SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, November 1st 2026
All Saints Day
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Tommy Clay, Jr.

ACCOLYTES (Bringing in the Light of Christ)

At the beginning of worship, the acolytes carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary. This symbolizes Christ's presence among the gathered people — a reminder that we don't create the light ourselves; God brings it to us.

As the candles are lit, we remember Jesus' words, *"I am the light of the world."* Worship begins in that light.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Martha Poitevant

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Together we call our family to worship in this way: (From Psalm 34, vs1-3. NRSVUE)

ALL: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
ALL: Together let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER
Leader: Let us pray together:
ALL: Gracious and eternal God, we gather in your presence with grateful hearts, welcomed by your boundless love and united in the fellowship of Jesus Christ. On this All Saints' Day, we remember with thanksgiving the faithful who have gone before us: those whose love shaped our lives, whose witness strengthened our faith, and whose kindness revealed

your grace. We rejoice that in life and in death, we belong to you, and that nothing can separate us from your love.
As we come together in worship, embrace us with the comfort of your Spirit, the joy of belonging, and the hope of your promises. Welcome all who enter this place, whether rejoicing or grieving, confident in faith or searching for understanding. Join our voices with the great communion of saints, renew our hope in the resurrection, and inspire us to carry forward their legacy of faith, compassion, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Hymn #353

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

CONFESSION AND PARDON
Leader: Let us pray first together and then silently:

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our risen Lord.
Leader: And now in this moment of silence, those sins which are ours alone

Continuing together we say:
ALL: Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers AMEN

GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" Hymn #581

"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."

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"When the Saints Go Marching In"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH **Joann and Pam Browning**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **(NRSV UPDATED EDITION)**

Revelations 7:9-17 LITURGIST

1 John	3:1-3	LITURGIST
Matthew	5:1-12	LITURGIST

Revelations 7:9-17

The Multitude from Every Nation

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a
loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who
are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed
their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter
them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

1 John 3:1-3

3 **1** See what love the Father has given us, that we should
be called children of God, and that is what we are. The
reason the world does not know us is that it did not know
him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will
be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this:
when he[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will
see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came
to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them,
saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake
of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely[b] on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for

your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON: **Rev. Charlie Evans**

"Where Are They Now?"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 at 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

All Saints Remembrance and Recognition

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)
Hymnal p.35

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC Tommy Clay, Jr.

DOXOLOGY Hymn #606

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: In Christ's name we thank you. Amen

COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" Hymn #450

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

ACCOLYTES (Sending the Light of Christ out into the World)

At the end of the service, the acolytes take the flame back out of the sanctuary. This is not extinguishing Christ's presence — it is sending it.

The light that gathered us now goes ahead of us into the world, where we are called to carry Christ's love, justice, and compassion into our daily lives.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "The Family of God"

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, The Family of God.

POSTLUDE Tommy Clay, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm Connect & 386-385-3040.)

Volunteers Needed for Children, Youth, and Adult Ministries These ministries simply cannot thrive without dedicated volunteers. If you feel called to serve, please contact Terry Albright.

This week's prayer : Creator God, receive our gratitude for the rains that nourish the field and forest, garden and pasture, and teach us to cherish the earth entrusted to our care. Strengthen farmers, growers, and all who depend upon the land, and keep first responders and all those who work to protect land and life safe as they protect our communities.

Church Activities

Youth Group-Sunday 9:15am
Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Wed. 4:30 pm.
Presbyterian Women-2nd Tuesday 10:30am.
Social Connections-Thurs.1pm in Zoom Rm.
Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room.

Outreach Ministries

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-6pm
Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm.
CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)-Mon. 8-12; T, W, Sat. 8-6.
Youth Group-every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm. Contact Suzie Cornelio for more information.
Barron Rice Music Studio/ Azalea City Children's Chorus, Mondays, 11:00am–12:00pm.

Church Calendar

10/31 Trunk or Treat. Free Hot Dogs to the participants.

11/1 All Saints Day. We will be remembering those who have gone to be with our Lord.
Also…Stewardship month begins today.
11/8 Stewardship Luncheon after services.
11/15 Presbyterian Women thank offering presentation.
11/20 Friday Friend-zy Youth Event.
11/22 Return your Stewardship Pledge Cards.

Financials YTD August 31st

revenue: $153,983
expenditures: $155,285