



GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

November Head Usher – Rob Moore

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

The Celebration of Worship

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude “More Precious Than Silver” arr. Bettcher
Gateway Ringers

*Call to Worship

P: I will bless the Lord at all times.

All: We will bless our God at all times.

P: I will praise the Holy One with my voice.

All: Let us exalt God's name together.

P: We are seeking,

All: And God will answer us.

P: We cry out for help,

All: And God will deliver us.

P: So come now, let us worship together.

All: Let us taste and see that our God is good.

Opening Prayer

Loving Savior, help me to live your goodness and kindness each day. Remind me that my actions express who I am even more than my words. May I love as you love. Let me be good to those who wish me harm, forgive those who need forgiveness, and reach out in kindness to all I meet so they can experience the unconditional love of God. Set our hearts on fire for you. Amen.

Opening Hymn “For All the Saints” vs. 1,3,4 UMH 711

All Saints Memorial Service

Children's Chat

Becky Jones

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:4-10a

Sermon Scripture

Daniel 3: 8-30

Sermon

“Faith Over Fear”

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

"O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" UMH 613

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Word and Table

UMH 13

Offering/Doxology

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Wine”

arr. Lay

Resounding Joy

Offertory Prayer

Passing the Peace

Hymn

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

UMH 712

*Benediction

⁸ At this time some astrologers^[a] came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "May the king live forever! ¹⁰ Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, ¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us^[b] from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

2 Peter 2:4-10 New International Version

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell,^[a] putting them in chains of darkness^[b] to be held for judgment; ⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; ⁶ if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— ⁹ if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. ¹⁰ This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh^[c] and despise authority.

Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings;

PRAYER REQUESTS

Laura Lee Cain, Lynne Clouston, Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns, Jeff Kerns, Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Linda Miller, Sally Morrison, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2 – Daylight Saving Time ends
November 3 – Mary Priscilla Meeting
November 4 – Trustee Meeting
November 6 – NOW Meeting
November 11 – Veteran's Day – Church Office Closed
December 14 – Vocal Tapestry Christmas Concert - First Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

October 5 – 66
October 12 – 58
October 19 – 71
October 26 – 88

Guest Speaker – November 9

Mary Priscilla Women would like to honor all Veterans
During the Church Service. David Tucker will be a Guest Speaker.

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags
Items for October – peanut butter/jelly
Items for November – mac/cheese
Items for December – pasta/sauce

All Saints Memorial Service – 2025

Rosalie Dodd
Charles Dodd
Bobbie Dodd
Wayne Dodd
Wayne Musgrave
Joseph Lomicka Jr.
Harry Guy
Betty Guy
Dorothy Snyder
Ray Snyder
Skip Shroyer
Melba Lough
Mary Katherine Urso
Pat West
Marvin Cloustron
Terry Clouston
Dorothy Avery Pearson
Bill and Maxine Hawkins