

Grace Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2026

9:30 am

All Saints Day

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



"Love the Lord, all you God's saints." Ps. 31:23

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission - Stewardship

Laura Taff

Prelude

Call to worship Psalm (based on Psalm 92 and Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing to Yahweh;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;

To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

with the music of the lute and harp,

with the melody of the lyre.

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Hymn #409 God is Here

Call to Confession

The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ

extends from generation to generation,

keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting.

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

**God,
we long to follow You,
to walk in the way that You have shown us;
to know Your commandments, and to practice them
whole-heartedly.**

**But we confess that we are easily distracted,
lured away by our own interests and desires,
enticed by the attitudes and practices of the
world around us.**

Forgive us.

**Turn our eyes away from the things that distract us
from Your way—**

**from the attitudes and behaviours that sidetrack us
from our desire to know You better and follow You
more closely.**

Give us a hunger for Your Word and Your ways.

**Show us where true life and happiness are found—
in knowing and doing Your will. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The hope to which we are called
is the glorious inheritance of all the saints,
the immeasurable greatness of God's power and grace
for us who believe.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Sung response #701 "Lord, Prepare Me to be a
Sanctuary" (please remain seated and sing 2x)

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

We are listening, Lord God.

Speak your words into the depths of our souls,
that we may hear you clearly.

Give us the wisdom and insight

to understand your will for us

and the fervor to carry out our good intentions. Amen.

A Reading from Nehemiah 8:1-8,

Time with Children

A Reading from Mark 12:42-44

Sermon

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offering- Invitation to share

Special Music

Barbara Ewick and Christine Walthers
Accompanied by Anthony Godlefski

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God,

we come to you in thanksgiving,

knowing that all we are and all we have

is a gift from you.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions

**to you as a true act of faith,
to reflect our love for you and our neighbor.
Help us to reach out to others
as you our God have reached out to us.
Amen.**

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)
Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving,
Hear our prayer.

Hymn #509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

The Sacrament of Lord's Supper
Invitation

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...

Thanksgiving for the Saints

Gracious and loving God, we remember and give thanks for the saints here today and those who have gone before, for all who live faithfully, witnessing to your good news...

For teachers and storytellers who made God's stories

come alive for us

we remember and give thanks!

For choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises

we remember and give thanks!

For pastors, lay leaders, and committee members who led our communities of faith in ministry and mission

we remember and give thanks!

For parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays and lived out their faith all week long and

we remember and give thanks!

For our church families-this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family

we remember and give thanks!

For our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. For our sisters and brothers in the faith whose names are remembered only by God

we remember and give thanks!

Submitted by Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after communion

***God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of your heavenly banquet, where all will be***

fed and find rest, and we will gather with all those who have gone before to worship and praise you.

Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm.

Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent

Hymn#327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

***Charge and Benediction**

May God, the giver of all good gifts, fill your hearts with gratitude and your hands with generosity.

Go forth into the world to use what you have received in service to your neighbor and glory to God.

And the blessing of God Almighty—Creator, Redeemer and Spirit—be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

****Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.***

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