WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Devices for the hearing impaired can be requested from any usher. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

Hospital: Rose Mimbs

Sympathy to Jessica & Jake Sepmeyer at the death of her father, Jim Veil, on October 28.

Flowers in worship are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents by Pam Rudisill and Bill Blackmon.

Holiday Mission Project. Our United Methodist Women are preparing Christmas boxes for underserved elementary school children in Lawrenceville. We provide the plastic box and you fill it with snacks, a toothbrush/toothpaste and other small toys/goodies. Bring your filled box back to church by Sunday, December 6. Empty boxes are on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for serving with us!

Learn more about Level Creek UMC is today. Are you new to the church? Have you been visiting for a while? Join Rev. Elaine at 12:00 p.m. today in the Fireside Room to learn more about our church, our values and how you can get connected.

First Sunday Donation Drive. We continue collecting items for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. The barrel is outside the OFLC. Current most needed items are spaghetti noodles/sauce and toothbrushes/toothpaste.

Christmas Wreaths. The United Methodist Men are selling beautiful, fresh Christmas wreaths and garland. Order forms can be found in the Sanctuary Narthex, near the entrance of the OFLC, or online at www.lcumc.net. Orders must be received by November 8. Items will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 6.

Congregational Survey. We want to know you better. As we plan for the future, we want to understand who you are, what you care about, and how you'd like to connect with the church. Please take our congregational survey by using the QR code on your connect card, the link in our weekly email, or by visiting www.lcumc.net

Student Ministry (6-12 grade) will meet tonight for dinner & activities in the Family Life Center.

- **Home Game Hangout** on Friday, November 6. Going to the NGHS home football game? Or just looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? Invite your friends and join us at the church. We'll have pizza, s'mores and snacks. Walk over from the stadium or just come for the fun. Doors open at 8:00 pm and pick-up by 10:30 pm.

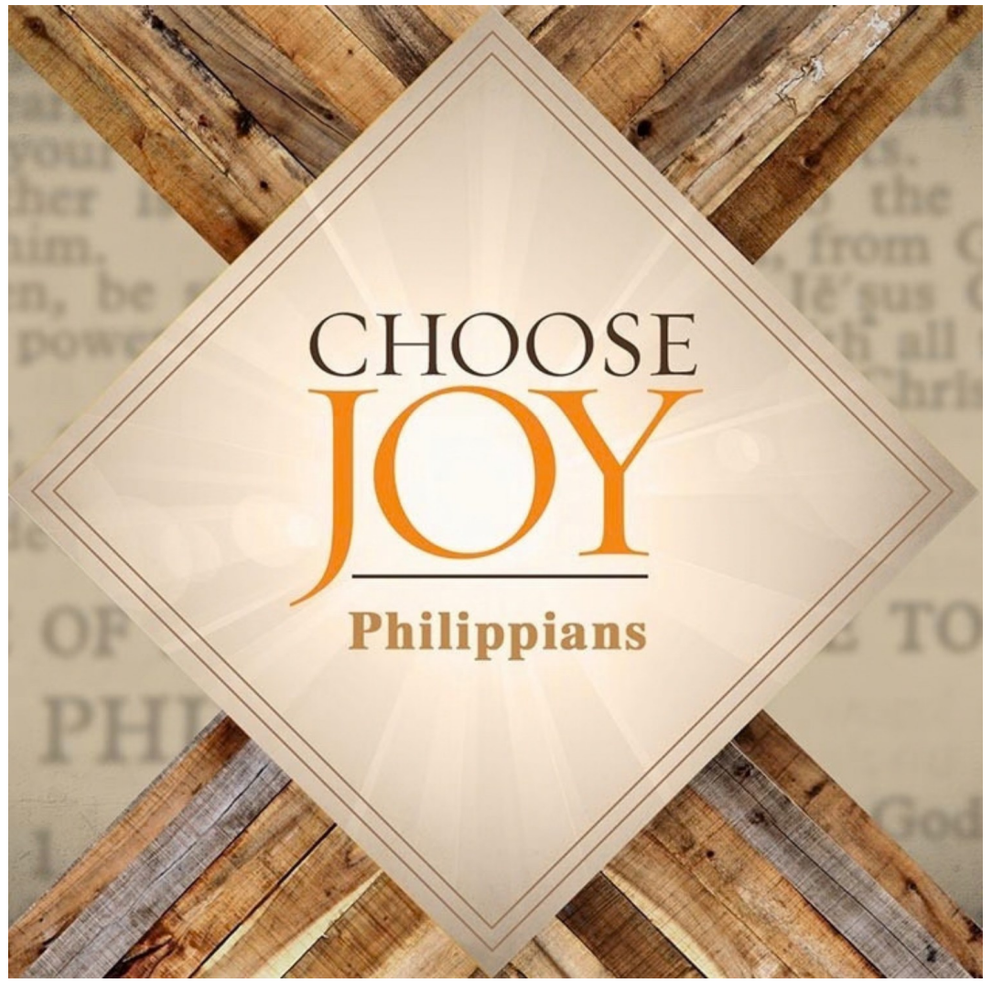
Are you receiving our weekly church emails? Stay connected with the life of our church and see photos from recent events. Mark you connection card to be added to our email list.

Text to Donate. To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to 770-637-8941. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

Prayer is important to us. You are invited to write your prayer requests on the Connect Card you received with your bulletin. Place your card in the wooden offering boxes by the front door as you leave the Sanctuary.

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Order of Worship

Level Creek UMC | November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elaine Wilder

Entrance of the Light of Christ Acolyte

***Call to Worship**
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Today we remember friends and family who have loved us well.
We are better people because of them.
Their lives on earth may have come to an end,
But their spirits live on through the Communion of Saints.
As we worship, O God, may we remember and give thanks.
As we worship, O God, grant us peace and comfort.

***Hymn of Praise** "For All the Saints" UMH 711 (vs 1, 4)

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

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.

***Gloria Patri** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 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.

Special Music "Fly Away Medley" Chancel Choir
Shay Kelly, violinist
Lauren McCombe, bass

Naming of the Honored Saints

Margaret Hunt
Leo Armstrong

*Please stand if you are able

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Elaine Wilder

Offering

Scripture Philippians 3:1, 4b-14 (The Message)

Be glad in God! We couldn't carry this off by our own efforts, and we know it—even though we can list what many might think are impressive credentials. You know my pedigree: a legitimate birth, circumcised on the eighth day; an Israelite from the elite tribe of Benjamin; a strict and devout adherent to God's law; a fiery defender of the purity of my religion, even to the point of persecuting the church; a meticulous observer of everything set down in God's law Book.

The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—God's righteousness.

I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself. If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it.

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

Sermon Choose Joy : Pursue Jesus Rev. Elaine Wilder

Holy Communion UMH 12

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Response to the Word** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89 (1, 2, 3, 4)

***Benediction** Rev. Elaine Wilder

***Recessional** "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields.
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

***Postlude**

Join us for Coffee + Connection at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.