



All Saints Day falls on November 1, but is celebrated on the first Sunday in November. In contemporary understanding, the biblical understanding of "saints" is preferred. "Saints" in New Testament usage refers to Christians collectively, all people in every time and place who have called upon the Lord.

"By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy name O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!"

Service for the Lord's Day

November 4, 2018

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love.

Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints.

Your saints ceaselessly proclaim your glory.

And we join voices with them.

We come from east and west, from north and south, to eat at your table.

With all your saints, we will gather at the kingdom communion table.

Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Eternal God, you have raised up women and men in every age to live in faith. We want to be counted among those saints! And yet, we have often been indifferent to you. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, so that, as we are joined with saints from ages past, we may inherit the kingdom you have promised in Jesus Christ.

Please Observe A Silence for Personal Confession Before Turning the Page

Declaration of Good News

Our confession is that we want to live as true "saints."

Passing of the Peace

By words and gestures, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 146

Praise for God's Help

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. **The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.** The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **Praise the Lord!**

The Psalmist rejoices in being heard by God

Anthem

Prepare Us, Lord

R. Hillert

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

God's most important command

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' - this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

We don't expect the scribe to agree with Jesus, but he does.

All Sit

Sermon

Discovering God in Loving the Neighbor

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Our faith is shared "with believers in every time and place."

Affirmation of Faith

From: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Naming of Church Members Who Joined the Church Triumphant in the Last Year: William Beard 11/02/17, Mac Reynolds 02/02/18, Alicia McFarland 04/24/18, Lee Truman 05/ 23/18, Della Bruch 06/08/18, Marvin May 06/29/18

Choral Response

The Offering

Offertory *We Are the Lord's* Londonderry Aire/arr. Roland E. Martin
Wayne Pope, baritone Joshua Propst, cello

All Stand

Doxology

*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

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 581 *Sanctus* Joseph Roff
(congregation and choir)
*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.*

Communion Solo *At Last from "The Space Between"* Scott Gendel
Beth Pope, soprano Joshua Propst, cello
We come at last to the dark and enter in. We are given bodes newly made out of their absence from one another in the light of the ordinary day. We come to the space between ourselves, the narrow doorway, and pass through into the land of the wholly loved. -Wendell Berry from "Given"

Prayers of the People and 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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Benediction

Postlude *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams* Robert Powell

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Our church Elders: Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, David Sears, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge.

Our church Deacons: Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

Donate Online:

We have recently set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right.

<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



Calendar

Sunday, November 4

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Music
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship.
- 11:30 a.m. Chili Cook-off
- 4:00 p.m. Officer Training

Monday, November 5

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, November 6

- 11:00 a.m. Special Care
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, November 7

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 8

- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study

Friday, November 9

- 10:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayers

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Announcements

USHERS: The Thomison and Polen families

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, November 11: Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44.

TODAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Ray Elms and Sally Calkins. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

CHILI COOK OFF TODAY! Come to Fellowship Hall following worship. We will have a variety of delicious chili entries for you to sample. Each will have a jar with the name of the chili. You vote with your contribution and the one with the most contributions wins the coveted Chili Champ Apron for the year. And, as always, we will have our bake sale of individually priced items to satisfy that sweet tooth (assuming you have any room after sampling all the chili!). Proceeds benefit our Youth Montreat trips next summer!

NEXT SUNDAY IS DEDICATION SUNDAY The church's budget for ministry in 2019 will be based on our pledge giving.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Our preschool class learned about Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42. Godly Play heard about the Exodus (Exodus 11:1-15;21). Older elementary heard more about Elijah in 1 Kings 19:1-18 **Youth** are preparing to host you for the Chili Cook off following worship. Please read the scriptures at home and discuss what God might be trying to teach you and your children

ANGEL TREE BEGINS November 18. Colorful angels will be placed on the tree with needs and wish list items of families from McNeill Elementary. Our gifts will help their holidays be brighter. We are also providing gift cards for young adults at Uspiritus who have moved into transitional housing. Please consider taking one or more angels.

CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE: Beginning November 18 we will be holding a Christmas Book Sale (ends December 2). We will have books for children AND adults. You look at our selections and you can order those or others on the order form. All forms will be due December 2 and books will be delivered in time for holiday giving. We may keep 20% of sales, which will benefit Living Waters for the World. Watch for the display near our Angel Tree!

LOOKING AHEAD: Advent Workshop will be Sunday November 25, 3:00-4:30 in Fellowship Hall.

COMING UP SOON:

CIRCLES CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, November 5th at 11:00am at Village Manor. The SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet Sunday, November 11th at 9:45am. CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, November 12th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00pm. CIRCLE 6 will meet at 10am on Wednesday, Nov. 14th at the home of Peggy Truman (Massey Springs Senior Living, 2945 Smallhouse Rd., Villa 609). WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, November 14th at 9:15am in the youth room.

ROOM IN THE INN BEGINS Thursday November 15. Help is needed - food, overnight hosts, dinner hosts and more! Sign up on the sheets in the 10th Ave Lobby. You can also contact Shannon Dyche to help with meals or David Coverdale for other volunteer needs.

A ROUND TABLE PULPIT continues Monday evenings through November 12. Join us at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss the upcoming lectionary passages. Your story/contribution to the discussion may even find its way into the sermon! A great way to deepen your biblical knowledge and helping Matthew as well!

HELP WITH HOSPITALITY Each month we host a gathering for our Preschool families- a time of fellowship and snacks. Our next gatherings are November 7 and 8. Donations of simple breakfast treats are needed. Find our sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-feed> This has become a wonderful outreach in our PLC. Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

COMMUNITY WIDE STUDY. Continues Thursdays through November 8. 'Reclaiming Jesus: Civil Discourse.' This will meet *off-site*, 600 State Street, 7:00-8:30pm. We will explore why and how Civil Discourse is important. We urge you to attend and invite friends and neighbors. Leaders include Tim Leigh, Larry Gildersleeve and Matthew Covington.

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER Buck in a Basket will go to support the Deacon's Fund, which seeks to be of financial help to members who have an immediate and unexpected need.

OTHER NEWS:

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS (art work, crafts, knitting, crochet etc) TO SELL AT OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET? (Saturday December 1) Sign up for a table. Your \$25 table fee goes directly to Habitat for Humanity and you set up and sell your goods that day. If you have only one or two items to donate, see Shannon Dyche. We will have ONE table for individuals who have just a few items and are willing to donate them. You can sign up at the table in the 10th Ave Lobby or online: <http://bgpres.org/form.php?pageID=60>

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED to make our Christmas Market a success! Sign up online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-christmas> or see Leslee Kirkconnell.

ART EXHIBIT Currently in the Fellowship Hall gallery: a new photography exhibit by the Sunny 16 Camera Club. This always popular show will run until December 6th.

THE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 10:30am. The second Friday meetings will be at the church, and the fourth Friday meetings will be at the Gramlings' home at 118 Greyrock Drive.