WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

ALL SAINTS' DAY

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so happy to have you join us for this Service of the Lord's Day. We acknowledge this Sunday as the All Saint's Day.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 34)*

One: *I will bless the Lord at all times;*
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
ALL: **My soul boasts in the Lord;**
let the humble hear and be glad.
ONE: *O magnify the Lord with me, and*
let us exalt God's name together!
ALL: **I sought the Lord and he answered me,**
ONE: *God delivered me from all my fears.*
ALL: **The Lord redeems the life of his servants;**
ONE: *None who take refuge in God will be condemned.*
ALL: **Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

One: Salvation belongs to you, O God, and to the Lamb! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto you forever and ever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" *GtG* #299

1. **You servants of God, your Master proclaim,**
and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules overall.

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2. **Ascended on high, almighty to save,**
   he still remains nigh; his presence we have.
   The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
   ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3. **"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"**
   Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
   The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
   fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4. **Then let us adore and give him his right:**
   all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
   all honor and blessing, with angels above,
   and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt.
MUSIC (HANOVER): Anon.;
A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708
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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Seek the Lord while he may be found, so God may answer you and deliver you from all your fears and save you from every trouble. May we come before God's throne of mercy and grace confessing our sins. Let us pray:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to bless you and magnify your holy name.
You call us to seek you and promise to deliver us from all our fears.
We are stubborn, independent, and think we can manage on our own.
We are too embarrassed by our mistakes to turn to you.
Help us see your angels encamped around us to deliver us.
Help us to taste and see that you are good, and to take refuge in you.
You have promised that those who seek you will lack nothing.
May it be so.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **(***from Psalm 34)*

One: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none who take refuge in God will be condemned. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel;

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE: "Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)" *GtG* #581

1. **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.

Text: Traditional liturgical text; Music: (GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)): Henry W. Greatorex, 1851. Public Domain

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *from I John 3: 1-3*

One: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are! May God reveal himself to us through the reading of his Word, so we may be like him. May see as God sees, and may we purify ourselves, just as God is pure. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	**Deuteronomy**	**34: 1-12** *NRSV*
EPISTLE	**Revelation**	**7: 9-17** *NRSV*

PRAYER FOR SERMON

One: O Lord, open my mouth that my lips may proclaim Thy praise, and may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON *"For Saints and Servants of the Lord"* The Rev. Emily Rosencrans

***HYMN** "For All the Saints" *GtG* #326 (verses 1-3)

1. **For all the saints**
   who from their labors rest,
   who thee by faith
   before the world confessed,
   thy name, O Jesus,
   be forever blest.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **Thou wast their rock,**
   their fortress, and their might;
   thou, Lord, their captain
   in the well fought fight;
   thou, in the darkness drear,
   their one true light.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. **O Blest communion,**
   fellowship divine!
   we feebly struggle;
   they in glory shine;
   yet all are one in thee,
   for all are Thine.
   Alleluia! Alleluia! *(credits next page…)*

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864,
MUSIC (SINE NOMINE): Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906
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***UNISON 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)
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.

OFFERING

Invitation
One: We give to bestow blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to God and to the Lamb. Let us give in joy to the One who gives life and redeems life.

Reflection

***THE DOXOLOGY** *GtG* #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1531.
OLD HUNDREDTH LM. Public Domain

****Unison Prayer of Dedication***

O God, we give so there will be no more hunger and no more thirst.
We give knowing you will guide us to springs of life.
We give asking you to wipe away all our tears so we may worship you day and night.
Bless all we have and all we are to your glory. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***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. *(continued…)*

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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harm. La Feillee's *Methode du plain-chant*, 1808.
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INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(BCW, pg. 125)*

One: Jesus said: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear My Voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with Me. O taste and see that the Lord is Good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(BCW, pgs. 130-132)*

One: The Lord be with you...
All: And also with you
One: Lift up your hearts
All: We lift them up to the Lord
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *from I Corinthians 11: 23-26*

One: "I have received from the Lord that which also I have given unto you: that the Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he broke it, he gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

"In the same manner Jesus took the cup when he had finished supper saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again."

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All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

One: We praise You, Most Holy God, for sending Your Only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your Story, healed the sick, and was a Friend of sinners. Obeying You, He took up His Cross and died that we might live.

All: We praise You that He overcame death and is Risen to Rule the world. He is still the Friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in Glory, we will celebrate victory with Him.
Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in Glory.

One: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your Gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, Redeemed by His Blood. Send us out in the Power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing His Death for the sins of the world, and telling His Resurrection to all people and nations.

By Your Spirit draw us together into One Body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in Glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all Glory and Honor are Yours, Almighty God, Forever and Ever.

All: Amen.

---- Distribution of the Elements ----

(With the passing of the bread, please wait until all have been served so that all may partake together, reflecting our unity in Christ.)

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(With the passing of the cup, please partake as soon as received as an expression of our personal relationship with Christ.)

UNISON PRAYER *(BCW, pg. 157*)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, and we receive these holy mysteries, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your Service; may we who have sung your praise tell of your Glory and Truth. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "For All the Saints" *GtG* #326 (verses 3-5)

3. **Blest communion,**
   fellowship divine!
   we feebly struggle;
   they in glory shine;
   yet all are one in thee,
   for all are Thine.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. **And when the strife is fierce,**
   the warfare long, steals on the ear
   the distant triumph song,
   and hearts are brave again,
   and arms are strong.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. **From earth's wide bounds,**
   from ocean's farthest coast,
   through gates of pearl
   streams in the countless host,
   singing to Father,
   Son, and Holy Ghost,
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

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MUSIC (SINE NOMINE): Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *(from I John 3: 1-3)*

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Beloved, go forth as God's children, holy and dearly loved, sharing the hope of the glory that is to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE

***Stand if able.**