



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

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Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9-4

If you have a special need, or you wish to visit with the pastor, please contact the office at (727) 527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.

Gender Pronouns: Asking and correctly using someone's preferred pronoun is one of the most basic ways to show your respect for their gender identity. When someone is referred to with the wrong pronoun, it can do harm.

Childcare/Nursery: Located in the courtyard, the first room to the right as you leave the sanctuary building. Children are welcomed and encouraged to stay in worship, even if they are noisy! The nursery is available beginning at 10 AM for children younger than kindergarten.

Children's activity sheets and fidget bags are available in the narthex.

Changing table is available in the Nursery.

Unisex/family restrooms are in the office hallway, accessible from the narthex, to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

The balcony is open for those wishing to have more social distancing.

Holy Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

ASL Interpretation is available during worship to help make our service more inclusive and accessible. *ASL Version of our worship livestream:* www.allendaleumc.org/asl

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat Oct 11 Meetup to hear Judy Haines (North End Taphouse in Gulfport) 3:30 PM
- Tue Oct 14 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N and Ulmerton) 5 PM
- Tue Oct 14 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6:30 PM
- Sat Oct 25 Trunk or Treat (West Parking Lot) 10 AM - 12 PM
- Sun Oct 26 Youth Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM - Youth leading worship
- Sun Nov 2 Charge Conference Lunch and Meeting following worship
- Fri Nov 7 LickHer & Laughs Comedy Show - Sapphic St Pete (Sanctuary) - 7 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

DR. BOB WALLACE (he/him/his) was born in Ohio, moved here in 1972, and went to Northeast High, St. Petersburg Junior College, and FSU. He continued to the University of Florida College of Medicine, and did his residency at Bayfront Medical Center. Bob has provided medical care to the St. Pete community for 43 years. He is one of the first doctors willing to treat HIV/AIDS patients, and helped develop special medication for them. Bob is known locally as an expert in HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C treatments, and focuses on eliminating Hepatitis C at his clinic, Love the Golden Rule, Inc. He's been attending Allendale since the mid-1990s.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
organist - Bill Lee

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY:

On Sunday Mornings in-person and Monday Evenings via Zoom, we are reading *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichel. If you missed this morning's class, join us tomorrow night on Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/mondayclass
Order a book: www.allendaleumc.org/time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALLENDALE'S TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Trunk-or-treat is one of our annual family gatherings where kids dress up and go trick-or-treating in our parking lot. Trunk or treat will be Sat Oct 25 from 10 AM-12 PM. *If you'd like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy, register at www.allendaleumc.org/trunk. Let us know if you plan on attending as trick-or-treaters at www.allendaleumc.org/treat*

NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

This year, All Saints Sunday is November 2. We want to recognize the saints who have gone before us. If you'd like to include a saint in your life who passed away within the last year, please submit their name and date of death to www.allendaleumc.org/saints and they will be remembered in worship.

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE CLASS:

Dr. Kate Pravera is continuing a class on nonviolent civil resistance and the power of love, Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Community Center, following 5 PM dinner.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING:

The Allendale United Women in Faith will meet in the St. Teresa Room at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 6. They will hold discussion on the meaning of mission and unity today

ANTI DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join FADP & Allendale for a vigil opposing the scheduled execution of Samuel Smithers on Tue Oct 14 from 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. Signs provided. Details: fadp.org.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Maria Rodriguez	Oct 6
Andy Oliver	Oct 7
Pris Pridgen	Oct 7
Jim Pridgen	Oct 8
Jean Hopkins	Oct 9
Cet Mohamed-Moore	Oct 9
Laurie Hempel	Oct 13
Elijah Edghill	Oct 16

Birthdays missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor

Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/andy*

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support

Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7 *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/david*

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

COURAGE, CONNECTION AND CARE:

Tonight David Franks and Gina Gibbs conclude their four-week Sunday night series, *Courage, Connection, and Care in Times of Upheaval*. Tonight's session will take place from 5-6 PM.

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 136 in-person, 577 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Oct 12 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give

Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808

Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

WITNESS

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE:

In a spirit of solidarity, more than 50 Justice-Seeking congregations around the country are lighting a candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice. This candle represents Christ's light shining even in the midst of barbed wire policies that tighten each day.

Jesus sat at the table with his disciples and spoke plainly, "I have eagerly desired to eat this meal with you."

He lifted a cup and said, "Share this among yourselves." Then he broke a single loaf of bread, giving each one an equal piece—no more, no less. This act echoed an ancient art of distribution—when God provided manna in the wilderness and told the people, "Take only what you need for today and trust that tomorrow, I will provide again."

Today, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for those staring down empty plates, not knowing where their next meal will come from; for people forced to choose between groceries and medicine; for children whose stomachs tighten when school kitchens close for the day or academic year; for workers watching food prices rise while their paychecks stand still; for everyone already hurt—or soon to be—by cuts to vital programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP.

We pray for those who have been tempted to believe the lie that there isn't enough food to go around—for all perpetuating a myth of scarcity instead of singing a lyric of abundance.

Teach us again the truth told at your table: that there is enough when we choose to share.

Grant us faith to not only pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," but to redefine what is "enough"—and to give freely from our excess.

We light this candle proclaiming the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Allendale Band
Praise to God, Ye Heavens Adore Thee |Lani Smith|

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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation
We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down |Black Traditional|

SONG Allendale Band
Wanna Be Ready for Change to Come |Charon Hribar|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG Allendale Band
Do You Feel It, Too? |Justin Sinclair, Vincent Charlow|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
We Pray for Peace |Carolyn Winfrey Gillette|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG Allendale Band
I Know Where I've Been |Marc Shaiman|

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK READING & SCRIPTURE READING Dr. Bob Wallace
Lamentations 1:1-6

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation
Lean on Me |Bill Withers|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Dr. Bob Wallace

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Sing to God |Lani Smith|



No community's condition is permanent. How you are now can eventually change. Your nation may not always be the global superpower. What happens if the exploited continents are finally vindicated? What happens if you experience a fall from your high status?

May we offer the enslaved among us seats at our dinner tables. Our faith practice should be accompanied by a power analysis. We recall that some of our ancestors had much harder lives than we do now. We recall that some of our ancestors made our way easier by harming others. The difference between righteousness and wickedness may be in the story we tell about ourselves. We serve a God who remembers. May history and lament bring us closer to our Mother.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Bill Lee | Organist

Julio Castro | Sign Language Interpreter

Michaela George, Erin Giblin, Courtney Ross, | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Oct 5

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)
6 PM Youth Group

Mon Oct 6

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Teresa)

Tue Oct 7

Wed Oct 8

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)
6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Oct 9

Fri Oct 10

Sat Oct 11

Sun Oct 12

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)
6 PM Youth Group

Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 10/5 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

"For Such a Time As This - An Emergency Devotional" by Amy-Jill Levine

In-Person Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM

Virtual Class via Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

Courage, Connection and Care - Sun at 5 PM
Led by Rev. David Franks and Gina Gibbs
Explores moving from fear and anger to hope.

Young Adult Discord - Online Group
Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 5 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 10/14 at 6:30 PM

United Women in Faith - 1st Mon at 6:30 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes
Dinner at 5 PM and Classes at 6 PM
Class: "Non-Violent Resistance"

DINNER MENU

*Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.
Vegetarian or Vegan options always available.*

Wed Oct 8

Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans Almondine,
Roasted Brussels Sprouts,
Salad, Bread, Dessert