



Celebration of All Saints Sunday Banner Procession

Dear Grace Family,

The banner committee is proud to present 24 banners representing the 12 tribes and the 12 disciples. These symbolize for us the pillars of our faith family in both the Old and New Testaments. The 24 pillars in our sanctuary have illustrated this beautifully over the years. These beautiful banners highlight our spiritual heritage all the more. Created by Marilyn Walker of His Name Exalted Ministries in Orlando, FL. the banners we are using for this All Saint's Day celebration were made especially for Grace Church: Her ministry has created banners for other United Methodist Churches throughout the country and for national UMC conferences.

A very special thank you to the youth who are carrying the banners this morning and their parents. Without the young people answering the call to volunteer their time, the banners would not have been carried in and displayed in such an awesome way.

Sincerely,

Amy Auzins

The 12 Tribes of Israel

Reuben (Color—Sardius)

- Blood covering for our sins
- “Seek ye a Son” - Firstborn
- A new Beginning
- New Life is represented by the man-drake plant.

Simeon (Color—Topaz)

- “One who hears and obeys”
- The pitcher is the symbol of the weapon of Gideon. The Word of the Lord is the sword. One who learns through suffering.

Levi (Color—Garnet)

- “The true priest”
- A true Levi carries the ministry God has given him in his heart day and night.

Judah (Color—Emerald)

- “To Praise”
- A full-grown lion is majestic and strong like a mature Christian. He does not give in to the enemy. They are “Throne Room People.”

Dan (Color—Sapphire)

- To rule, to judge, to strive
- “Dan shall be a serpent by the Way” Genesis 49:17
- Great Discernment of people

Naphtali (Color—Diamond)

- “A hind (female deer) let loose”
- A diamond can grind everything down except itself
- To wrestle right and be victorious - to overcome

Gad (Color—Liquore)

- “A warrior, tent dweller”
- An over-comer
- A roamer - loves to wander

Peter

- Upside-down cross reminds us that Peter was crucified upside-down because he felt unworthy to be crucified as our Christ was.
- Keys to heaven; recall Peter’s confession and our Lord’s gift to him of the keys of the kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19)

Andrew

- Basket of five loaves of bread and two fishes
- Tradition says that while Andrew was preaching in Greece he was put to death on a cross of this type.

James

- Three scallop shells symbolize pilgrimage and stands for this apostle’s zeal and missionary spirit.

John

- Chalice and Snake remind us that Jesus once said that John should drink of his cup.
- The Hand of God holding the seven stars reminds us that God holds the church in his hands.

Philip

- The three fish signify that our salvation come from the Triune God.
- Phillip was a great missionary, as recorded in Acts 8.

Bartholomew

- Fig leaves
- Scroll
- Fish, a secret sign used by the early persecuted Christians to designate themselves as believers in Jesus. The initial letters of the Greek words for “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior” spell the Greek word for fish.
- This apostle is said to have been flayed alive, hence he is usually represented by three playing knives.

The 12 Apostles

Matthew

- Symbolized by three purses referring to his original calling as a tax collector.

Thomas

- Triangle with the 5 drops of blood to remind us that Thomas saw and believed..
- A carpenters square and a spear, because this apostle is said to have built a church in India with his own hands. Later, he was persecuted there and was killed with a spear.

James

- “Anchor Cross”
- Since olive trees provide shelter and opportunity for rest, and the olive oil is used for ointments, the olive branch is the symbol for peace, harmony, and healing.
- Saw, represents the tradition that his body was sawn asunder after a horrible martyrdom.

Simon

- Broken sword reminds us that Simon was an apostle who brought peace.
- The fish and the Bible symbolize that through the power of the Gospel, Simon became a great fisher of men.

Jude

- Grapes signify the sacrament of the Holy Communion
- Crown and dove symbolize the reward of the faithful in the life after death to those who believe in Jesus as Lord.
- The apostle traveled far on missionary journeys in company with Simon, according to tradition, hence the ship

Judas

- The black fabric color and the stars
- Moneybag and pieces of silver symbolize betrayal and that Jesus was sold for the price of a slave.