

“In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will...”

Ephesians 1:11



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

November 2nd, 2025

All Saints Sunday

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – November 2nd, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfw.org or in the
Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Bread of Heaven* by Jordan

Welcome

Call to Worship — *adapted from Psalm 149*

Sing to the Lord a new song, praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy.

This is glory for all God's faithful ones. Praise the Lord.

Opening Hymn #305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Call to Confession

By God's grace, kindness and love, we are called to come before God to confess our sins and experience God's mercy and forgiveness. In calling us to confession, God invites us to put the burdens of our sins at God's feet and know the joy of peace with God and one another. With thankful hearts, let us confess our sin and know God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel. As God has graciously forgiven those of ages past, God forgives us. As God has freed those of ages past from the burden of sin and has welcomed them into new life, God frees us from our burdens and welcomes us into new life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time of Music and Mediation

Prayer for Illumination —

Let Us Pray. God of the ages; on this Sunday when we celebrate the faith of those who have followed you in life and death with hearts open to your word of salvation, we pray for such faith to hear and believe your word spoken through the scriptures and through those who have lived the message of the scriptures with faith, hope and love. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading — Ephesians 1:11-23

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¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Choir Anthem #620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 6:20-31

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20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

25 Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.
26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.
Love for Enemies

27 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Sermon

Our Inheritance

Litany for All Saints’ Sunday

All Saints’ Day Sunday is celebrated today to give thanks for members, family, and friends of Grace Presbyterian Church who have died in this past year and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God’s creation was good. God blessed all of creation. God chose to be known through that good, beautiful and diverse creation.

We give you thanks, God of creation, for the works of your hands. We give you thanks for creating us with minds to marvel at the wonder of your creation and souls to know you through your creation. We give you thanks for the saints who have known you through your grace of creation.

In the beginning was the Word who was with God and who was God. That Word became flesh and dwelt among us. That Word lived, died and was raised from the dead for our salvation and for the salvation of all.

We give you thanks, God of salvation, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who embodied your love for all. We give you thanks for his teachings and life of

service. We give you thanks for the saints who have been led to a fullness of faith through Jesus Christ who is our savior and redeemer.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples. Through the Holy Spirit, the Gospel was proclaimed and people were given faith, hope and love.

We give you thanks, Shepherding God, for the Holy Spirit who gives courage, faith, understanding and reverence to your people. We give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you are always with us. We give you thanks for your saints who have shared the faith and the love of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. Amen

This year we light candles in remembrance of those who have come before us, who have changed our lives forever, and who live on in our hearts. Let us give thanks to those names and faces that impacted and shaped our lives forever.

(Isy Bosse, Maureen Rogers, and Ervin Bellis)

We light candles to remember the names and faces of those who are not named individually including victims of natural disasters, those who gave their lives so that others may live, those who were victims of violence around the world, and those individuals not read aloud today, but still in our memories and in our hearts. (You are invited to come forward to light a candle as you wish.)

Let us pray:

God of all: you are creator, redeemer and sustainer. You are our hope and salvation. You are the giver of all good gifts. On this All Saints' Sunday, we give you thanks for all the saints who have inspired us to hear your Word, believe your Son and live to the glory of your name. As we remember those who have gone before us in the Christian life, we pray that we may be filled with faith, love, dedication and commitment and that others might know your love through us. Help us treasure the memories of the saints that we have known and stand firm in Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn of Response #326 "For All the Saints"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

On the day of the Lord, God will make for all people a feast of rich foods and well-aged wines. The Lord will destroy the shroud that is cast over us; God will swallow up death forever and wipe away every tear. On that day, the people of God will say: This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's saving love.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

We praise you for saints and martyrs,
for the faithful in every age
who have followed your Son
and witnessed to his resurrection.
From every race and tongue,
from every people and nation,
you have gathered them into your kingdom.
You have shown them the path of life
and filled them with the joy of your presence.
How glorious is your heavenly realm
where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

Therefor we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn #556 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Sent to be our Savior,
he took our flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
His words are true.
His touch brings healing.
To all who follow him,
he gives abundant life.
When evil sought to destroy him,
and he lay in the darkness of death,
you raised him from the grave.
He is our risen Lord forever!

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this fruit of the vine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Hymn #557 “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ,
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ’s body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Intercessions here (only include this line in the script)

Number us among your saints, O God,
and join us with the faithful of every age,
that strengthened by their witness
and supported by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and may with them receive the unfading crown of glory
when we stand before your throne of grace.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Hymn #558 “Amen”

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.
**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that
great multitude of the faithful — those who hunger and thirst no more and
worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the

redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Call to Offering —

As we celebrate the faithfulness of all the saints who have followed our Lord in their lives, we celebrate their generous sharing of their time, talents and treasures to the glory of God. As we continue the mission to which the saints have given so much, we join them in our giving. Let us joyfully present our offerings to God.

Offertory

Bread and Wine by Blake

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. God of Salvation: we thank you for all that you have given into our care by which we receive the gifts of life. On this Sunday, we thank you for our inheritance of faith and purpose in the work of your kingdom. We thank you for the generosity and dedication of the disciples who gave so much that this church might serve you in this place. As we present our offerings, we ask that you unite us with those we remember today in praising your name and proclaiming the Gospel. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

For All the Saints by Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Script: We are selling SCRIP this Sunday. Find John for more information.

Halloween at Grace: Big thanks to everyone for all your work and donations. We will give a report of this year's totals as soon as we can.

Grace Pledge Sunday Next Sunday: Our annual pledge day is nearly upon us. We will be celebrating our gifts, returned to our Lord on November 9th. There will be a meal to follow the service that Sunday. You should be receiving a letter in the mail with more information soon.

Planned Giving Workshop: Also following the service on November 9th, we will be hosting a presentation by Sheri Finke from the Presbyterian Foundation. This workshop is open to anyone interested. There will be a sign-up in the narthex or you can contact Stacey Monnier at 260-205-1008 for more information.

Thanksgiving Mission Project: MOE is now collecting donations of food and cash for East Wayne Street Center Thanksgiving dinners for their food bank clients. This ministry has been serving the central city since 1965; they focus on strengthening families and individuals in order to help them become self-sufficient. The center has gratefully received our help for many years. The items needed are instant potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, canned fruits and vegetables, cranberry sauce, Jell-o, and muffin mixes.

Cash donations are accepted to help purchase turkeys. Please make checks out to Grace Presbyterian Church and place in offering plate. Please place all food donations in the Narthex by Nov. 16th.

Birthdays

DeLoris Cattin – November 7

Carl Geist – November 7

Nancy Current – November 9

Gabrielle Monnier – November 11

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Anniversaries

Tom & Pam Callahan

November 10, 2017

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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

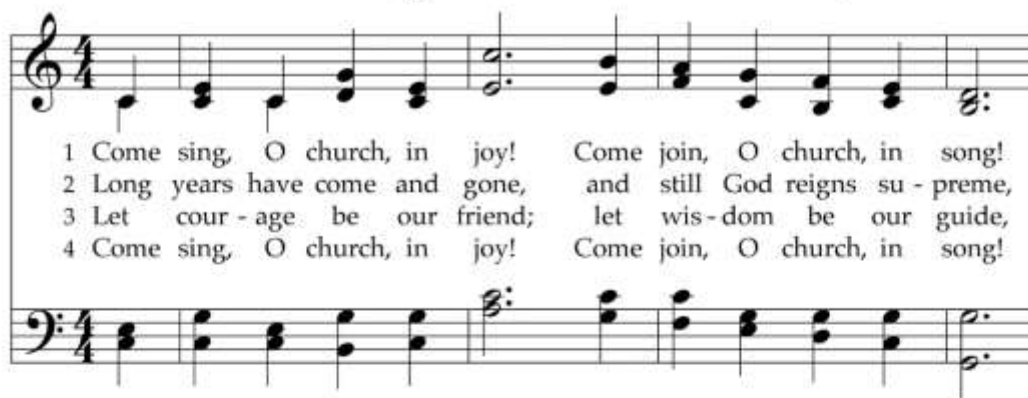
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Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

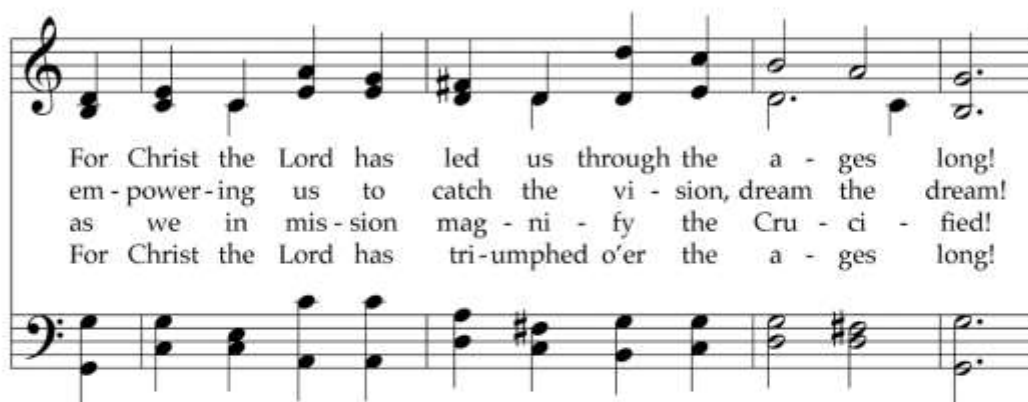
On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

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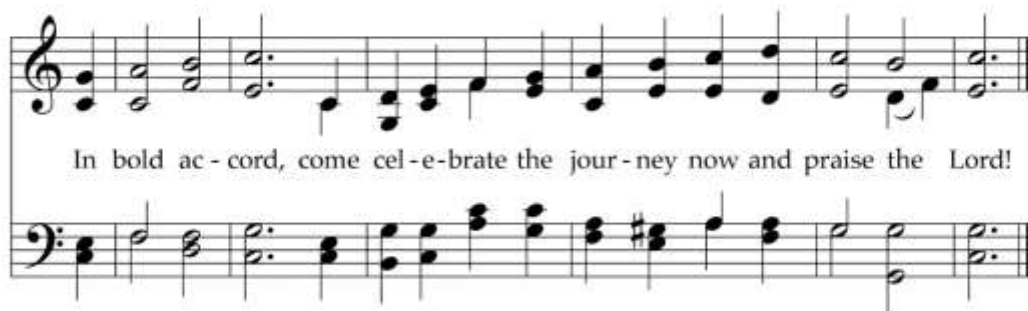
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
 Text © 1989 Brian Dill

DARWALL'S 148TH
 6.6.6.6.8.8

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10 with alleluias

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

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606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

MARION
 SM with refrain