

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



November 1, 2026, 10:30 am
All Saints' Day

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Children are welcome in the Sanctuary throughout the service and are encouraged to visit our worship corner in the front left of the Sanctuary and borrow a variety of resources during worship. Childcare is also available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Princess Anne Street side entrance. Restrooms are located underneath the Sanctuary, accessed via the stairs off the porch on the Princess Anne Street side or elevator, or in the Education Building. If you need access to the Ed. Building during worship, please speak to an usher. Our service is livestreamed via YouTube.

We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.
We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Centering Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude

Shepherd's Song

Edvard Grieg

Silent prayer of preparation

In life and 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. Amen.

Introit

The Lamb

Gerald Patrick Coleman

Call to Worship by *Bruce Prewer, based on Matthew 5:1-12* Liturgist: Patty Toler

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

✠Hymn 412

God, Reveal Your Presence

God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you.

Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence.

You alone now we own as our God and Savior: praise your name forever!

*In God's holy presence, hear the harps resounding;
see the crowds the throne surrounding:
"Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending.
Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.
Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit; all my trust is in your merit.
Like the holy angels on your glory gazing, we adore, hosannas raising.
Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.*

✠Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 43

Vindicate us, O God, for we live in a world often marked by deceit and injustice. We confess the ways in which sin has cast down and disquieted our souls. Deliver us! In you we take refuge. Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us to the place of your presence where we again worship and praise you with exceeding joy, for you are our hope and our help. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Gloria Patri (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, amen.

✠Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

p. 291 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Anthem

Be Still My Soul Jean Sibelius arr. Diane Bish

Scripture Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

p. 303 in the pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Forever and Ever

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

REFRAIN: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gather all the saints to their eternal home. [Refrain]

✠Affirmation of Faith from *The Second Helvetic Confession*

The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion, we say, of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ. . . We call this Church catholic because it is universal, scattered through all parts of the world, and extended unto all times, and is not limited to any times or places.

All Saints' Remembrance (see end of this bulletin)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

. . . forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . .

Presentation of Offerings

Whether your gift is placed in the plate, given online, or shared through your time and talents, all are invited to pause as the plate is passed to you for a prayerful moment of thanksgiving.

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Trad. Arr Mack Willberg

✠Doxology (Hymn 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.*

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 326

For All the Saints

during the last verse, children are dismissed to the ed building for Covenant Choir.

*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!*

*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!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for are all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*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!*

*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!*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Recessional on "HYFRYDOL"

arr. Richard Blake

Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



*The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God in honor of
the saints who have gone before us.*

One arrangement today will be taken to our city cemetery plot.

Serving in Worship Today:

Organist: Amy Shirk

Director of Music: Mike McCarthy

Ushers: Michele Coffman, Bryan Eland

Elevator Assistant: Paul Kukla

Sanctuary Guild: Linda and Steve Spratt

Videographer: Kristen Betsill

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All Saints' Remembrance 2026

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember and give thanks to God for the saints from our church who died this year:

George Sanderson	August 10, 2025
Jacqueline "Jackie" Hollister	November 20, 2025
Katherine "Kaci" LeFebre	January 3, 2026
Harry Smart	February 7, 2026
John Bailey	February 18, 2026
Carole Fariss	March 6, 2026
Kenneth "Ken" Bielen	March 14, 2026
Lavada Allen	March 14, 2026
James "Jim" Gillespie	April 9, 2026
Chauncey Kutz	April 10, 2026
Catherine Wilson	May 11, 2026
Thomas "Tom" Lewis	July 24, 2026
Marie Somma	September 3, 2026
Jean Walker	September 13, 2026
Duane Hansen	September 21, 2026

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Presbyterians use this language for funeral and memorial services as an affirmation of faith in God's love for all people, a love that strengthens and supports, even in the midst of grief as we bear witness to the sure and certain hope of eternal life, promised in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith, and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the Gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith.

Resources for Grief

While grief is a universal experience, we often find it difficult to know what to say or do when someone close to us is grieving. Grief is unique to the individual and is shaped by many factors, including the nature of the death and current life stressors. When supporting a grieving person, it is helpful to think about companionship. The grieving person needs someone to listen to their pain, bring them meals, and reminisce about their lost loved one. They rarely need advice or to be moved faster along their grief journey. For the grieving person, it takes time and energy to grieve. What is needed from supporters is patience and compassion, and very often, silent, loving presence.

Mary Washington Hospital's Grief Support Services offers encouragement, empathy, and support through support groups, classes, special events, and online resources. Visit <http://griefsupport.mwhc.com/> for more information.

The **PCUSA Older Adult Ministries Network** offers an excellent resource at <https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/Supporting-Older-Adults-Through.pdf>.

Faith & Grief is a non-profit founded by Presbyterians in Dallas, Texas, to provide opportunities for comfort & hope to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Their website, <https://www.faithandgrief.org/resources/>, offers numerous resources, including articles, book recommendations, and podcasts.

CareNotes offers a variety of booklets and books for practical and compassionate guidance on some of life's most difficult experiences. Their "Elf-Help" books are especially helpful in framing loss for children. <https://carenotes.com/product-category/products/for-kids/>