

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026



Communion of the Saints, artist unknown

First Presbyterian Church
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Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Brass Quintet

Prelude: Solemn Processional
Brass Quintet

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
arr. Albert Zabel (b. 1935)

Dr. W. Matt Brittain, *Director of Music and Organist*

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Dr. Dari Rowen, *Associate Pastor*

What kind of love has God given us?
A love that proclaims we are God's very own.
What kind of promise has God given us?
God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
What kind of future has God given us?
God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.
Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power and might
be to our God, forever and always!

*Processional Hymn — No. 326: For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Setting by John Ferguson (1941-2025)

(Stanza 3 – Chancel Choir only)

*Call to Confession

*Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of eternal life,
we gather in gratitude
for all the saints of the ages and our lives.
We also confess our sorrow
as we ache from their absence.
We hear you call us blessed when we mourn,
but we do not find the comfort you promise.
Be with us in our remembrance
and strengthen us until the day we join them,
singing your praises in the great multitude.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

*Congregational Response: Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*)

LAND OF REST

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Assurance of Pardon

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F[#]) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm) (A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***Passing the Peace, Love and Joy of Christ to Others**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Listening for the Word

Story Telling

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, *Director of Faith Formation*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Psalm 34:1-10

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee, Op. 30
Chancel Choir

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.
-Paul Flemming (1609-1640); tr. Walter Buszin (1899-1973)

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Great Multitude

Dr. Jim Lunde, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

Responding to the Word

***Hymn of Response — No. 826:** Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER
arr. Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

***Affirmation of Faith**

- *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10*

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith
are set right with God
and commissioned to serve
as God's reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.

Necrology

George Stanford Bason, Jr.
Amanda Claire Covington Anderson
Joan Pickett Mills Coleman
Carol Shaw Andresen
Arlie Belle Gillespie
John Porter Paisley, Jr.
Allison Elizabeth Keill
Frederick E. Sisley
Linda Hardie Perdue
Betty Gwen Beck McPherson
Anne Louise Gray Gardner
Laura Groves Johnson Skow
Janice Ray Veale Henry
Sandra Albright Elder Harper
Christine Brosius Beh
Terry Lee Underwood

December 4, 2025
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August 19, 2026
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September 13, 2026
October 11, 2026

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Music at the Offertory: Blessed Are You
Chancel Choir

William Beckstrand (b. 1962)

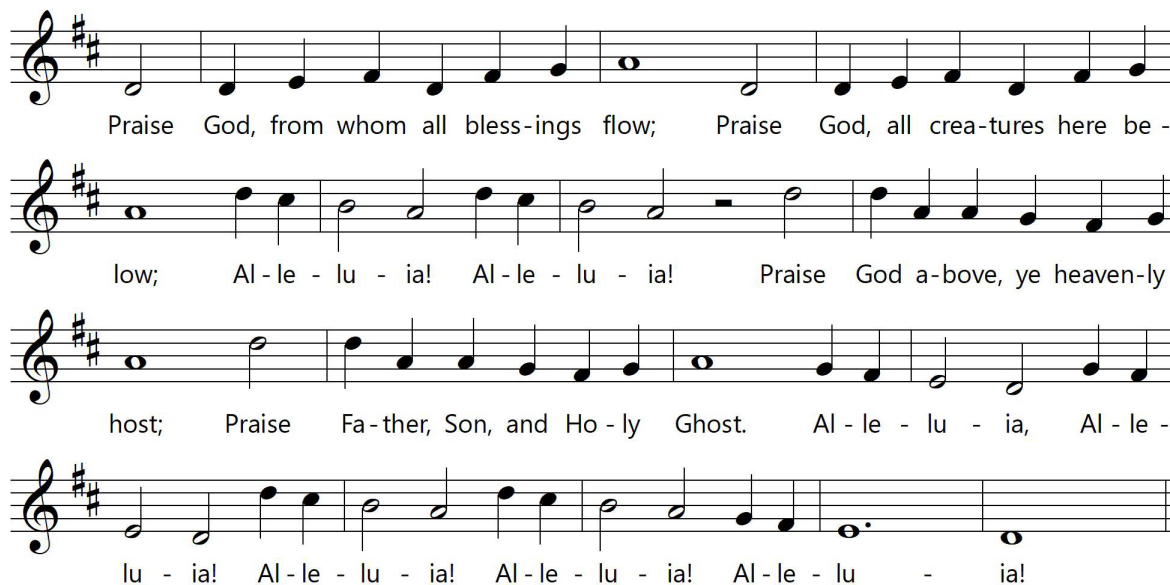
Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be fed.
Blessed are you who weep, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you, reject you, defame you, and persecute you, on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice and leap for joy! Rejoice this day and sing!
For surely your reward is great; a promised day we all await; the kingdom, God's kingdom, the kingdom of the Lord!
-Based on the Beatitudes

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***Congregational Response:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

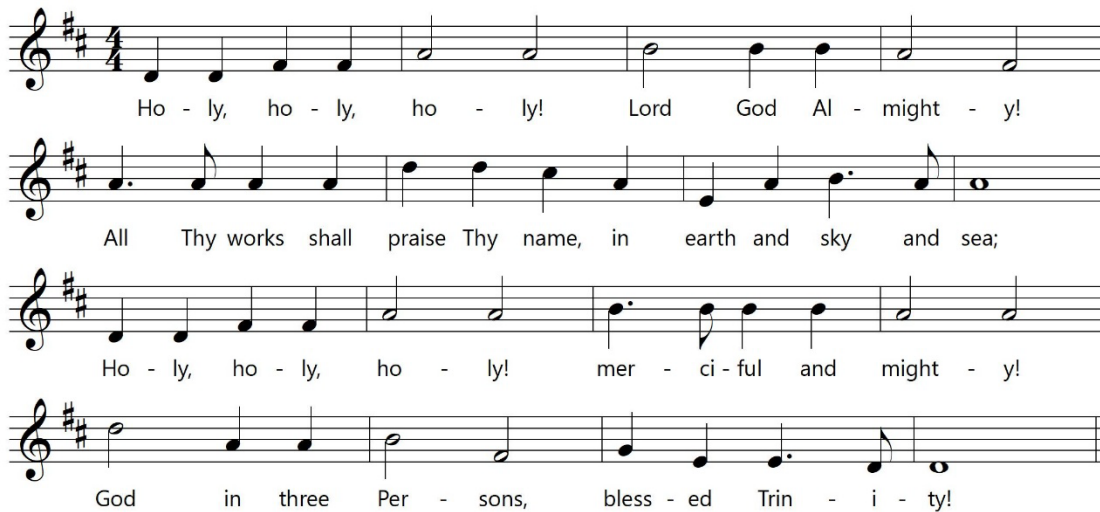
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every
time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



-from Hymn No. 1, *Glory to God*

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Music During Communion: Prayer of Saint Gregory
Rob McConnell, trumpet
Garrett Klein, trumpet

Alan Hovahness (1911-2000)

Prayer after Communion

Bearing the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

VINEYARD HAVEN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

S.M., with Refrain
VINEYARD HAVEN
RICHARD DIRKSEN, 1974

With majesty (♩ = ca. 72)

1. Re-joice, ye pure in heart!— Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!— Your
2. With all the an - gel choirs,— With all the saints of earth,— Pour
3. Your clear ho - san - nas raise,— And al - le - lu - ias loud;— While
4. Yes, on through life's long path,— Still chant-ing as ye go,— From
5. Still lift your stand - ard high,— Still march in firm ar - ray;— As

glo-rious ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.—
out the strains of joy and bliss, True rap-ture, no - blest mirth.—
an-swering ech - oes up - ward float, Like wreaths of in - cense cloud.—
youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.—
war-riors through the dark-ness toil, Till dawns the gold - en day.—

Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Re - joice, give thanks and sing.—

Ho - san - na,

6. At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.
REFRAIN

7. Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
REFRAIN

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: When the Saints Go Marching In
Brass Quintet

Traditional Heritage Hymnal
arr. Daniel Leavitt

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to contact the church office at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Clark S. Leonard and all of the Saints who have graced our lives by Peggy Harrelson.

LITURGY TODAY IS from *Call to Worship, PCUSA*.

MUSIC NOTE: Guest musicians consist of the following: Rob McConnell, trumpet; Garrett Klein, trumpet; Maria Serkin, French horn; Seth Frack, trombone; Michael Robinson, tuba; Erin Studstill Lopp, timpani.

FISHIN (FAITH IN SMALL HEARTS): After Story Telling, children who are 1st grade and younger have an opportunity to go to a special time for faith formation and friendship building. They will return to the worship space during "Responding to the Word" to continue learning the how-to and why of worship alongside their church family.

PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and press 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY (NOTE – NEW DATES ADDED): The church will be creating the pictorial directory in-house using the photographic talents of Rev. John W. Johnson and our new Realm database. This will be an opportunity to get your photo taken and update your personal information in the Realm database. This will allow us to have an updated printed directory as well as an updated online directory with only having to have one photo taken! Rev. Johnson will be taking photos on Sundays November 15- December 13 before and after worship. He will be set up in the Witherspoon Room.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP: In following our mission statement, the youth are exploring different worship styles to deepen their understanding of what worship can look like. For the month of November, you are invited to join the youth group in an evening of Taizé worship. Taizé is a monastic community in France with a distinct worship style. People around the world come to Taizé for the simplicity of living, connection with other spiritual seekers, and intense periods of prayer and devotion. Services occur three times a day, led by the brothers, denoted by simple meditative chants in a variety of languages and a period of silent prayer. Led by Eleanor Hill, church intern and youth advisor, we will be having our own Taizé service in Williams Chapel tonight at 5:00 p.m. More information can be found about the community here, <https://www.taize.fr/en/>. For questions about the service, please email youth@fpcburlington.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP: We will hold a Days for Girls Workshop on November 15th in Room 122 from 2 – 5 p.m. A lot of help is needed to put ribbon in bags, mark serging lines on liners, mark shield patterns on fabric, serge flannel and prepare kits.

POSADA NAVIDEÑA (A Mexican Christmas tradition) honoring Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem before Jesus' birth will take place in Shive Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. All are invited for festive food, fellowship and holiday cheer.

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Through October 27, we have received pledges totaling \$694,050 toward a goal of \$1,250,000 in support of our 2027 operating budget. Although our formal campaign has concluded, your Gratitude and Generosity Team will pursue and accept 2027 pledges throughout the remainder of 2026 while we continue to approach our goal. Confidential pledges may be submitted by mail to FPC-B's Financial Administrator, Tori Stadler, or electronically through the "Pledge Online" application of the church website's home page, or by utilizing the QR code below. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex.



NOTE: As you begin to consider your calendar year-end giving, keep in mind that you may make gifts through donations of appreciated stock, and for those who qualify, you may utilize your IRA assets to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), which might also help satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You are encouraged to seek advice from your financial planner as you ponder these decisions. We sincerely appreciate your generous commitment to the continuation of God's work.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: To access the activities calendar, please visit the website at www.fpcburlington.org or scan this QR code.

