

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!
All: **Rejoice and give thanks,**
One: for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
All: **Hallelujah!**

***OPENING HYMN** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" GtG 35

1. Praise ye the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!

(continued...)

**Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling.
We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word,
turn up the volume on lesser noises,
and lean into the comfort of our own certainty
rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge.
You send us messengers,
and we sidestep them;
you challenge us,
and we defend ourselves.
Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear.
And yet you keep calling.
Have mercy on us.
Interrupt our evasions.
Soften what pride has hardened in us.
Let us hear and receive your truth.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News!
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
All: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**
One: In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of
Christ Jesus has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**

*(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod
of the head, etc.)*

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 19:47-48 and 21:37-22:2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “A Messy – Ominous – Week...for Saints” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” GtG 729

**1. Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.**

**2. Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.**

**3. Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.**

**4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.**

(continued...)

**In my heart, (In my heart,
in my heart, (in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

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CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Sing: "For All the Saints" StF 2283

**1. For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful wo-men, caring men,
accept our gra-titude again.**

Lighting a Candle for Family

(continued...)

**2. For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gra-titude, good Lord.**

Lighting a Candle for Friends

**3. For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the king-dom coming still
through selfless pro-test, prayer, and praise,
accept the gra-titude we raise.**

Lighting a Candle for Others

**4. Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of mercy...
All: ...hear our prayers.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**Holy One, all that we have comes from you.
You bless our lives with the companionship of your people,
the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin,
the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty.
Turn us toward those in need,
in the name of the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(With the passing of the bread, please wait until all have been served so that all may partake together, reflecting our unity in Christ. With the passing of the cup, please partake as soon as received as an expression of our personal relationship with Christ.)

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” GtG 503

1. **Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.**
2. **Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.**
3. **When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: ...And let the gathered people of God say...
All: ...**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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