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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion;
All the Way My Savior Leads Me; We Shall Assemble; Be Unto Your Name*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

For All the Saints

Responsive Reading of Ephesians 1:3-14

O God, Our Help in Ages Past #522

We Shall Assemble #718

Prayer – Mark Matson

WORD

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Hebrews 11:1-6, 12:1-3 – Lisa Clay

Children's Moment / Storytelling Introduction – Laura Fike

"Saints In Our Lives"

Herschel & Phyllis Rorex

Ezekiel & Emily Koech

Edward Turay

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

TABLE

Litany for All Saints Day – Evelyn Cameron, Callie Blazer

Be Unto Your Name

Revelation 7:9-17 – Kipleel Rono

Communion Meditation – Karon Johnson

SENDING

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Caroline Smith

Coffee and tea time after worship will resume next Sunday.

Responsive Reading of Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIRV)

One: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
Those blessings come from the heavenly world.
They belong to us because we belong to Christ.
God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created.
He chose us to be holy and without blame in his eyes.
He loved us.

So he decided long ago to adopt us.
He adopted us as his children with all the rights children have.
He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done.
It pleased God to do it.

All those things bring praise to his glorious grace.
God freely gave us his grace because of the One he loves.

**All: We praise you, Father,
for your gracious choosing and abundant love.**

One: We have been set free because of what Christ has done.
Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven.
We have been set free because God's grace is so rich.
He poured his grace on us.

By giving us great wisdom and understanding,
he showed us the mystery of his plan.
It was in keeping with what he wanted to do.
It was what he had planned through Christ.
It will all come about when history has been completed.
God will then bring together all things
in heaven and on earth under Christ.

**All: We praise you, Lord Jesus,
for your redeeming work and uniting power.**

One: We were also chosen to belong to him.
God decided to choose us long ago in keeping with his plan.
He works out everything to fit his plan and purpose.
We were the first to put our hope in Christ.
We were chosen to bring praise to his glory.

You also became believers in Christ.
That happened when you heard the message of truth.
It was the good news about how you could be saved.
When you believed, he stamped you with an official mark.
That official mark is the Holy Spirit that he promised.
The Spirit marks us as God's own.
We can now be sure that someday
we will receive all that God has promised.
That will happen after God sets all his people completely free.
All these things will bring praise to his glory.

**All: We praise you, Holy Spirit,
for sealing us in hope and filling us with life.**

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery During Worship Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

11:00 Life Group Classes

Visitors are invited to any Life Group

All Ages

LG 1: Corner Classroom – downstairs (Jones/Holton)

LG 2: Room 11 – Fellowship Hall (Peterson/Beyer)

LG 3: Room 5/7 – Fellowship Hall (Carlson/Smith)

LG 4: Kids Praise Classroom – downstairs (Harpe/Cameron)

LG 5: Room 10 – Fellowship Hall (Garth/Wood)

LG 6: Room 9 – Fellowship Hall (Clay)

12:00 Catered Lunch – Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

November 2 All Saints Day Service, Life Groups, Catered Lunch

November 9 MCC Meeting

November 11 Blood Drive

November 16 Covenant Renewal, North Durham Community Thanksgiving Service

November 23 Teen-led Worship

November 30 Advent Begins

December 7 Life Groups, Gingerbread House Decorating

December 14 Christmas Celebration

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS



ALL SAINTS' DAY Today we join Christians around the world in celebrating *All Saints Day*, giving thanks for the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) who surround us in faith. This year our worship will include a Litany of Remembrance of loved ones who have died in the last year (since 11/1/2024). We will also have a Photo Board of Saints in the lobby.



Life Groups Today All ages will celebrate Life Group Sunday during class time, followed by a CATERED MEAL for lunch. Our discussion will focus on the story of Naaman, how he came to believe in God through the testimony of a servant girl. We hope to be inspired to share our faith and testimony with those in our lives. Following Life Groups, we'll share a catered meal together. There will be a basket to collect money to help cover the cost of the meal. We will charge \$5 per person or a maximum \$20 per family. There will also be a Venmo code on display for cashless payments. Questions? Contact Caroline Smith.

 **Red Cross Blood Drive** Please consider donating blood at our Red Cross Blood Drive on November 11, 12:30 to 5:30pm at CMR. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fill the need for patients in our community. We need at least 14 more donors to make our quota for the blood drive. Sign-up at [RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org). Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!



Covenant Renewal Sunday is one of the most meaningful days in our life together at CMR. This year's theme, “*We Will, with God's Help*,” invites us to remember God's faithfulness and renew our own commitments to live and share the gospel together. **Ministry Survey forms (for all ages) and Contribution Planning cards are available on the foyer table, or click these links to submit your [Ministry Survey](#) and [Contribution Planning](#) information.** Please complete your form and bring it with you to the service on November 16—or submit online or to Pam beforehand—as we prepare our hearts for this special day of renewal and worship.

Wednesday Nights – 6pm – Fellowship Hall Bring your own dinner and share time around the table, then join a conversational walk through the book of Acts, focusing on how the earliest followers of Jesus learned to share the gospel with others. It's a space to listen to their story

and imagine how that story continues today. No prep needed. Questions? Contact Charles Holton or Neil Clay.

Thursday Bible Study – 7am – Church Library Start your day with scripture, conversation, and warm biscuits. This weekly gathering is a simple way to grow together in faith and friendship. All are welcome—just show up. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

FAMILY NEWS

Voting at CMR Our Fellowship Hall will serve as an official voting site for the Durham County Board of Elections. To support a smooth and secure election:

1. Access to the Fellowship Hall is restricted from **Sun, Nov 2 at 3:30pm through Wed, Nov 5 at 10:30am**, except for voters assigned to this site.
2. Election signs may remain up for 72 hours after the election, per state law.

Thank you for your cooperation and neighborly welcome to voters.

Prayer Concerns Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Sara Meadows, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Thank You to everyone who helped prepare or serve the meal for Families Moving Forward last week. The guests were quite appreciative and little was left over. Please share your thoughts about whether we should continue this ministry. –Phil Sweigart

Elder Check-In Meetings As part of caring for our church family, the elders meet with each member of CMR once a year to talk, pray, and encourage one another in faith and church life. Over the next several weeks, your Life Group elder will contact you to schedule a time to meet. You'll also receive an email with a few questions to help you reflect and prepare. Please set aside time for this meaningful conversation as we move toward Covenant Renewal Sunday, Nov 16.

Contacting an Elder Elders are committed to walk with you in prayer, support, and care. Please contact your Life Group elder if a need arises.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Friday 10/31: Mark Matson

Saturday 11/1: Corey Carlson, Scott & Heather Jared

Monday 11/3: Belva Gettings

Wednesday 11/5: Donnie & Sharon Hilliard

Friday 11/7: Alex Jimenez

Saturday 11/8: Markelle Hyaccinte

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DurhamCares Event DurhamCares mission is to work toward a more caring, connected, and just Durham. You're invited to their Advancing the Vision Dinner Fundraiser on November 1 at Duke Memorial, with featured speaker Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings. RSVP to durhamcares.org





REMEMBERING THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

(11/1/24-11/1/25)

Carmen Acosta – Rochelle Casalan’s mother

Ruth Lively Campbell – Jane Campbell’s mother-in-law

Beverly Mangum Carter – Jane Campbell’s sister-in-law

Gena Ruth Depew Carter – Jane Campbell’s mother

Cele Eanes-Tierney – Natalie Beyer’s good friend, former CMR member

Stan Eastman – Laura Fike’s father

Bonnie Lee Fike – Ben Fike’s grandmother

John Russell Hodges – Kelli Bingham’s grandfather

Edward Katroscik – Ted Katroscik’s father

Pamela Jones Laurence – Anna Russell’s sister

Doris Eleanor Miller Quarles – Sharon Hilliard’s mother

James Carson Quarles – Sharon Hilliard’s father

Charles Runkle – Judi Runkle’s husband, Carmen Wood’s father

Karen Summers – Betty Summers’ sister-in-law

Edward Bai Turay – Edward Turay’s brother

Morgan Westley – Scott Hamilton’s niece

Chad White – Judy Cuffee’s cousin

Eric White – Judy Cuffee’s cousin