Isle of Hope
United Methodist Church
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Cultivating Community
by Uniting in Purpose and Serving in Love

November 1, 2026

Our Purpose: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World

A Word of Welcome

We are glad you are here! Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, we pray this time of worship draws you closer to God.

Please note our worship locations: we gather in the Sanctuary on the first, third, and fifth Sundays, and in the Ministry Center on the second and fourth Sundays. No matter the space, the Spirit meets us there!

Welcome to Isle of Hope United Methodist Church!

Hearing Devices Available

For full participation in worship, hearing devices are available in the Narthex, if needed. Please see an usher for assistance.

About All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance, thanksgiving, and hope. On this day, we celebrate the lives of faithful Christians who have gone before us, especially those who have died during the past year. In the United Methodist tradition, we understand saints not as perfect people, but as ordinary people whose lives have been shaped by God's extraordinary grace. As we remember those we love, we also celebrate the 'communion of saints' – the beautiful mystery that, through Christ, we remain united with believers of every time and place. All Saints Sunday reminds us that death does not have the final word, and that God's love endures forever.

+ indicates that the congregation will stand.

The Order of Worship

All Saints Sunday

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Music

Anchor Band

Hymn of Heaven
Phil Wickham

Words of Welcome

Rev. Josh Roberts

+The Call to Worship

Rev. Roberts

We come to worship, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us.

Their voices echo through the ages. Their faith is not forgotten.
For in Christ, life is stronger than death!

With saints on earth and saints in heaven, let us lift our voices in praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

+The Opening Hymn

No. 711

For All the Saints
Tune: SINE NOMINE

+The Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Roberts

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri
No. 70

Glory Be to the Father
Tune: MEINEKE

+The Greeting
Rev. Roberts

During the Greeting, children ages 3 through Grade 2 are invited to Children's Church.

The Anthem
Isle of Hope Choir
Kathy Smith & Marla Williamson, piano

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal
arr. Mark Hayes

The Confession and Pardon
Rev. Jared Wilson

The saints we remember today were not perfect people. Like us, they knew both faith and doubt, courage and fear. Yet through it all, God's grace sustained them. Trusting in that same grace, let us confess our sins before God.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not always lived as your faithful people.
We have failed to love as you have loved us,
to serve as you have called us,
and to trust in your promises.
Forgive us, renew us, and strengthen us,
that we may walk in the footsteps of the faithful
and reflect your light in the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Neither death nor life, not anything in all creation,
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.

A Remembrance of the Saints
Rev. Roberts

Today we give thanks for those who have finished their earthly journey and now rest in God's eternal care. Their lives have blessed us, their faith has inspired us, and their love remains with us.

With gratitude and hope, we remember these members of our church family who have died since our last All Saints Sunday.

Mary Beall
Yvonne Donaldson
Ann Mallory
Bill Megathlin
Ouida Troughton
Howard Young
Carlos Celaya
Dick Estus
Charlie McCarthy
Jane Rhodes
Noel Wright
Patrick Diebolt

As the names are read, we invite those whose lives were touched by that person to stand in grateful remembrance. A candle on the altar will be lit and a bell will be rung in remembrance of each life.

About the Anthem

With its roots in the American shape-note singing tradition, 'Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal" offers a jubilant vision of the saints gathered in eternal praise. Mark Hayes' spirited choral arrangement captures the energy and exuberance of this beloved 19th century hymn, with driving rhythms, rich harmonies, and a triumphant sense of celebration. On All Saints Sunday, the anthem reminds us that while we grieve the loss of those we love, our faith also invites us to rejoice in the promise of resurrection and the great company of saints whose song of praise never ends.

About the Confession & Pardon

In worship, the Prayer of Confession invites us to acknowledge our human imperfections and our need for God's grace. The Words of Pardon that follow proclaim the good news that forgiveness is freely offered through Jesus Christ. On All Saints Sunday, this act takes on special meaning as we remember that the saints were not perfect people, but ordinary people sustained by God's extraordinary grace. As we prepare to gather at the Lord's Table, we are reminded that the same grace that sustained those who have gone before us is offered to each of us.

We remember, too, those whose lives have touched our own – family members, friends, and loved ones whose absence we feel and whose memory we cherish. We now speak their names with the same gratitude, love, and hope.

As the names are read, we invite those whose lives were touched by that person to stand in grateful remembrance. A candle in the window will be lit and a bell will be rung in remembrance of each life.

For every life remembered, we give thanks. For every heart that grieves, we ask God's peace. And for all who have gone before us, we trust in the promise of life everlasting. May the light of Christ shine upon them, and may that same light guide us until we meet again.

About the Act of Praise

Written by Scottish hymnwriter John L. Bell of the Iona Community, 'Go, Silent Friend' is a tender hymn of farewell, remembrance, and Christian hope. Set to the beloved Irish melody 'Londonderry Air,' familiar to many as the tune of 'Danny Boy,' its haunting beauty gives voice to both the sorrow of parting and the comfort of God's eternal promises. Following our Remembrance of the Saints, this deeply moving song becomes a prayer for all who grieve and a quiet affirmation that, even in death, we remain held in God's everlasting love.

The Act of Praise

Kourtney Funderburk, soloist
Kathy Smith, piano

Go, Silent Friend

Go, silent friend, your life has found its ending;
to dust returns your weary mortal frame.
God, who before birth called you into being,
now calls you hence, his accent still the same.
Go, silent friend, your life in Christ is buried;
for you he lived and died and rose again.
Close by his side your promised place is waiting
where, fully known, you shall with God remain.
Go, silent friend, forgive us if we grieved you;
safe now in heaven, kindly say our name.
Your life has touched us, that is why we mourn you;
our lives without you cannot be the same.
Go, silent friend, we do not grudge you glory;
sing, sing with joy deep praises to your Lord.
You, who believed that Christ would come back for you,
now celebrate that Jesus keeps his word.

John Bell

God Speaks God's Word To Us

The Scripture Lesson

Rev. Josh Roberts

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Rev. Josh Roberts

More than a Memory

We Respond to God's Word

+The Hymn of Response
No. 712

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
Tune: GRAND ISLE

+The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
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The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Today's Communion Offering will support Windsor Forest Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Located off White Bluff Road, WF Neighbors Feeding Neighbors is a new mission partner here at IOHUMC that meets a critical need on the southside of Savannah. Their mission is to serve with dignity, compassion, and integrity by providing nutritious food, essential resources, and community support to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

The Prayer After Receiving
Rev. Roberts

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

+The Closing Hymn
No. 701

When We All Get to Heaven
Tune: HEAVEN

+The Benediction
Rev. Roberts

The Postlude
Kathy Smith, piano
Greg Smith, cello

I'll Fly Away
arr. Mark Hayes

Sympathies to Julie & Mike Diebolt and their family on the death of their son and our church member, Patrick Diebolt, who died on Sunday, October 25th.

About Holy Communion

In the United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is a sacred celebration of God's grace, in which we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and encounter his living presence through the sharing of the bread and cup. We practice an open table, welcoming all who seek to respond to Christ's love, regardless of age, church membership, or denominational background. On All Saints Sunday, Communion takes on a special meaning as we gather not only with those around us, but spiritually with the faithful of every time and place — the great communion of saints. At Christ's table, we remember the past, experience God's grace in the present, and anticipate the heavenly banquet yet to come.

About the Closing Hymn

Written in 1898 by Eliza E. Hewitt, with music by Emily D. Wilson, 'When We All Get to Heaven' is a joyful expression of the Christian hope of eternal life. With its lively melody and exuberant refrain, this beloved gospel hymn looks forward to the day when the faithful will be reunited in God's presence. As our closing hymn on All Saints Sunday, it offers a fitting conclusion to a service of remembrance and thanksgiving. Having honored those who have gone before us and gathered at Christ's table, we depart not in sorrow, but in the joyful assurance that God's promises reach beyond the grave.

Acolytes:
Charlotte Roesch & Harper Childers
James Roberts, crucifer

Hope Notes



It (Was) Clergy Appreciation Month!

While October might have just ended, it's never too late to appreciate our incredible clergy.

As a congregation, we see the hard work and dedication our clergy bring to every worship service. We benefit from their teaching, their musical gifts, and their loving leadership.

However, our clergy's most important work is not done on a stage. It is done praying for the sick in hospital rooms, serving food to the hungry with the SonRise Servers, moving furniture for those in crisis, and bringing music to those in hospice care. It is done being the hands and feet of Jesus.

If a clergy member has helped you when you were in need, celebrated you when you had success, taught you something you needed to learn, or made any kind of impact in your life - tell them. Send them an email, write them a letter, give them a text or call. Let them know how God has used them in your life for the better.



Pray for Our Guatemala Mission Team

Our mission team left for Guatemala this morning and is on the way to visit two of our long-time mission partners, Christ Child's Nest and Transitions.

The team has asked for prayer for the following:

- Safe travels and God's protection throughout the trip
- For God to expand our capacity to love and serve others
- For God to prepare our hearts to listen, learn, and enter each experience with humility
- Flexibility and grace as plans change or unexpected challenges arise
- For God to use this trip to help us grow, broaden our perspectives, and deepen our understanding of His work in the world

Thank you for your continued support of our mission team and mission partners in Guatemala!



Calling All Seasonal Singers!

The Isle of Hope Choir welcomes seasonal singers to join us as we prepare Songs of Hope and Wonder, our Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, to be presented in worship on Sunday, December 6.

Rehearsals begin THIS Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room. Whether you sing with us regularly or simply enjoy joining the choir for the Advent and Christmas season, we would love to have you be part of this special musical offering. Email Jared Wilson at jwilson@iohumc.com with any questions or if you are interested in joining.



Count Me In! Update

We are currently able to do 53% of our 2027 proposed plans because 72 families have stepped out in faith and obedience so far! Thank you!

Every week, our church community comes together to worship, grow, and serve. From the inspiring music and deeply rooted sermons to our youth programs and mission outreach, IOHUMC is a living testament to what God can do when we gather in community. But these ministries don't just happen. They are built, sustained, and expanded through the collective generosity of all of us.

As we look ahead to 2027, what if each individual within our community was an invested part of that living testament? Will you say, 'Count Me In!' for 2027? Commitments cards are available in worship and online.



Finding Your Musical Voice: A Beginner's Guide to Reading, Hearing, & Creating Music

TODAY at 4:00 PM | Green House 211

Have you ever wished you could better understand the music you hear and sing? Designed for beginners and curious learners of all ages, this four-week course introduces participants to the building blocks of music through listening, rhythm, notation, singing, and creative musical exploration. Today is the first day of the course, and you won't want to miss it! The course will continue for the next three weeks.



A Gift for Generations: Jared Wilson Organ Dedication Recital

Friday, November 6 at 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

This special recital by Rev. Jared Wilson will serve as the culminating event of our church's year-long organ series and will include the official dedication of the organ. The program will showcase the remarkable versatility and beauty of the instrument, while giving thanks for the many people whose vision and generosity made this extraordinary addition to our church possible. Admission is free and all are welcome.



Got Oatmeal?

Now that it's finally starting to feel like fall, maybe your family is enjoying some cozy breakfasts. If so, hang on to those containers! Weekday Ministries needs empty oatmeal containers for a special project.

Please bring them to the church office or give them to Wez Childers. Thank you!

Hope Notes

Kairos Closing Ceremony

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1:00 PM | Coastal State Prison

The local chapter of Kairos Prison Ministry invites you to a closing ceremony at Coastal State Prison on Sunday, November 8 from 1-3 PM. The ceremony concludes a 3½-day ministry weekend and gives inmates an opportunity to share their experiences through an "open mic" time.

For information on how to attend, visit iohumc.com. You will need to register **by Wednesday, November 4**.

Unable to attend? You can still be part of this life-changing weekend through prayer. Please pray for the inmates participating—that they would experience God's love, find renewed hope, and know they are never beyond the reach of God's grace. Remember the ministry team in your prayers as they share Christ's love throughout the weekend.

Good Samaritan Circle Meeting

Friday, Nov. 6 at 10:00 AM | Green House 109

It's almost time for our next Good Samaritan Circle Meeting!

We will meet on Friday, November 6, at 10:00 AM in Green House Room 109. Remember that sweet fellowship, yummy snacks, and an enlightening program are always the order for the day. Everyone is invited, and we hope to see you there!

Annual Charge Conference & Church Council Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:30 AM | Ministry Center

IOHUMC will have its annual Charge Conference next Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 AM. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan will chair this meeting for the church to vote on 2027 leadership and clergy salaries. Anyone in our congregation is welcome to attend. However, only members of our Church Council are allowed to vote.

We are also asking our Church Council members to stay after the Charge Conference for a Church Council meeting starting at noon. Lunch will be provided.

Sew Much Fun Club

Sat., Nov. 14 at 10:00 AM | Room 18

The next Sew Much Fun Club will be on Saturday, November 14. This group meets once a month to create sewing projects to give to those in our community.

Anyone in first grade and older can join. No experience necessary! This event is free of charge, but we ask that you register in advance at iohumc.com.



Celebrating 30 Years of Transitions!

Congratulations to Transitions, our ministry partner in Guatemala, on 30 years of transforming lives!

Since 1996, Transitions has helped thousands of people with disabilities gain mobility, independence, and dignity through wheelchairs, prosthetics, and employment opportunities. To celebrate this milestone, Transitions recently opened a new physical therapy clinic where wheelchair and prosthetic users can build strength, develop skills, and gain greater independence.

We celebrate this exciting new chapter and give thanks for three decades of life-changing ministry! We're also thrilled that our Guatemala mission team will get to celebrate with Transitions in person this week. Please continue praying for the mission team and for Transitions to have many more years of fruitful service.



Outdoor Family Movie Night

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5:00 PM | Cornus Cottage Lawn

IOHUMC Children's Ministries invites you and your family to watch Toy Story 4 on the Cornus Cottage Lawn!

We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, and dessert, and we just ask that you bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. For extra fun, dress up as your favorite Toy Story character! This event will be outdoors, so please plan accordingly.

Please let us know you're coming by registering online so we have enough food for everyone. This event is free of charge, but monetary donations are appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Beth Parr at bparr@iohumc.com or 912-663-7466.



November Dinner Church

Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 5:00 PM | Ministry Center

Join us for our next Dinner Church on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:00 PM!

Please note that this Dinner Church is starting earlier than previous events, with the doors opening at 5:00 PM and dinner served at 5:30 PM.

Dinner Church is a different kind of gathering centered around a shared meal, meaningful conversation, and worship. Around the table, relationships are formed, stories are shared, and faith is explored in a welcoming and relaxed environment.

Please register online by the end of the day on Monday, November 16.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Mission Team leaves for Guatemala
9:15 AM - Worship Service
10:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Student Breakfast
10:30 AM - High School Girls Small Group
10:30 AM - Confirmation
10:30 AM - Children's Ministry Team
2:30 PM - Boy Scout Troop Meeting
4:00 PM - Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
4:00 PM - Music Matters: Finding Your Musical Voice
5:00 PM - Student Ministry
5:00 PM - The 412

Monday, November 2, 2026
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels
11:00 AM - Rummikub
4:00 PM - Yoga

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
10:00 AM - Care Partners Support Group
10:00 AM - Hope Arbor

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
10:00 AM - Hope Arbor
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels
1:00 PM - Mahjongg for Fun
5:30 PM - Prayer Meeting
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5, 2026
Mission Team returns from Guatemala
8:30 AM - Small Group for Moms
10:00 AM - Sassy Sowers
10:00 AM - Hope Arbor
2:00 PM - SonRise Casserole Crew
6:30 PM - Anchor Band Rehearsal

Friday, November 6, 2026
All Day - Church Office Closed
10:00 AM - Good Samaritan Circle Meeting
10:00 AM - Men's Prayer Group
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels
7:00 PM - Jared Wilson Organ Dedication Recital

Connect With Us

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today. Scan the QR code to let us know you're here, tell us more about yourself, learn about our upcoming events, and give online.

Ways to Give

Giving is an essential part of worship—an act of love that shapes our hearts as much as it supports the work God is doing. Here are ways you can support His work through IOHUMC:

- **Mobile:** Text "GIVE" to 855-712-6960
- **Online:** Scan the QR code above
- **In-Person:** On Sunday mornings, place your gift in the plate that is passed or in one of the designated boxes

You can also give through the mail, online with recurring transactions, with Required IRA Distributions, and by giving stock. Visit iohumc.com or contact Marla Grady at mgrady@iohumc.com for more information.

Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for adults, youth, and children at 10:30 AM every Sunday. Sunday School is a time of Bible study and fellowship for all ages, and acts as a community group for adults. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

Adult Sunday School Classes
Seekers
SALT
New Horizons
Good News
Sisters of Strength

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes
Children's Sunday School
Student Ministries Breakfast Club
HS Girls Small Group

To help extend our worshiping community, our services are livestreamed and recorded; those present may appear in the video.

Pastoral Care Response*

Rev. Josh Roberts - 770-891-2578
Rev. Meg Procopio - 912-663-5512
Rev. Jared Wilson - 931-624-1418

*If you are in need of a pastor due to hospitalization, death in the family, or other emergency.

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