The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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November 1, 2026 All Saints Day

Land Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship from Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Today is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith. Our call to worship: Psalm 34:1–10, 22.

We thank God for their lives and the love they shared with us.

Some of us come today with happy memories, while others may be carrying sadness because someone we love is no longer with us.

We bring our joys and sorrows to God, who understands our hearts.

Scripture tells us that God's family is greater than we can imagine. We are surrounded by the witness of those who have lived faithfully before us.

We are God's children, and we belong to one another.

Let us worship the God who comforts those who mourn, strengthens the weary, and promises to wipe away every tear.

We worship you, O God, with grateful hearts. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Opening Hymn: (VU) 222 Come, let us Sing

Children's Time: God's Big Family

Bible verse: 1 John 3:1 — "We are children of God."

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance:

Hymn: (TLUS) 128 Blessed Are You

Bless-ed are you who are poor—
yours is the king-dom of God.
Bless-ed are you who are hun-gry—
for you will be filled.

Bless-ed are you who now weep—
laugh-ter will sure-ly come.
Bless-ed are you who are hat-ed—
hat-ed for my sake.

One day you will re-joice,
you will leap for joy.
Bless-ings a-bun-dant will fol-low
as you dwell in God.

Woe un-to you who are rich—
for you pos-sess your re-ward.
Woe un-to you who have plen-ty—
you will feel your want.

Woe un-to you who re-joice—
soon you will weep and mourn.
Woe un-to you who are fol-lowed—
pop-u-lar, but false.

Give your whole heart to God,
love and serve the poor.
Al-ways treat one an-oth-er
kind-ly and with grace.

Scripture Readings:

Revelation 7:9–17: John sees a vision of a great multitude from all nations that gathered before God's throne, clothed in white robes and holding palm branches. They cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and

to the lamb, and worship the Lord with praise and glory". The passage emphasizes the redemption of the faithful, "the saint".

Matthew 5:1–12: Jesus teaches the Beatitudes and shows us what life in God's kingdom looks like. The beatitudes set the tone for Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of heaven and the kind of life that pleases God.

Sermon: Remembering the Saints and Living Our Faith

Central Message: We belong to God's family.

Hymn: (VU) 593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Minute for Mission: *Youth Leadership Animators*

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Invitation to Offering:

Offertory Doxology:

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: (VU) 710 ***Shall We Gather at the River***

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: ***When the Saints Go Marching In***

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in…
Lord, I want to be in that number,
Oh, when the saints go marching in.

And when the sun refuse to shine,
And when the sun refuse to shine,
Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the sun refuse to shine,

When Gabriel blow that golden horn
When Gabriel blow that golden horn
Lord, I want to be in that number,
When he blow that golden horn

And when the angels gather 'round
And when the angels gather 'round
Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the angels gather 'round

And when they're singing hallelu
And when they're singing hallelu
Lord, I want to be in that number,
when they're singing hallelu

And when the Lord is shakin' hands
And when the Lord is shakin' hands
Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the Lord is shakin' hands

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in…
Lord, I want to be in that number,
Oh, when the saints go marching in.