

November 3, 2024
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
11:00am — Sanctuary



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for joining us today! We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)

Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

Prelude

Reflection

Chorale Prelude on *For All the Saints*

Calvin Hampton

Robert A. Hobby

Tolling of the Hour and Welcome

Call to Worship

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, and the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God...

The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, and the sacrifice of parents.

We remember O God...

The supreme love of Jesus, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, and the glory of his resurrection shown forth in the lives of his disciples: young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

We remember, in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord. **Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**

***Invitation To Confession**

When we remember the saints, we do so with rose– colored glasses. We watch the highlight reels of their lives in our minds, leaving their missteps and mistakes on the cutting room floor. We want to hold on to the very best of them, but in doing so, we forget the complexities that made them human– that make us human. God wants every part of us, not just the highlight reel. So let us come before God with honesty and authenticity. Let us pray:

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.

Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human, too.

Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have given us, and hold us secure in the promise of future glory. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.

Let all things now liv - ing a song of _ thanks - giv - ing to God our Cre - a - tor tri -
um-phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed _ and stayed us, by guid - ing us
on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us, a
pil - lar of _ fire shin - ing forth in the night: till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness
ban - ished, as for - ward we _ trav - el from light in - to light.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem Shall We Gather at the River

John Carter

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain. Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, I want to cross over into campground. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Refrain.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Shine like the Sun

Karen E. Black

There's a light that lights the darkness, and the world cannot contain it, and the world cannot explain it. It is the light of God's creation. There's a love that flows within us, and the world cannot create it, and the world cannot negate it. It is the love of God's salvation; and it shines like the sun. There are saints who light the darkness, and the world cannot contain them, for the love of God sustains them and they will never be forgotten. We are blest to have them with us, and we praise the God who made them. There is no way to repay them, and so we simply do applaud them as they shine like the sun. Glory be to our Creator! Glory to the Holy One! Glory be to Christ our Savior, the Lord of light, the King of love. See him shine like the sun.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music Requiem aeternam

Calvin Hampton

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

***Hymn No. 306** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***Benediction**

***Postlude** The Rejoicing

George Frederick Handel

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in celebration of the wedding anniversary of
Marj Sapp and Scott McMeen

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The flowers in the columbarium are given by Gil Perry
in memory of all the Saints at rest there

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Jake Huffman, Carolyn Krebs

Communion Servers: Vernell Fettig, Diane Haffner, Terri Lindvall,
Betsy Perry-Patton, Carole Slater, Jill Therrien

Ushers: Eric Evans, Penny Pulz, June Schwertfager, Anita Wolfe

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

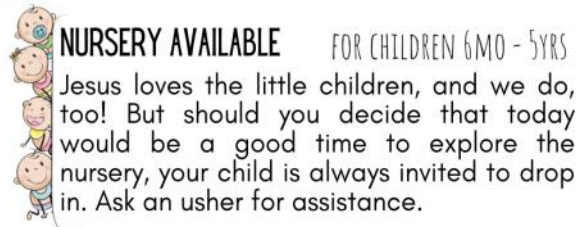
Sound Board Operator: Jeff Slater

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MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES



Because Communion is so important in the life of the church, we feel it's important that we all celebrate it together. But, be not afraid! Sunday School for our Kinders thru 5th grade will be back next Sunday! Miss Rachel and friends will be excited to be back in action!



Please return after church,
so it's there next week!

Worship isn't always easy for little hands and minds to focus, so you are invited to "check out" a fidget toy-filled Busy Bag or a book from our Littles' Library, located in the narthex!

REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES

E. Ross Adair	Rosie Gilpin	Maide Pulz
Marian Adair	William Goode	Wesley Radlein
James Ator	Tom Graham	Fred Rasp
Mary Ator	Janis S. Hager	Ruth Rasp
Bruce Bain	Carmelita Hawk	Bonnie Reed
Laura Bartlett	Steven A. Huish	Charles Reed
Jane Beer	Al Kettler	Benjamin Reinert
*Nan Bloodgood	Ed Kettler	Samuel Reinert
Linnea Burgman	Greg Kettler	Graciela Romero
Virginia Hays Burney	Marge Kettler	*Paul Rosenhahn
*Bob Burton	Mary Kay Kettler	*Joan Ruble
Donald Burton	Lillian Eberle Langlois	Gene Rydell
George Burton	Andy Macniven	Helen Rydell
June Burton	*Betsy Martiny	Greg Samuel
Henry Caso	James McCormick	*Evie Seeger
Elizabeth Chapman	*Fannie McGowan	Rhonda Shearer
Janet Chapman	Joseph McGeehan	*Paul Sheets
Mark Chapman	*Iona Mensch	*Cindi Simerman
Reid Chapman	Mary Lou Mettler	*Linda Simon
JoAnn Corman	Gene Mettler	Judy Sites
Rebecca W. Davidson	Dan Michnay	*Ron Taylor
Lorraine Davis	Ferdinand Offerle	*Stan Volz
Miles Davis	Henrietta Offerle	Anne Waterfield
*Betty Dew	Frederic Lancaster Perry	Richard Waterfield
John Doe	Betty Petersen	*Laurie Weier
Marie Donnelly	Edgar Petersen	Louise Cornelius White
Robert Donnelly	Frank Pitman	Marcus White
Collette Drauer	John Pitman	*Earl Zimmerman
Raymond Drauer	Loraine Pitman	W.F.C. Zimmerscheidt
MaryJo Eastom	Mary Pitman	
Tom Foltz	*Marianne Platt	

* Church Members who passed away in 2024