

***All Saints Celebration
and
Memorial Service***

The North Carolina Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

*Graceful
Hospitality*

Friday, June 16, 2023 • 10:00 am
Greenville Convention Center
Greenville, North Carolina

All Saints Celebration and Memorial Service

Prelude Music

*Hymn of Praise *For All the Saints*UMH 711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 31)**..... Rev. Rhonda Grant Jordan

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

All: In your righteousness, deliver me.

Leader: Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily!

All: Be a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me!

Leader: Let your face shine on your servant.

All: Save me through your steadfast love!

***Opening Prayer (UMC Book of Worship 738)**..... Rev. Rhonda Grant Jordan

Tender and compassionate God,

we seek to know you through the hearing of your Word

and pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying,

as shown by the faithful lives of your departed servants whom we honor today.

We know that they are precious in your eyes,

worthy of your special attention and ours,

for they served well in the task that you gave them.

Grant that we may feel your presence

as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread,

and may we experience the fire within

that sent them out to share good news. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD AND RESPONSE

Musical Offering.....*Eternal Life*..... Olive Dungan

Soloist: Joy Butler Clayton

Introduction of Preacher Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton

Prayer for Illumination..... Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton

Lord, open our hearts and minds

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that, as the Scriptures are read

and your Word proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lesson.....John 14:15-31..... Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric

Sermon Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric

***Affirmation of Faith (UMH 888)** Rev. Eunsoo Kang

This is the good news which we have received,

in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
And by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Act of Remembrance (Naming of the Honored Dead) Rev. Dr. Alice Wade Davis
Rev. Dr. William A. Haddock, Jr.

We bless your name, O God,
for all your servants who, having finished their course,
now rest from their labors.
Give us grace to follow the example
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,
to your honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(The name of each of the honored dead is read aloud, followed by the ringing of bells. Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the reading of the names of the deceased.)

CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

<i>Michael Francis Gast</i>	June 14, 2022
<i>Charles Henry Mercer</i>	July 9, 2022
<i>James Edward Malloy, Jr.</i>	August 15, 2022
<i>Carrie W. Parrish</i>	August 18, 2022
<i>Gerald Lloyd Edge</i>	October 8, 2022
<i>Jettie Vann Floyd</i>	October 25, 2022
<i>Charles Bruce Owens</i>	November 7, 2022
<i>Joseph Conrad Glass, Jr.</i>	November 14, 2022
<i>Jimmy Floyd Cummings</i>	December 15, 2022
<i>Rex Eugene Brooks</i>	December 29, 2022
<i>Roger Leroy Loyd</i>	December 30, 2022
<i>Michael Byron Hobbs</i>	January 9, 2023
<i>John Milford Mackey</i>	January 18, 2023
<i>Harold Hunt</i>	January 31, 2023
<i>Earl G. Dulaney</i>	February 7, 2023
<i>Robert Keith Glover</i>	February 10, 2023
<i>Jimmie Ray Tatum</i>	February 17, 2023
<i>Ralph McCoy Hill</i>	March 8, 2023
<i>Charles Luther Pollock</i>	March 15, 2023
<i>William Marvin Budzinski</i>	March 24, 2023
<i>Jack LeGrand Hunter</i>	May 28, 2023

SPOUSES OF CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

<i>LaRue B. Hill</i>	June 17, 2022
<i>Marie S. McLendon</i>	June 27, 2022
<i>Catherine Cameron</i>	July 1, 2022
<i>Allen Russell Foote</i>	July 6, 2022
<i>Cynthia Rose Williams</i>	July 30, 2022
<i>Spencer D. Willard</i>	August 5, 2022
<i>Nancy Terry Traynham</i>	August 15, 2022
<i>Mary Ruth Rattz</i>	September 9, 2022
<i>Frances Anne McQuade</i>	September 21, 2022
<i>Esta K. Sharp</i>	September 25, 2022
<i>Andrew Wilson Lilliston</i>	September 28, 2022
<i>Ruby Lancaster Hicks</i>	October 9, 2022
<i>Myrtle McDaniel Register</i>	October 11, 2022
<i>Jean Helen Hines</i>	October 15, 2022
<i>Jane Mayberry Ponder</i>	November 8, 2022
<i>Dorothy Ann Rose</i>	November 13, 2022
<i>Emily Darden Motley</i>	December 7, 2022
<i>Betty Lou S. Stark</i>	December 14, 2022
<i>Donna Davidson</i>	December 17, 2022
<i>Patrick Thomas White</i>	December 19, 2022
<i>Dawn B. Formo</i>	December 26, 2022
<i>Francis Quinn Epperson</i>	January 4, 2023
<i>Caroline R. Pickett</i>	January 15, 2023
<i>Anne F. Weiser</i>	January 17, 2023
<i>Linda Jane Vaughn</i>	February 15, 2023
<i>Thomas Andrew Watson</i>	February 17, 2023
<i>Elizabeth Wilson</i>	March 4, 2023
<i>Judy Harrell Smith</i>	March 16, 2023
<i>Patricia Jene Drake Mewborn</i>	March 31, 2023
<i>Agnes Viola Greeson Loy</i>	April 14, 2023
<i>Janet Sue Harris</i>	April 15, 2023
<i>Sadie Culpepper Smith Cribb</i>	April 27, 2023
<i>Virginia S. Wilkinson</i>	May 5, 2023

***Prayer for the Saints and Faithful Departed** Rev. Eunsoo Kang

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
 You surround us with witness after witness
 to your transforming love.
**Inspire us and empower us to persevere;
 fill our hearts with courage.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
 You weep with us in our heartbreak and loss.
**Comfort us and protect us in our mourning;
 fill our souls with hope.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
You cry out in victory over sin and the grave.
**Raise us and release us to fulfill your calling;
fill our lives with faithfulness and good works. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH
FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD**

***Closing Hymn***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.....UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Dismissal with Blessing**.....Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

***Postlude**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Eternal Life: A Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

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