

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship. All Saints Sunday,  
November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at “andrewchapelumc.org”

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

*Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”*

Matthew 16:24

### ***Greeting and Welcome***

### ***Prelude Music***

### ***Call to Worship***

Pastor: We have joined together in this worship service as a people of faith,

**All: Thankful for all the saints who have gone before us.**

Pastor: We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully and shared and lived the good news.

**All: May their example and their courage be a guide and model for our living.**

Pastor: For all your saints, O God, and especially for those who loved and served you within the fellowship of this congregation,

**All: Let us now remember and join in holy fellowship together.**

***Opening Hymn of Praise*** “For All the Saints” UMH #711. Text: William W. How, 1823-1897.  
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1. 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!

2. 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!

3. 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!

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. 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!

6. 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!

### ***Opening Prayer***

**All: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Recognition of the Saints Who Have Gone Before Us***

#### ***Prayers for the faithful Departed***

**All: We bless your holy 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.**

#### ***Gospel Reading*** Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSV)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon*** “What is Your Life Purpose?” Rev. Matthew B. Sergent

***Sung Response to the Word*** “For All the Saints” TFWS #2283 Words: John Bell. Music: English folk melody. © 1996 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland), admin, by GIA Publications, Inc. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. For all the saints who’ve show your love  
in how they love and where they move,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.

2. For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Savior’s fame,  
who sang your songs and shared your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

3. For all the saints who named your will,  
and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept our gratitude we raise.

4. Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

### ***Prayers of the People***

#### ***Stewardship Moment*** “The Courageous Gift”

***Doxology*** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #94 UMH Words: Thomas Ken 1674, adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn** "Rejoice in God's Saints" UMH #708 Words: Fred Pratt Green. Music: Attr. to William Craft. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
Their depth of adoring, Lord, Help us to share.

2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saint forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

***Benediction***

Pastor: God's people have celebrated all that God has done, from creation, to the cross, to the saints who have lived among us. Now we go to the work place, the home place, the market place; every place living as God's own people. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

***Postlude***