

La Plata United Methodist Church



**Tenth Sunday of Kingdomtide
October 30, 2011**

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You may leave your cell phones ON, but set to vibrate or silent, please

A Prayer Upon Entering

Lord, The way the world looks at things, and the way you look at things are so very different. Help me to see the value and power of your ways. Amen.

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Introit:

8:30	"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"	Archie Verdiglione, Sr.
11:00	"Come, We That Love the Lord"	Chancel Choir

Please stand, if able

Call to Worship (Responsively)

from Psalm 107

O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way, until they reached safety.

Opening Hymn

UM Hymnal, 163

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

The Invocation (Together)

Almighty and Everlasting God; we praise you and worship for all your goodness toward us. When we are lost, you lead us home.

When we stray from you through sin, you redeem and restore us to yourself. When we begin to think like the world, and value all the wrong things, you remind us what is truly important in life.

Teach us this day to rely upon you, and to follow your word, so that our lives will be blessed, and we will be faithful. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of Our Faith

UM Hymnal, 888

Affirmation from the writings of Paul

Glory Be to the Father

UM Hymnal, 70

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet our neighbors and extend God's peace to each other.

Please be seated

The Children's Moment

The Beatitudes Puppet Team

Welcome, News & Opportunities

The Anthem

8:30 "Father Along"

Archie Verdiglione, Sr.

11:00 "Shout to the Lord"

Chancel Choir

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:1-3, 9-21

Do not conform to the world

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The Offertory:

"How Long Has it Been"

Archie Verdiglione, Sr.

Please stand

The Doxology

UM Hymnal 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (Pastor)

Hymn of Preparation

UM Hymnal, 318

"Christ is Alive!"

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The kingdom views things differently

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The Message

Please be seated

“How Very Different”

Rev. Bruce A. Jones

Please stand

Hymn of Dedication

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

UM Hymnal, 327

Benediction

Response

“He is Lord”

UM Hymnal, 177

He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Postlude

Linda Dent Mitchell

† *Among the top 50 Hymns for 2011*

*The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God and
in memory of her mother Evelyn Tepfer,
given by Sylvia Mudd*

8:30 Acolyte: Jennifer Long 11:00 Acolyte: Peyton Carney

8:30 Liturgist: Bob Kells; 11:00 Liturgist: Carolyn Kier

Organist: Linda Dent Mitchell

Choir Director: Pat Day

Soloist: Archie Verdiglione, Sr.

Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

“Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries* wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them ‘Rabbi.’

“But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have one Teacher, the Christ.* The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Sermon Notes

“How Very Different”

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30

- 8:30a Worship Service
- 9:45a Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00a Worship Service - Nursery available
- 6:00p Financial Peace University (Fellowship hall)

Monday, October 31 - REFORMATION DAY

- 5:00p Girl Scouts Troop #1483 Mtg (Conf Rm #2)
- 6:30p Choral Arts Society (Sanctuary & Adult Choir Rm)
- 7:30p SAA Mtg (Parlor)
- 8:30p AA Mtg (Youth Rm)

Tuesday, November 1—ALL SAINTS DAY

- 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #5428 (Education Rm B)
- 7:00p 4-H Mounted Wanderers Mtg (fellowship hall)
- 7:00p Congregational Care Committee Mtg (Conf Rm #2)
- 7:00p AA Mtg - The Sunset Group (Youth Rm)
- 7:00p Puppet Ministry Mtg (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 2

- 9:30a Morning Bible Study (Conf Rm #2)
- 12:00p AA Mtg - Serenity Seekers (Youth Rm)
- 6:30p Cub Scouts #423—Monthly Mtg (fellowship hall)
- 7:00p Worship on Wednesday—WOW (Sanctuary)
- 7:00p Cherub Choir rehearsal (Youth Room)
- 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice (Adult Choir Rm)

Thursday, November 3

- 10:00a ABR Circle Mtg (parlor)
- 7:00p Disciple I (Conf Rm #2)
- 7:00p Disciple IV (Fellowship hall)
- 7:30p Building Committee Mtg (parlor)

Friday, November 4

- 4:00p HARVEST DINNER (fellowship hall)
- 7:00p Joyful Noise practice (Adult Choir Rm)

Saturday, November 5

- 5:00p Hancock-Gamber wedding

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Remembrance & Communion Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

*** Don't forget to set your clocks back***



Program News

WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday next Sunday. We ask you to help us collect the names of church members and your loved ones who have passed away since November of last year. Please call the office, or email us to make sure your loved one is included. You may also write the name(s) and date of death on the fellowship attendance pad next to your name and information.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY - We also offer every week a more contemporary service call WOW - Worship on Wednesday. If you are out of town or miss church on Sunday, you can catch the same theme and message on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The service is held here in the sanctuary.

A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE - We are grateful to the staff and volunteers that help us provide a nursery each week during the primary service. It is located on the upper floor of the education wing. If you have an infant or small child who becomes uncomfortable or fussy, we invite you to find some peace either by taking your child to the nursery, or to the narthex where we have rocking chairs for parents and grandparents to settle their small ones. Please be considerate of the other worshippers.

FELLOWSHIP

COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED — The cookbooks are here!! The LPUMC 'Fruit of the Spirit' Cookbook featuring the 571 recipes you so graciously shared along with features such as a counter top easel, envelope for loose recipes and many pages of cooking tips and ideas. Make sure you purchase enough for gift giving because the 700 will sell fast. The cost is \$20.00 and checks should be made payable to "La Plata United Methodist Women". The cookbooks will be on sale over the next several weeks at all of our services.

THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th - we will celebrate our annual **Harvest Dinner** in Fellowship Hall from 4:30-7:30PM. Carryouts will be available in the sanctuary entranceway. Tickets are available in the Church Office (301-934-2288) & from several church members: Iris Dickerson (301-934-4531); Anne & Lew Buckler (301-934-9672); Harryette Hower

(301-934-8945); Joyce Hancock (301-934-9424); Mary Vance (301-934-4903) & others. Currently, we have paid reservations for 144 people. Food has been purchased for 500. "Walkups" without reservations are welcome. Dinners will be sold as long as food is available. Ticket prices remain the same as recent years: adults Dine In or Carryout \$18.00; children, ages 6-10, \$5.00; & small children, 5 & under are FREE. Credit cards will be accepted for the first time this year. The ladies & men in our congregation will be working very hard most of the week before to provide a delicious dinner. Turkey, country ham & old ham as well as the usual fixins are on the menu again this year. Homemade desserts & drinks are included in the cost of your ticket. Some of the youth of the church have agreed to help serve. We are always grateful for their participation. We look forward to seeing you there & enjoying time together.

2011 HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE- The La Plata UMC United Methodist Women are making plans for the 2011 Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 9AM – 2 PM in the church fellowship hall and narthex. We hope you will be able to participate this year by donating items for our Holiday Bake Sale table and attending the event on November 12th to do your holiday shopping! Only handmade crafts and LUMC baked goods will be featured. We have a variety of crafters lined up to display their crafts. Table/space rentals are still available - contact Carolyn Rogers, 301-934-3157 or cdrogers3@verizon.net for information.

DISCIPLESHP

LOOKING FOR A FEW CONFIRMANDS - All families with 7th, 8th & 9th graders who have not yet been confirmed need to let Rev. Jones know of their interest in this year's Confirmation Class. Please let him know as soon as possible if your daughter or son is ready to embark on the adventure of learning about the church, and what church membership really means. The class, which he will lead, will be held every other week on Sundays right after church. The intro class is today at 12:30pm in Conference Room #1), then class will begin on Nov. 6. Parents will rotate providing the lunches and the class will last about 90 minutes. The class will meet in the fellowship hall for most sessions. Confirmands will join the church as full members on Sunday, May 20.

PASTOR'S MONDAY NIGHT STUDY - The next class Rev. Jones plans to teach is a look at who the four gospel writers were and what we can learn about them from what they wrote and what we know of them. To sign up for this next class, write "Gospel Writers" on the Fellowship Folder.

SERVICE AND MINISTRY

CUPBOARD NEARLY EMPTY - The shelves of our Food Pantry are nearly empty. We have had so many people coming to the church and needing food. If you can bring some canned food, or boxed food to church with you next time that would be really helpful. A list of items needed is available in the church office. There is a large barrel in the entry for food donations. Thank you.

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

GRAPEVINE ARTICLES NEEDED - Now is the time to get your articles in for the November/December grapevine. Please send your articles to the office at laplataumc@verizon.net.

E-NEWS - If you would like to receive the weekly *E-news* on Thursdays via email, please write your email address on the pad when you sign the Fellowship Folder. Our newsletter, *The Grapevine*, is also distributed first to those who have shared their emails with us. Printed copies of the E-News are always available in the narthex, even back issues. If you don't use email, you can always catch up with what's going on when you come on Sundays.

WORSHIP AND GIVING When we come to worship God and we are truly grateful for all that God has done for us, personally, spiritually and materially, it is easy to feel thankful to God and generous because God is so generous to us. You all have proven how generous you can be, and because of your faithfulness in worship, and your faithfulness in giving, we are able to serve our community better. Thank you for all you do to bless our church and those around us. Please continue to worship with us often and invite your friends to come with you. Here's how we are doing:

Attendance	2009	2010	2011	Income	Needed
Sept Avg/Ttl	251	235	292	\$36,678	\$31,769
Oct 2-5	235	242	301	\$ 9,664	
Oct 9-12	259	307	326	\$ 9,007	
Oct 16-19	226	197	243	\$ 7,946	
Oct 23-26	273	248	335	\$ 7,529	



Our Prayer List

James Tilbrook - Kat Tilbrook's husband - Praise Report: James' test results came out negative and the Dr. said there is nothing wrong with his heart. He feels great - thank you for all of your prayers

Daniel and Gina - friends of Rev. Ed & Wilmeta Chance - Daniel has two brain tumors, he is currently at John Hopkins undergoing treatments

Ashley Hudson - Dawn Jones' cousin, has been diagnosed with acute leukemia

Barbara Ridge - is now at Charles County Nursing & Rehab

Jennifer Carpenter - daughter of the late Cynthia Buckley - after many tests has been diagnosed with MS

Pritchie Davis - is home recovering from double pneumonia.

Ryan Matthew Edelen - grandson of Marilyn Edelen - was born 2 months pre-mature and is at Georgetown Hospital.

Michele Santoro - Kathie Evans' niece - recovering from breast cancer surgery, she is now having radical chemo and radiation treatments and she is not doing well.

Alayna Effinger's friend's son on dialysis & kidney donor list

Lisa Gandee Joson - suffering from colon cancer - going through chemo

Please continue keeping our friends & loved ones in your prayers:

Raymond Rowe

Charles Karsten

Helen Sullivan

Dr. Fred Johnson

The Ruppert Family

Aiden Stevens

Lt. Aaron Palmer

Dot Cooksey

Carl Steinhauser

Kenneth Yip-Young

Pv2 Carter Hower

Ann Madigan

Pete Stephens

Mark Valente

Firmen Canfield

Jimmy Donofrio

Edith Daetwyler

Harold Domchick

Virginia Stone

Dot Golden

Debbie Madadic

Mickey Taylor

Hank Weiss

Raymond Leonard

Wallace Maddox, Sr.

Lcpl Michael Sullivan

Jason Searles

Donald Swann

Laura Schacter

Janet Eiler

John (Skip) Burgess

Maddie Major

Keith Russell

Ken Karsten

Jerry Bowie

Linda Cox

Our Staff

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Our Church Motto for 2011

“Serving in the Spirit with Creativity, Courage & Compassion”



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