

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Wausau, Wisconsin

All Saints – Remembrance Sunday

November 1, 2026

GATHERING

** Please rise in body or spirit where indicated.
Text in **bold type** is to be spoken or sung in unison*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Christ the Great Foundation* arr. Charles Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 34:8*
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.
With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER
In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us.
When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* # 366

CALL TO CONFESSION
In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love.
We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do,
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**
Please continue in silent reflection and your personal prayer of confession.

SUNG RESPONSE *O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry* # 812, v. 1
**O save me God, and hear my cry; my prayer to you ascends
And vindicate me by your might; on you my hope depends**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Siblings in Christ, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!
The peace of Christ is with you.
And also with you.
You are now invited to turn to those nearest you and affirm,

"The peace of Christ is with you," and respond, "and also with you."

*SUNG RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 3:7-17, OT p. 195

⁷ The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. ⁸ You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' " ⁹ Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God." ¹⁰ Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: ¹¹ the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. ¹² So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

¹⁴ When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, ¹⁶ the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

ANTHEM

Like a Flowing River

Robert Powell

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12, NT p. 4

⁵ When Jesus 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 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.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

¹ John 3:1-3, NT p. 240

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.

MESSAGE

Blessed at the Threshold

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN

When We Are Living

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LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

refer to the insert

CHORAL RESPONSE

Blessed Are They Who Dwell in Thy House

Joy Patterson

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.**

prayer... And so we sing with all the saints on earth and all the angels in heaven:

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.

prayer continues... when the world did its worst, he took on our death that we might be clothed in light and life.

Great is the mystery of faith. Dying, he destroyed our death.

Rising, he restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory!

prayer continues... we will live in eternal joy with you and all the saints, bathed in light and lost in unending songs of praise.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you,
O God, forever and ever!**

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.

BREAKING BREAD AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Friends, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation!

At this time, you are invited to partake of the elements of communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude in the face of such wondrous love?

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

You are invited to use this time to reflect on how you show your gratitude to God, whether through acts of service or sharing of resources. Offering plates are available at the doors to leave a gift before or immediately after the service. You may also give online at www.firstpreswausau.org or through your Realm login.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Doxology

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We magnify your name, O God, and together exalt your name, for you are so good to us and gracious beyond measure. In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, bringing us through the great ordeal, embracing us in your endless light, and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks, seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom, in which we have sure and certain hope. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT

*HYMN

For All the Saints

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata No. 8 "Hanson Place"

Joel Raney

Following worship, all are invited to the Parlor for refreshments and fellowship.

Thank you to those who helped us with worship today:

Rev. Rachel A. Wann, senior pastor

Rev. Joy Nelson-Jeffers, pastoral associate

Katherine Wright, liturgist

Allie Knitter LaRue, music director

The Chancel Choir

Rick Builer, sound and video

Steve Martinson, doorkeeper

Griswold Team, hospitality

Mary Anderson, bell ringer and bulletin assembly

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