

The Service of Worship

November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

Chimes

Prelude

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

Elsie Fetzer, Darla Korrey Gertner, Fran Moore, Mike Tyson

Greeting and Announcements

Introit

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Harold DeCou

Elsie Fetzer

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer** (responsive)

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a distant land.

Those whose souls are parched and weary cry out:

Tell me something good.

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
who carried this good news across the generations to us.

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Come, join the saints of every time and place:

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Let us pray.

Holy One, meet us here today, and tell us something good. We are gathered once again with all your saints to receive good news from a distant land, the gospel of Jesus Christ, handed down to us by faithful people through the ages. We have come to hear something good, to be rooted in the gospel, to be built up in faith. Receive our praise, encourage our spirits, and make us faithful witnesses for those who will come after us.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (responsive)

O God of every generation,
you are Lord of the past, the present, and the future.

We confess that we forget our connection to those who came before us.

We take for granted the blessings that have been handed down to us.

We forget that we are entrusted with good news
for those who will come after us.

**Because we are so consumed with worry, so filled with negativity,
we don't "taste and see" what is good.**

Forgive us for being so wrapped up in ourselves.

Free us to live in gratitude for the past,
delight in the present,
and in faithful stewardship for the future.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Let me tell you something good:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

*Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees
and make straight paths for your feet,
so that what is lame may not be put out of joint
but rather be healed.*

Amen.

***The Peace** (responsive)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Response**

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

Spirit of the Living God,
as your scripture is read and your Word proclaimed,
**open our minds and hearts
to receive the good news of the gospel
that has sustained your saints in every generation.**
May we be rooted in your good news,
built up in faith,
and filled with thanksgiving.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

To Christ the Seed
Chancel Choir

Ephrem Feeley

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-7

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The good news is... Built for Generations

Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon

Pastor Appreciation Presentation

Dennis Kaan

The Lord's Supper

Taste and See

#520

Darla Korrey Gertner (and congregation)

INVITATION

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all creation,
you meet us in our ordinary lives,
in ordinary elements,
and by your Spirit
you allow us to taste and see,
glimpsing the communion of saints in this place
and your goodness among us.

**May the nourishment and encouragement
we receive here with all your saints,
sustain us in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

Dedication of Memorial Gifts (responsive)

Generous and faithful God,

**we give thanks for the saints we remember today,
and we thank you for those who have made gifts in their memory.**

We are encouraged by the great cloud of witnesses.

**Bless these gifts to advance the kingdom of heaven,
that the memory of these loved ones would be a blessing**

as we bear witnesses to your provision throughout the generations.

Amen.

Stewardship Update

Sarah Davis

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

***The Doxology**

**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.**

***Prayer of Dedication (responsive)**

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.

**Receive our offering,
the fruit of our labor
and the testimony of our roots.**

Our lives spill over into thanksgiving
for your good news and your good provision,
in every generation.

**Bless the gifts we return to you now
and the commitments we make for the year ahead.**

May they carry good news to a world thirsty for hope,
today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

For All the Saints

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Go Out and Tell
Chancel Choir

Fisher and Lee

***Chimes**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Elsie Fetzer

arr. James Denton

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

Worship Notes – Sources Used in Today’s Liturgy

Call to Worship: adapted from Proverbs 25:25; Hebrews 12:1; Romans 10:15; Psalm 34:8

Declaration of Forgiveness: Hebrews 12:1-2; 12-13

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Remembering the Saints

The following members and friends of
First Presbyterian Church
entered the life triumphant
October 31, 2025-November 1, 2026

Sharon A. Dickinson	November 17, 2025
Ann Leh	January 12, 2026
Christine Jutz	February 11, 2026
Jean Williamson	March 20, 2026
Ardis Maxine Garcia	May 3, 2026
Vivian Leacock	May 24, 2026
Douglas Fritzler	June 16, 2026
Kathryn Lee	August 28, 2026
Barbara Thiele	October 27, 2026

MEMORIAL GIFTS

October 31, 2025-November 1, 2026

Memorial Fund donations received in memory of:

Larry Fetzner

Ann Leh

May their memory be a blessing.

Prayer Concerns November 1, 2026

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)

Presbytery of Plains & Peaks

Permanent Judicial Commission

Those with Special Needs or Concerns

Joe Baran (in-law of Ted & Penny Propst)	Debby Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister)
Jackie Barton	Delinda Korrey McDowell
Tye Bennett (Neblett's grandson)	Jim Leh
Clark Bernhardt	Jim Miller (friend of Jane Robinson)
Norm Blackburn	Rena Morrison
Brenda Boeff	Rose Neblett
Randy Brigham	Dirk Nye and Regine Bendelow (Jackie Barton's step-father & mother)
Leah Burt (friend of Judy Rounph)	Jeni Porter (In-law of Blackburns)
CEDEPCA (Protestant Ministry in Guatemala)	David Prince (Tanna's brother)
Cooperating Ministry	Emma Rich (Granddaughter of Gary & Kay Rich)
Sally Craig (friend of Jackie Reynolds)	Cadie, Hailey, and Austen Rose (Jason Rose family)
Dylan Cranwell — Peace Corps	Leslie Rudolph (sister of Mike Tyson)
Taylor Cranwell	Betty Scharf
Jeanne Crouch & Family	Linda Schoyer (Sister of Connie Sue Clark)
Dave & Marsha Davis	John Seffens (friend of Mike Tyson)
Jill Davis	Darrell Smith and family
Sarah Davis	Montelle Smith
Andrew DeSouza (Michelle Hawkins' son)	Jim Stegman
Gary Espinosa (Arden Fennell's family)	Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin (friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Family Resource Center	Family of Barb Thiele
Brad Fitzgerald Family (Connie Sue Clark's cousin)	Amy & Byron Uhrich (Jill Vollmer's parents)
Carolee Goldsmith (mother of Brandon Eaton)	Under the Umbrella
Meredith Goodwin (friend of Propsts)	Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)
Mike Hawkins (Michelle Hawkins' brother)	Laurie Weskamp Wagner (Jeff's sister)
Highlands Camp	Jeff Weskamp
Sonja Holden (friend of Arden Fennell)	Michelle Wilson (friend of David Chrisp)
Dennis Kaan	
Robert Koehler (friend of Laura Guenzi)	

Prayer List Updates:

Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing, and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!

Announcements—November 1, 2026

We invite you to join us in our work and worship at First Presbyterian Church.

At a Glance

November 1	10:30	Worship Service with Communion
	11:30	Fellowship Coffee
November 2	5:15	Fellowship Committee
November 4	10:00	Worship and Sacraments Committee
November 5	5:30	Bells
	6:30	Chancel Choir
November 6	12:05	First Friday
November 8	10:30	Worship Service
	11:30	Fellowship Coffee with Birthday Celebration
	11:30	Christian Education Committee

Church Office hours: Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00 am—Noon; and Tues/Thurs: 1:00-4:00 pm

Food Pantry Items: Throughout the month of November we are collecting: Cake Mixes and Frosting. You may bring your donations to the church and put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

Tithes & Offerings: Thank you... your support makes mission & ministry possible.
Donate online at tinyurl.com/FPCPayPal or tinyurl.com/FPCSterlingGive



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Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon
Music Coordinator/Organist	Elsie Fetzer
Choir Director	Darla Korrey Gertner
Bell Choir Director	Lindsey Jackson
Office Administrator	Rashell Fritzler
Bookkeeper	Karlee Manuello
Property Manager	Janet Kloberdanz

Serving Today

Liturgists	Michelle D. Witherspoon, preacher Pam Trimble, liturgist
Acolyte/Bible Bearer	Beth Frye, LeRoy Morrissey
Ushers	Brenda Christenson, Laura Guenzi
Communion Preparers	Mike Tyson, Jomari Lechtman
Communion Servers	Connie Ham, Cheryl Kaan, Dennis Kaan
AV	Dean Boeff (Sound), Callie Jackson (Slides)
Offering Count	Linda Meisner
Fellowship Coffee	Finance Committee
Bulletin Delivery	Laura Guenzi



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