


# All Saints Day

*from the website of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

"All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the glorious company of the apostles . . . the noble fellowship of prophets . . . the white-robed army of martyrs. It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation."

Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year."

## Gathering in God's Name

**Prelude** How Great Thou Art Robert Hobby

*As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

**Silent Meditation**

Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.

Brennan Manning

**Call to Worship**

God of the past, who has created and nurtured us, we are here to thank you.

**God of the future, who is always ahead of us, we are here to thank you.**

God of the present, who is here in the midst of us, we are here to thank you.

**God of life, who is beyond us and within us, we rejoice in your glorious love!**

## Praise and Adoration

***Opening Hymn #326** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

(*Please stand, if you are able.) (11:10 ONLY: Choir sings vs. 3)

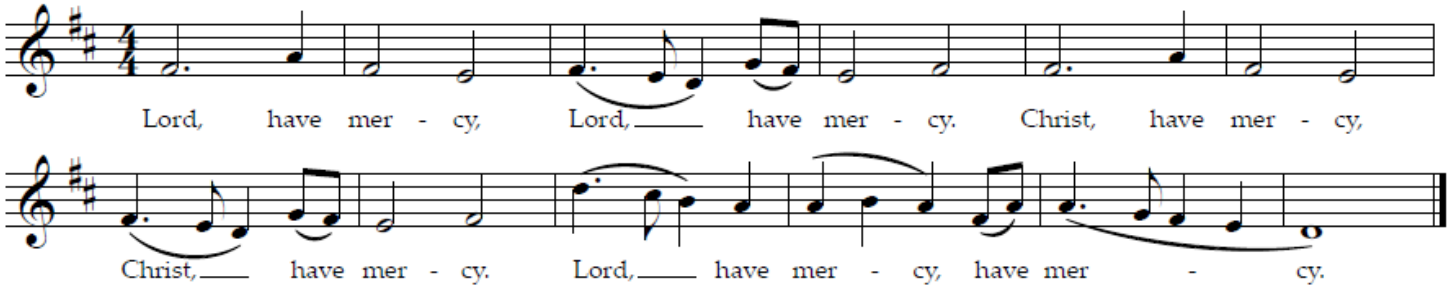
**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God, you have given us a rich and godly heritage, through the sure testimony and holy example of our mothers and fathers in the faith. But we let the light of our faith grow dim; we stray from the paths they commend to us. Forgive us, and renew us by your Holy Spirit. Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith, that, like those who have gone before us, our words and deeds would mightily declare the good news of salvation, given to all in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

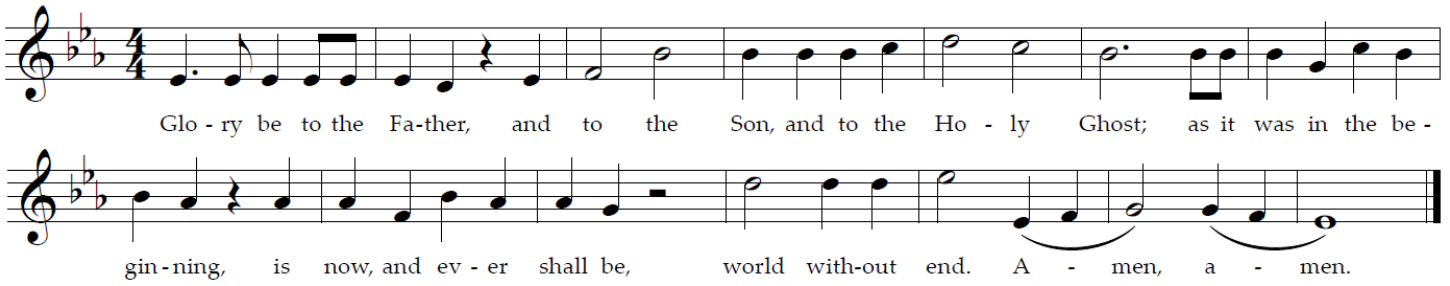
**Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition**

**Kyrie Eleison** Lord, Have Mercy Schubert




**Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response (#581)** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)




**Welcome and Announcements**

## Fellowship of Prayer

**Joys and Concerns**

*We remember our church members who have passed away since All Saints Day 2025*

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| Jean Cambridge | Joan Carnaby | Bryce Crawford III | John Dyer |
| Becky Fritz | Leone Harlan | Ed Huff | Len Juarez |
| Bud Miles | Joan Miles | Don Miller | Pat Pariset |
| Doug Patten | Verta Pugh | Bob Reid | Sharon Rich |
| Barb Scanlan | James Spielman | Richard Stemm | Sharon Walsh |
| James Wise | | | |

**Prayers of the People**

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.

**Anthem** I Need Thee Every Hour (9:00) arr. Peter Hilliard
Fly Away (11:10) Jonathan Reid

## Proclamation of God's Word

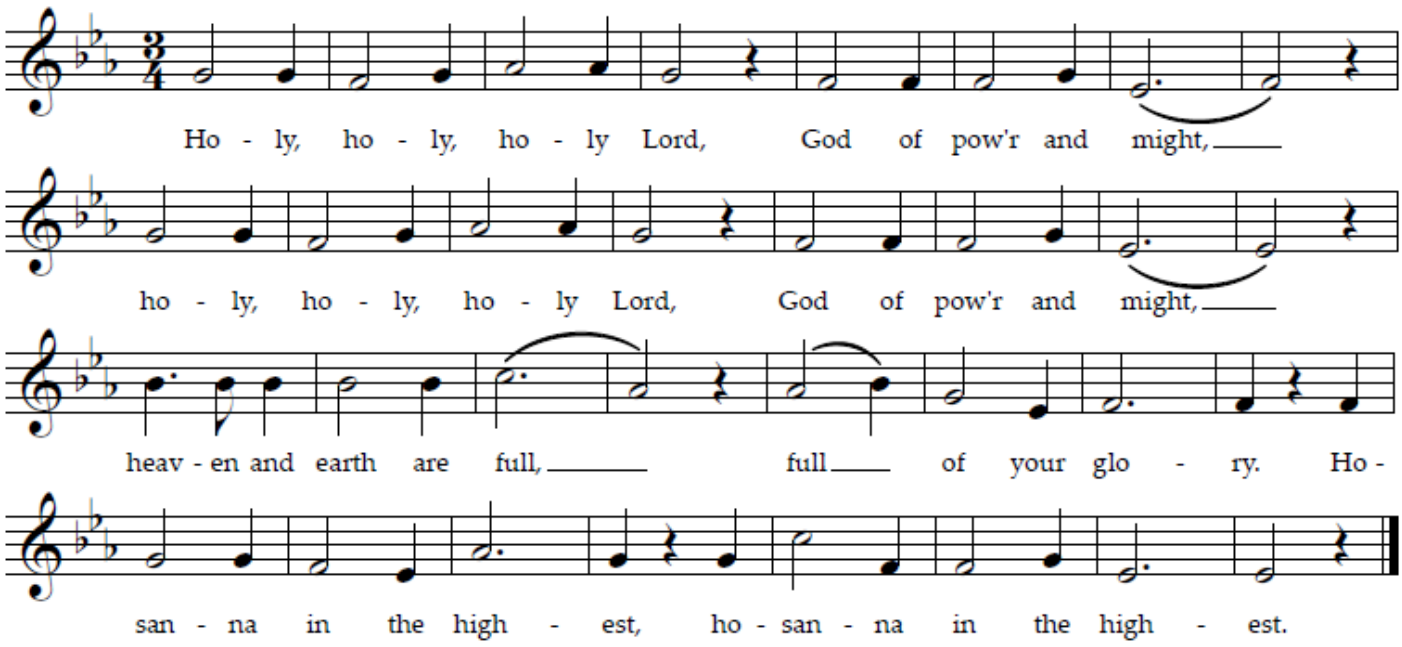
**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 23: 1-12 page 804 of the pew Bible
**Sermon** "Practice What You Teach" Dr. Zieman

## Our Response to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

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. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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!"

***Sanctus (#562)** Holy, Holy, Holy SANCTUS (Schubert)




## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Peter Hilliard
The Eternal Gates (11:10) Howard Helvey

***Doxology (#607)** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Dedication of All the 2027 Pledges**

*We pause to look to 2027 and ask God's blessing as we plan for the future. If you haven't already returned your 2027 commitment card, you may drop it in the offering plate today or mail it to the church office asap!*

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**You have entrusted us with gifts - time, talent, energy, money - and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise, we respond to your call.**

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Bless our lives, as we joyfully participate in your kingdom's work. Amen**.

***Hymn of Dedication #394** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation REGENT SQUARE
(sung to the tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory")

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** Lord, Let at Last Thine Angels Come Johann Krebs

**Serving in Ministry Today**

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| **Music** | 9:00 | Cassie Treu Darby, flute; Kristi Treu, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ |
| | 11:10 | Alleluia & Chamber Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ |
| **Childcare Ministry** | | Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster |
| **Ushers** | 9:00 | Dave Berry, Captain; Tim and Dawn Zimmerman, Cheri Carpenter |
| | 11:10 | Dave Berry, Captain; Kim Banat, Aaron Fettig, Alta Empkey, Linda Grohs |
| **Greeters** | 9:00 | North Door: — 9:00 Welcome Center Door: Michael Pirnie |
| | 11:10 | North Door: Karen and Owen Saunders — 11:10 Welcome Center Door: Dodie Bellus |
| **Information Center** | 9:00 | Kathy Nickel — 11:10 Carol Crawford |
| **Coffee Host** | | Jacquie Kluck |

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# Announcements

**For the week of November 1, 2026**

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Church of the Cross

**The Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, November 1**
9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School
10:00 Falling Upward Class
11:10 Worship
12:15 Pageant Rehearsal
4:00 Remembrance Service
4:45 SHF/JHF Fun and Games
5:00 Anxious Generation Class

**Monday, November 2**
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
6:00 Worship & Music Committee
6:30 Building & Grounds Committee

**Tuesday, November 3**
7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
11:30 49ers at Wheatfield's
1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
1:30 Active Minds
4:00 Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Room 15

**Wednesday, November 4**
5:15 Children's Choir
5:15 Credo Choir
5:50 Chamber Singers
6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
6:30 Confirmation Class
6:50 Alleluia Singers

**Thursday, November 5**
9 & 11 Music and Movement
9:30 Presbyterian Women Bible Study
10:00 Tai Chi
6:00 Bell Rehearsal

**Friday, November 6**
9:30 Go Solo Coffee and Conversation
1:00 Vesper Concert Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 7**
9:00 Fall Clean Up

**Sunday, November 8**
9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School Classes
10:00 Falling Upward Class
11:00 Caring and Sharing at Don and Mille's
11:10 Worship
4:00 Pageant Rehearsal
4;15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
5:30 Presbyterian Men Shrimp Boil

**Joys and Concerns.** Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Neal and Charlotte Hubbard – Happy Birthday, Neal! and by Annie Wattles in honor of Anna Flairty's 30th birthday!

## Remembrance Service is today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary




Join us today in the sanctuary for a service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who have died. The names of those we are remembering will be read out at the service and there will be the opportunity to light a candle. You are invited to stay after the service for continued fellowship at a reception in the Welcome Center.

## 49ers on Tuesday, November 3

Our next program will be Rev. Kirk Ryckman, PCOC's Pastor Emeritus, enlightening us regarding the history of Presbyterian Church of the Cross and the many stages that have been taken to bring us to the present day with our building and programs. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, sign up at the Information Center or contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg.

## Presbyterian Women on November 5

As the season changes, the Presbyterian Women are *falling* for the Horizon's Bible study. Thursday, November 5th Karen Saunders will guide us in Lesson 3 based on 1 Corinthians Chapters 5 & 6. We'll discover that through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we are free to make choices benefiting each other. Ladies join us at 9:30 am on the first Thursday in the Courtyard classroom. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Nisley.

## 2027 Stewardship Campaign.



In our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, we celebrate the faithful generations who built the congregation we know today. Through their worship, service, teaching, music, generosity, and care, they created a legacy that continues to strengthen our church. Our theme, Legacy Forward, calls us to honor that heritage while supporting today's ministry and preparing for tomorrow. Annual gifts make worship, Christian education, music, mission, outreach, and congregational care possible. Every contribution helps PCOC share God's love and serve our neighbors. As Psalm 145:4 reminds us, "One generation shall laud your works to another." This fall, consider what you have received through PCOC, how your generosity makes a difference today, and what you hope to make possible for future generations. Together, we can carry PCOC's legacy forward with gratitude, generosity, and faith. – The 2027 Stewardship Committee

**In worship today we will include a time to dedicate all our 2027 commitment cards, so please get yours in asap. To date, we have received 181 cards as we strive to surpass 260 cards last year.**

## GO SOLO First Friday Coffee November 6

The GO SOLO fellowship group is for anyone wanting to know more people at PCOC. Some want to explore Omaha and prefer company when they do! Some want to sit and visit. Feel free to join our email lists if you live alone, have a partner, or just want to meet other like-minded folks. Our November First-Friday coffee will be held on November 6, at 9:30 am in the Hearth Room of the Welcome Center.

## Fall Clean-Up is next Saturday, November 7, from 9 am to Noon



All members are invited and welcome to participate! Bring your garden gloves, pruners, rakes, shovels, and trash barrels! If you have a chain saw that would be helpful this year as well. We will rake leaves and debris to spruce up our landscaped areas to prepare our grounds for the winter season ahead. TREATS, juice and coffee will be available for fellowship. Your help will be very much appreciated! Thank you!

## One Usher Spot Remaining!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be on an usher team! There is one usher captain spot left to fill for the 4th Sunday of each month at the 11:10 service. If you have questions or would like to fill this position please contact Mary Lynn Bennett.



## Today is the Final Day to sign up for the Presbyterian Men's Classic Shrimp Boil Dinner & Fundraiser.

Presbyterian Men are once again hosting an old-fashioned shrimp boil next Sunday, November 8 in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Come and enjoy scrumptious 'JUMBO' fresh shrimp (or chicken cordon bleu) served with all the fixins! Entertainment provided by the "Michael Frederickson Trio." Suggested donation is only $20 per person or more if you wish. All proceeds go to Heartland Hope Mission. Sign up and pay (checks to Presbyterian Men) at the Information Desk by today, Sunday, November 1. Questions? Contact Jim Miller or Frank McMullen

**Friday Night Gourmet on November 13** Friday Night Gourmets meets on November 13, at *Charleston's Restaurant* located at 76th and Dodge (7540 Dodge St, 402-991-0055). Social Time will begin at 6:30 pm with Dinner at 7:00 pm. We will be ordering off the full menu (GF menu available). Sign-up sheet is located at the Information Desk. Please sign up by Sunday, November 8. Our Hosts are Curt Field and Dan Scanlan. Please join us for an evening of lively conversation and good food! Everyone is Welcome! (Call Curt or Launie Lambert with any questions.)

### Nominate an Officer Today!

In the Presbyterian Church, we have the privilege and responsibility of nominating and electing our own congregational leaders. Now is the time to nominate a new class of Elders and Deacons. Your input is both appreciated and necessary! Forms are available online, in the Church Office, and at the Information Desk. The deadline is December 14. Questions? Contact a member of the church nominating committee: Larry Frederickson, Neal Hubbard, Tina Morgan, and Anne Wattles.




### Fabric Donations Needed

We welcome your donations of red, green, white, and cream-colored fabric, solid colors or prints. We need pieces that are at least 3"x3." These will be used for one of the crafts at the 'Tis the Season' Workshop. Please put them in the bin in the Lobby. If you have any questions, please see Heather. Thanks!

### Active Minds in November

November is Mahjongg month at Active Minds! We will also have Kings on the Corner for a card game. Please, let Earlene know if you plan to join us so we have enough game sets available! Be sure to bring your 2026 card if you have one. Every Tuesday, lower level Great Room, 1:30-4:00pm. **Due to Election Day on Nov. 3, this week we will meet in Room 3 in the Lower Level.**

### Sunday Morning Adult Ed – **Falling Upward,** led by Keith Allen

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. through November 22

In ***Falling Upward***, Richard Rohr (A Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation) takes us on a journey to give us an understanding of how the "Falling" in life – the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves – are actually stepping-stones to the "Upwards" in life – the spiritual growth that the second half of our life has in store for us. Led by Keith Allen, the class follows Rohr's book, chapter by chapter, and also incorporates reflections, questions and experiential exercises that have been pulled from Rohr's companion journal that accompanies the book.

### Sunday Afternoon Adult Ed – **The Anxious Generation,** led by Quinn McGuire

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Room 15, through today.

We are exploring Jonathan Haidt's research on the rise of anxiety, depression, and loneliness among children and adolescents while discussing how Christian families can intentionally cultivate resilient, connected, faith-filled children in a digital world. This study is designed to encourage conversation—not debate—and to leave each session with practical ideas families can begin using immediately.

### New Staff Hirings – Kathryn Vint and Penny Dehner

Beginning November 1, we are pleased to have Kathryn Vint joining our staff as our Digital Communications Specialist. Kathryn will be involved with our website, social media, and branding accounts, with the goal of improving all aspects of how we communicate to our members and community. You will also see Penny Dehner joining Julie in the office handling our administrative needs, greeting guests, and taking your phone calls. We are thankful for both these PCOC members who have stepped up to serve our church.

**Now Hiring: Childcare Worker**

We are seeking a caring, dependable, and enthusiastic childcare worker to join our childcare ministry team. This position provides a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for infants and children during our Wednesday evening programming. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, pass a background check, and comply with PCOC Child Protection Policies. Contact Heather for more details.




**Thanksgiving Offering.** Through the end of the month, we will collect funds to support our annual PCOC Thanksgiving offering that benefits families in need through our mission partner Completely Kids. We provide Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed to families the week of Thanksgiving. Please use the blue pew envelopes for this donation, or write Thanksgiving Donation on the memo line of your check. All funds will go towards next year's baskets.




**Poinsettia Orders for Christmas**! The sanctuary is so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas season, especially with the addition of the many poinsettias purchased by church members. This year's orders are due by Friday, Nov. 20 and will arrive by December 12. Order forms can be found at the information desk or online and will be mailed with the November issue of Cross Currents. The cost of each poinsettia is $18.00. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Church of the Cross

**'Tis the Season SHF Fundraiser Lunch is November 15.**



All ages – the young *and* the young at heart – are invited to join us for this SHF fundraiser on Sunday, November 15 at Noon. This continues to be one of SHF's biggest fundraising events of the year, supporting their summer mission trip. We're introducing activities that encourage full family participation. There will be one shut in craft, one family craft, and three other crafts. Each one has been thoughtfully chosen so everyone can enjoy creating together. We hope to see all generations join us for this special fundraiser. Come for lunch and stay for crafts! **Please be sure to register online by November 1 to reserve your crafts.**

**'Adam Hu and Friends' is Sunday evening, November 15.** Three Omaha musicians take the stage the evening of November 15 at 7:00 p.m. Pianist Adam Hu will join violinist Henry Jenkins and cellist Boris Chalakov for the Brahms Piano Trio No. 1 and the U.S. premiere of Canadian composer Kevin Lau's "A Simple Secret." As always, the concert is FREE. No reservations required.



**Advent in Plain Sight – Register now!**

November 22 – December 13, Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. led by Carol Sorensen, and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom led by Ardys Hansum. In this daily devotional for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, Jill Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation – objects we encounter in our lives. We'll find new meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' coming.

**Hanging of the Greens on November 28**




All are invited to help us decorate the Sanctuary at the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday morning, November 28, at 10:00. Your help is needed to decorate trees, hang garlands, and make our Sanctuary beautiful for the Advent season. Festive music and holiday treats will make for a fun-filled morning. Please register online or by emailing Kristi at kristi@pcoc.us.

**Christmas Photos on December 6 in Front of the Christmas Tree**

The Membership Committee will be taking free pictures of individuals and families in front of our beautiful Christmas tree in the Welcome Center before the Children's Pageant/Advent Dinner on December 6 from 3:30 – 5:00. Pictures will be mailed to you.