and growth is not for our sakes only. We hear God's call to use our lives in service. We move out to love others in the name of Jesus, who was resurrected, so that everyone who calls on his name will be saved. We are the Body of Christ, the people of Brevard First United Methodist Church, animated by the Holy Spirit to accomplish this Mission and Vision.

Brevard FUMC Chant

Christ's People, Drawn Together in Love. Christ's People, Moving Out to Serve X2

+ Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

+ Blessing Rev. Alvord

+ Closing Voluntary "Now Thank We All Our God" by E. Karg-Elert Tim Shepard
+ Please rise in Body or Spirit

Welcome! If you are visiting or fairly new, we are honored you're here. We look forward to getting to know you. Help us connect with you by signing the red pew pad. May you encounter God's loving presence as we Worship together. *Want to learn more about Brevard First United?* You're invited to a **free lunch with Veranita at Pescado's at 12:30 NEXT Sunday, November 26.** Just call the office (828-883-9025) to **RSVP by Friday, November 24.** New Member Sunday will be Sunday, December 17. Be blessed!

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God In memory of John Davis by Betty Davis.

There are many ways to give at Brevard First - through your prayers, presense, gifts, service and witness. We appreciate the ways you offer support and undergird our ministries with prayer. We recognize that our ministries thrive with many kinds of gifts. Ways to give financially include: Offering Boxes in the Welcome Center and Lobby of the Sanctuary; through the USPS or through our website, www.brevardfumc.org

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Brevard First

11:00 A.M. Worship

November 19, 2023

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Consecration Sunday

**WELCOME TO BREVARD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!
DRAWN TOGETHER IN LOVE, WE ARE CHRIST'S PEOPLE WHO MOVE OUT TO SERVE.
AN AUTHENTIC, JOY-FILLED, LOVING BODY OF CHRIST,
WE GROW SPIRITUALLY TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.**

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Music Assistant Sarah Lee Myracle
Greeters Rick and Judy Thomas
Crucifer Rebecca Harris
Acolytes Avery Winchester (Bible), Beecher Allison (Candle)
Liturgist Gillian Hillman
Ushers Jim Garrett, Tom Stroup, Toni Garrett
Audio Visual Don Myracle, Hank Welter

The Ark Room is open after Children's Time for children ages 3-Kindergarten.
Today's Volunteers are Julie Barnette & Aria Sullivan

STAFF TEAM

The Reverend

Veranita Alvord

Lead Pastor

The Reverend Dr.

Sharad Creasman

Adjunct Associate Pastor

The Reverend

Sarah Grace Montgomery

Pastor with Youth and Faith
Formation

For a full staff directory:

www.brevardfumc.org

The Reverend

Kimberlee Dodson

Pastor with Children
and Christian Education

Timothy Shepard

Director of Music and Organist

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE 11/12/23: 247

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Opening Voluntary "Prelude in C" by J.S. Bach Tim Shepard

+ **Call to Worship** Congregation reads **bold** Gillian Hillman
God- it is you, who made us. God- it is you, who gives us what we have.

The privilege of our lives is to steward our identities and possessions well.

We often fail. We are selfish. We think we are the center of the universe.

We have a narrow view of the world and are unaware of broader realities.

Expand our vision, so that when we must give an account,

We will have marshaled and directed our energies and belongings wisely.

+ **Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103

Opening Prayer from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gillian Hillman

Holy One, about the times and the seasons, we need not have anything written down.

We know the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly. We, brothers and sisters, are not in

darkness. We are children of the day; Keep us awake. Let us dress ourselves with the

breastplate of faith and love. We have the helmet of salvation's hope. God has destined

us for receiving salvation through our Lord, who died for us. Whether we are awake or

asleep, we live with him. So, we encourage one another. We build each other up. AMEN.

Psalter 121:1-8 Sung Response #2 UMH #844 Rev. Creasman

Anthem "Thanks Be to God" by Michael Bedford Joyful Noise Choir

Children's Time "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" vs. 1 UMH #206 Rev. Dodson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give

light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Anthem "For All Good Gifts" by Mark Burrows NewSong Singers

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings Jim Alderman

Christ offers himself to us. We offer ourselves back to Christ.

Please come forward to the altar to leave your Estimate of Giving Cards.

Offertory "Minuet in G" by J.S. Bach Tim Shepard

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison) Jim Alderman

Holy One, all that we have is yours. We give a portion of what you have given us, a full measure, poured into our laps, grace upon grace upon grace. Use these gifts of our tithes and offerings. Multiply them for ministry, mission and music which convey the Good News of forgiveness in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

+ **Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring?" UMH #87

+ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 25:14-30 CEB Rev. Alvord

Anthem "If We Ever Needed the Lord Before" by Thomas Dorsey Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession adapted from St. Ephraim the Syrian Rev. Dr. Creasman

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (We offer silent confessions.)

Leader and Guide, take from us the spirit of idleness, faintheartedness, the desire for power, and vain talk. Instead, give us the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love. Beloved, grant us to see our own faults and refuse to judge the faults of our brother or sister. You are Blessed from age to age. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Though our hearts are hardened to the needs of others, God touches our hearts with compassionate care, healing our wounds. God grants our souls courage and strength. Rest assured- God's love is poured out for us. We rejoice! **AMEN.**

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message "What Do We Do with 5, 2 and 1?" Rev. Alvord

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Creasman