



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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WELCOME

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

Allendale United Methodist Church is a *Reconciling Congregation*. We affirm the sacred worth of all people and strive to practice Christ's example of unconditional love without exclusion. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministries of this congregation. Whatever your race, ethnicity, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, background or belief, age or condition of ableness, whether single or partnered, you are God's beloved and are welcome here. God calls us to acts of love, grace, and advocacy to promote healing and reconciliation. We are building a new Allendale: a place without barriers, a sanctuary for all.

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

- Wed Nov 19 Community Healing Conversation (Community Center) 5 PM
Thu Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance Procession to City Hall (330 5th St N) 6:30 PM
Fri Dec 5 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
Fri Dec 12 Christmas Drag Bingo (Sanctuary) 6 PM

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:

DR. ARTHUR LEON TREDWELL is a scholar and pastor whose work centers on the intersections of race, class, gender, sexuality, and Scripture. He holds degrees from Concordia College, United Theological Seminary, and a PhD from the University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology focused on Religion and Social Change. His career spans international business, government, and community development. He has also served congregations in Minnesota, Texas, and Maryland.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JONATHAN SOOTS (he/him/his) is a dedicated Legal Administrative Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs, supporting veterans with compassion and expertise. He shares his life with his husband, Dr. Stephen Hawk, a psychiatrist, and their beloved Silky Terrier, Dusty. Together with Dr. Hawk, he is active in Equality Florida, advocating for LGBTQ+ rights. His sister owns Rad Red Creative Media in Tampa.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Shannon Tierney, piano - Tru Mizzell, guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or Christmas choir

TODAY'S ALTAR ARRANGEMENT:

The flowers are given in celebration of our dad's 40+ years of serving the community in drag as **Candy Von Sparkle**. No matter the outcome of next weekend's 2026 Miss Rose Dynasty, you will always be our dad, our drag mom, and number one in our hearts. With love, your five children, three grandchildren, and six drag daughters.

THANKSGIVING ALTAR:

We are creating a special Thanksgiving cornucopia arrangement for the altar on Sunday, November 23. If you'd like to contribute a fruit or vegetable item, please bring it to the church office by Thursday, November 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY HEALING CONVERSATION:

Presented by Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) Center. This free event will focus on "Finding Our Shared Humanity Across Identities." Wed Nov 19, 5PM

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

On Thu Nov 20 at 6:30PM, gather at the Sunshine Center (330 5th St N), for a short candlelit procession to the steps of City Hall (175 5th St N), for a memorial service remembering those killed in the past year to anti-trans violence.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join FADP & Allendale for a vigil opposing the execution of Richard Randolph (Malik Abdul-Sajjad) on Thursday, Nov 20 from 4:30-5:30 PM, at Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. FADP.org

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Tony Lewandowski: broken hip

BIRTHDAYS:

Trae Edghill	Nov 16
Midge Mitchell	Nov 22
Mark Morrison	Nov 27
Maresi Brown	Nov 28
Jen Clark	Nov 29
Edwin Hotaling	Dec 4
Jessica Moore	Dec 4
Michelle Taylor	Dec 7
Donna Vollmer	Dec 9
Steven Geis	Dec 10
Ed Lally	Dec 12

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

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 109 in-person, 516 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Dec 14 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

WHO WRITES OUR LITURGY?:

Almost every week, Allendale follows the Revised Common Lectionary—a three-year cycle of scripture readings used by churches around the world. Our liturgy, sermon themes, and worship planning draw from *Enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters*, a lectionary-based resource offering prayers, reflections, and commentary that connect faith with the justice issues and events shaping our world today. We're grateful for the diverse voices and lived experiences of the writers who create *Enfleshed*. This week's writers:

Damon Garcia (he/him) is a writer, video essayist, and public theologian for a liberative Christianity. His work is inspired by liberation theology, decolonial theory, and anti-capitalist politics as he helps people unsettle and untangle the influence of Christian teachings developed to justify colonization. He is the author of *The God Who Riots: Taking Back the Radical Jesus* (Broadleaf Books, 2022). He lives in Santa Maria, California.

M Jade Kaiser (they/them) is the co-founder and co-director of *Enfleshed*. Their work sits at the intersections of spirituality, activism, and creative culture, shaped by collaborations with groups like Texas Freedom Network, SURJ, UmForward, Reconciling Ministries Network, and others committed to collective liberation. They are especially focused on how spiritual traditions can either support or obstruct freedom at the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, class, disability, and our shared life on this planet.

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
Better Is One Day | Matt Redman |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation
We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down | Black Traditional |

SONG Allendale Band
Calling All Warriors | Dina Erie |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Jonathan Soots

SONG Allendale Band
Let Us Be Known By Our Love
| Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
I Need You To Survive | Hezekiah Walker |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jonathan Soots

SONG Allendale Band
A Safe Place to Land | Sara Bareilles |

SCRIPTURE READING Jonathan Soots
Jeremiah 38:7-13, Psalms 103:1-5, Philipians 4:6-8

SERMON Dr. Arthur Leon Tredwell

SONG Allendale Band
I Will | Ben Calhoun, Jeff Pardo |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Jonathan Soots

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Better Is One Day | Matt Redman |



The path toward freedom and wholeness isn't simple. Sometimes we feel stuck, worn down, or unsure of the next step. But we don't climb out of those places alone. Strength is renewed when we care for one another, when we stay grounded in what is true and life-giving, and when we refuse to let fear set the pace.

The work is shared work. Liberation grows as we lift each other up, take turns carrying the load, and keep choosing what nurtures justice and joy. The journey can be demanding, but we move forward not to prove anything—only to remind each other that none of us is in this alone.

Together, we make a way.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Tru Mizzell, Director of Music Development | tru@allendaleumc.org

Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | dylan@allendaleumc.org

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Bill Lee | Organist

Maddie Johnson | 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 Nov 16

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group

Mon Nov 17

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Nov 18

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Nov 19

10 AM Gentle Yoga (Bill W/Nursery)
5 PM Community Healing (Community Center)

Thu Nov 20

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)
6:30 PM Trans Day of Remembrance (City Hall)

Fri Nov 21

Sat Nov 22

Sun Nov 23

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 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 - 11/16 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

Young Adult Discord - Online Group

Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 4 PM

NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 12/16 at 6 PM

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

United Methodist Men/Non-Binary - 3rd Thu at 6 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes are on break for the remainder of the year. Meals and classes will continue in January 2026.