



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge  
Kevin Anderson, Organist

## **All Saints' Sunday**

November 1, 2026

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

READING: *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

**O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,**

**and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

## THE NECROLOGY

With hope in Christ and in the resurrection to eternal life, we remember those dear to this congregation who have died:

**Wesley Dale Brown**

**David Joseph Johnson**

**Martha "Mattie" Gilbreath**

**Sarah & John Gilbreath**

**Ellen & Samuel Kelly Dimon, Sr.**

**Bruce Clouser**

**Carlisle Farrow**

**Robbie Lee Farrow**

**Mickey Farrow**

**James Daniels**

**Vivian Amend Daniels**

**Charles M. Smith**

**Ruth Minton Smith**

**Brian John Winsness**

**Maude Hardy Smith**

**Maggie Kidd Minton**

**Peggy Jones Winsness**

**John J. Winsness**

**Jerry R. Winsness**

**Tony Cox**

**Tommy Daniels**

*The congregation is invited to add names aloud.*

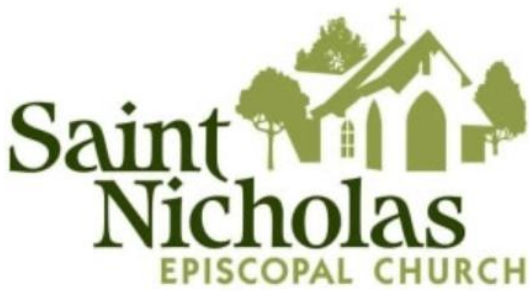
Let us pray.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

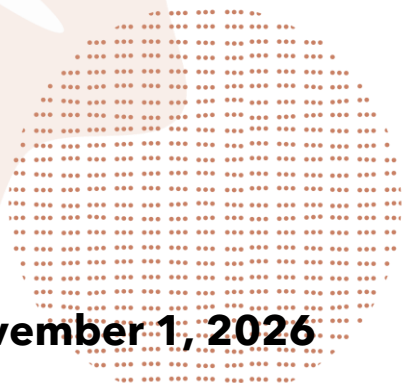
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.  
*Amen.*



# Wonder Church



**November 1, 2026**

All Saints' Day

## Prelude

### GATHERING MUSIC

### All who hunger gather gladly

from *Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal Supplement*

*Please stand as you are able.*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
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## THE COLLECT

*Remain standing. We say the words together.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

## READING:

## Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the

blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**PSALM:**

**Psalms 34:1-10, 22**

*The Psalm will be read responsively by verse.*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**2 I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.**

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together.

**4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5 Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

**8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

**10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 6:19-24**

*Stand as you are able.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Gospel Discussion and Homily**

**Rev. Bob Farrow**

## **THE CREED**

*Please stand as you are able. We say the words in bold together.*

We believe in God, **our Father in heaven.**

We believe in God, **who made the world.**

We believe in God, **who gives us life and helps us grow.**

We believe in Jesus, **the son of God and the son of Mary.**

We believe in Jesus, **who shows us that God is love.**

We believe in Jesus, **who lived and died for us.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who helps us love others.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who makes us holy.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who helps us to know God.**

We are God's family, **the church.**

We are God's family, **forgiven through Jesus Christ.**

We are God's family, **at home with God for ever and ever. AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The people stand or kneel as they are able.*

God calls us to follow Jesus. On the way, let us join all the disciples everywhere and pray in the love of God:

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of our creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for the grieving family of Wesley, for Tommy, Christine, Katherine, Nonie, David,

Hollis, Jamie, Peggy, Jimmy, Larry, and Deborah.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

## **THE CONFESSION**

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you**

**In thought, word, and deed.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

## **EXCHANGE THE PEACE**

*All stand for the peace.*

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**November Birthdays:** Mary Jane Hartenstine, Lynn Norris, Jeff Cody, Aleisha McMurtry, Sydnie Brown, and Connie Blackmon

## **STEWARDSHIP!**

### **OFFERTORY**

*It's the first Sunday of the month! All loose offerings will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. One of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people is by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities. The need is always great; please consider a small contribution.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*See next page*

### **Are you washed in the blood?**

*from The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration*

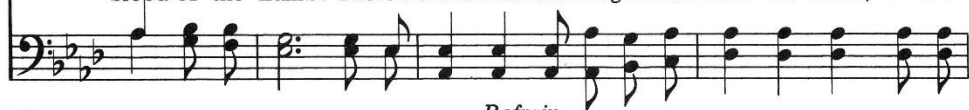
*Please stand as you are able.*



1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans-ing power? Are you washed in the
2. Are you walk-ing dai-ly by the Sav-ior's side? Are you washed in the
3. When the Bride-groom com-eth will your robes be white? Are you washed in the
4. Lay a - side the gar-ments that are stained with sin, And be washed in the



blood of the Lamb? Are you ful - ly trust-ing in His grace this hour? Are you  
blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each mo-ment in the Cru - ci - fied? And be  
blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be read - y for the man-sions bright, Are you  
blood of the Lamb? There's a foun-tain flow-ing for the soul un - clean, O be



washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you washed in the blood,  
Are you washed in the blood,



In the soul - cleans-ing blood of the Lamb? Are your gar - ments  
of the Lamb?



spot-less? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?



## **The Presentation**

*Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.*

## **The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer – Adapted Prayer A**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People. And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Father, Creator of all.  
You made everything and you made us. You called us to new life in Jesus. And so  
we praise you, singing with the angels, and the saints, and all of heaven:

## Sanctus

## Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy Father, you love us so much, you made us to be with you; and even when we all turned away from you and your love, you came toward us. You sent Jesus, your Son, who became human, like us. Jesus said such amazing things and did such wonderful things, that people began to follow him. He turned us back to you.

On the night before Jesus died on the cross, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then he lifted up the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with them, and said, "Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

So, let's celebrate the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy Spirit, make these gifts holy, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and never-ending life in him. Make us holy too, so we can receive the bread and wine and live in peace.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. AMEN.**

### **BREAK THE BREAD**

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast, alleluia.**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**Children of the heavenly father**

*This hymn will be performed by Kevin Anderson*

## SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

*All people are invited to receive Communion. Extend two hands if you wish to receive the bread and the wine; one hand if you want bread only. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. The clergy will stand by the first pews and you can make your way to them to receive communion and then return to your pews.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Standing or kneeling.*

Loving God,

**we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,**

the bread of life and cup of salvation,

**Christ's Body and Blood.**

Now send us forth a people

**forgiven, healed, renewed;**

that we may share your love and joy

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

*Please stand for the blessing.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*See next page.*

**Give thanks for life**

*from Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal Supplement*



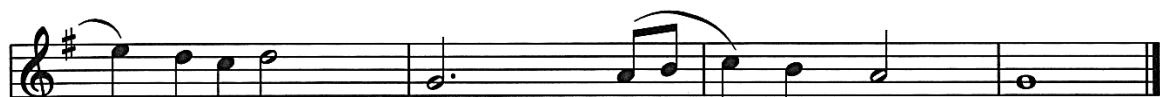
1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,  
 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
 3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
 4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet  
 caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who  
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a  
 ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in



sing to God our hope, our love, our \_ praise,  
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right, } Al -  
 love not changed by time or death or dread,  
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room,  
to the left as you exit the nave.**

*St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.*

*Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.*

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## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for the grieving family of Wesley Brown, Tommy Goodman, Katherine Johnson, Christine Risdon, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, Jamie Webb, Peggy Sivell, Jimmy Hatchett, Larry Culpepper, and Deborah Culpepper. Continuing prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, Nonie Bueche, and Mary Butcher.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

## VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*  
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*  
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,  
and Steve Morse  
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

## SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Margaret Zachry  
Usher: Martha Dimon  
Virtual Ministers: Bob & Judy McCracken  
Eucharistic Minister: John Brent  
Flowers: Barbara Bradley

## UPCOMING DATES

- NOV 4: St. Nicholas Book Club meets after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.
- NOV 8: Adult Forum after the service in the Gathering Room
- NOV 11: Veterans Day: Harris County Cub Scout Pack 109 Flag Retirement Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- NOV 15: Pulpit Swap: Christian Valley comes to St. Nicholas

**The St. Nicholas Book Club** chose *Code Name: Hélène* by Ariel Lawhon for its next reading selection. Find out more about the book in your weekly newsletter. The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

**Pulpit Swap is November 15.** Our brothers and sisters in Christ from Christian Valley Church in Cataula will be joining us in worship and a fellowship lunch. St. Nicholas will provide the main protein, but we'll need our congregation to bring sides, dessert, etc. Sign-up sheets are in the kitchen pass-through window; please choose something you can make a LOT of as attendance is always high and we don't want bowls emptying out before the line finishes. Teaming up is encouraged.

**Read the Bible in a Year!** Beginning the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026, the United Methodists, Evangelical Lutherans, and Episcopalians in Georgia

will read through the Bible together in one year. Throughout the year, online and in-person events and resources will further draw Christians together in a common plan for reading and engaging with scripture. Let Erin or Father Bob know if you're interested.

**The Christmas Giving Tree is up!** Head to the Gathering Room to select one of six children or two seniors to provide Christmas gifts for – and don't forget to fill out and tear off the slip that goes back to Erin! This is an annual project of the Vestry of St. Nicholas, and it's happening early this year – the deadline to drop off gifts at St. Nicholas is *Sunday, November 29*. Please wrap your gifts and label them with your selected child's name.

**Advent Readers Needed.** The First Sunday in Advent is November 29. We'd love for you and members of your family to read the traditional short verses and light the Advent wreath at the beginning of the services. This is perfect for anyone with kids or grandkids visiting in Advent. Please contact Erin if you're willing and able.

### **Capital Campaign donations deadline: November 30**

We're getting close to applying to refinance our remaining mortgage.

We are only \$7,200 away from all pledges being paid in full, which would allow us to refinance under \$100k! If you need to pay your commitment using an RMD or other means that might delay your payment later than November 30, please let Jim Gilliam know so we can plan.

Statements will go out November 2 so you'll know where you stand, or check with Erin anytime.



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