

FIRST UMC OF WEST DUNDEE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024



WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

HYMN #64 (UMH)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Vocal Ensemble

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| (1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! | (2) Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be. |
| (3) Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity. | (4) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity |

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

PRAYER

Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25

Fred Kocian

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. ¹⁴ "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." ¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" ²² Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

²³ He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

SERMON

“ The Choices We Make ”
Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

ANTHEM

Sunshine in My Soul
Denise Calderon, flute, Kathy Pearson, piano

arr. Brant Adams

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

CREDITS:

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Anthem - Denise Calderon, flute and Kathy Pearson, piano

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Next Sunday, November 24, is Commitment Day. Members are urged to present their estimate of giving cards during the worship service. Estimate of Giving Cards will be available for those who need them and for those who have submitted their cards by mail. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

Adult Education Forum

You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We'd love for you to be part of the conversation as we grow together in community. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship. All adults are urged to attend. If we need more room, we'll find it.

Game Day

Every other Wed. at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room
In November, we will meet on Nov. 6 and Nov. 20
Come and relive the fun! Long-time members may remember the great times we had playing card games, board games, and dominoes. Let's bring those good memories back! Join us for Game Day on Wednesday afternoons in the Fireside Room. There will be snacks and plenty of fun—everyone is welcome!

FISH Food Pantry

In November, we will focus on donations for the FISH food pantry, ensuring their cornucopia is full to better help all who come to the pantry. We will include ten (10) birthday cake bags; cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, oil, server, and a 9x13 pan reusable or foil. Other food items will be hot and cold cereal, peanut butter and jelly, soup, salt and pepper, canned vegetables, rice, complete pancake mix and syrup, crackers and hygiene items. For more information, please contact Marcia Buchs.

School District 300 Christmas Drive

Donations may be left in the Fireside Room and will be accepted through Sunday, December 8

This year, our School District 300 has identified 900 students for its annual Christmas drive. You can help by using Kohl's Cash or other store rewards to find great deals on clearance items for these students. Consider setting aside time to browse clearance racks or donating any unused clothing or toys your children no longer wear or use. Donations of clothing, size 5 to teen, socks, bar soap, hand soap, games, puzzles, and toys are all appreciated.

Christmas Care Packages at FUMC

Help create Christmas Care Packages for our homebound members and those needing extra cheer during the holiday season. These packages will be assembled in early December after our worship service. For those who enjoy making homemade items, we plan to create around 20 packages and welcome contributions such as cookies, small loaves of bread, jams, simple puzzles, books, devotional cards, cocoa, and other thoughtful, uplifting items. Your participation will help bring joy to others this Christmas! For more information, contact Marcia at mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net.

