

All Saints Sunday - November 5, 2023

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude
"Be Still My Soul" Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
arr. by R. Loucks

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: In all our weakness and strength,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Liturgist: Strong in faith and eager with questions,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Liturgist: Singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

People: we come to be your people, O God.

Liturgist: Made strong in your endless love for us,

People: we come to be your people, O God, now and forever.

**Opening Hymn

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" UMH #724

Opening Prayer (unison)

Creator God, on this All Saints' Sunday, deepen our understanding of the bonds of faith that transcend time. Bind us together in the mystical company of the communion of saints, those in every age who speak your name and who walk your paths of holiness. Grant us grace to follow in the footsteps of those who have come before us, witnessing to your transformative love, so that we may be counted as everyday saints in your eternal reign. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

"Sweet By and By"

Carol Stewart
Joseph P. Webster/Mark Hayes

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you call for us to reflect your generosity as we recognize your great blessings that you bestow on us. Receive these gifts that we bring as a sign of our gratefulness and our growing generosity. May your Spirit guide us in blessing others through these gifts. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Be Still My Soul"

Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
arr. by R. Loucks

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-3

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Beloved"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

Remembering Our Saints

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession - **Good and great God, we come to you through Jesus Christ who intercedes for us sinners. We confess our sins, seeking forgiveness not only that we may be at peace with you, but also that we may pray for others. We are ashamed that our prayers are often as self-centered as our lives. Excuse our disordered priorities as we seek to change and reorder our lives according to the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (v.1-3) UMH #90

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"When We All Get to Heaven"

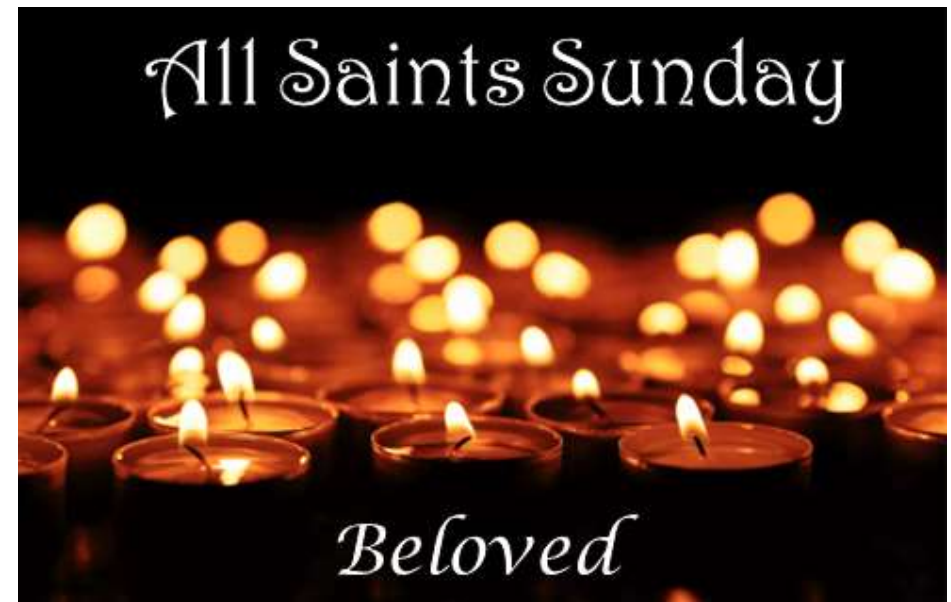
Carol Stewart
Emily D. Wilson/Cindy Berry



The Altar Flowers are given in remembrance of all the Saints who have gone on to the kingdom of God.

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:1-3 (CEB)

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us. **2** Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday School Studies

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "A Bible Study on "The Screwtape Letters."

Open Doors will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study of "God Never Gives Up On You" by Max Lucado

Grades 6-12 will meet in Rm 16 A, Leader Julie Wickline.

Preschool – Grade 5 will meet in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeter	Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



Monday 6	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15 A-B FH 15 C
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Scripture Lesson

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Psalm 100

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COLLEGE CREW CARE PACKAGES! Let's send our ten students a care package full of love and support from their home church. Requested items are dry erase markers, post-it notes, gummy bears, coffee (or any) gift cards, Frisch's gift cards, Pringles (original flavor), Nutella, goldfish crackers and fruit snacks. Please put them in the bins in the Narthex now through **Sunday, Nov. 12th.** Financial contributions can be given to Julie Wickline 937-207-8289.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: We are excited to announce the start of the "Mary & Martha" gathering, **Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm in the Community Center;** *open to all, childcare provided, potluck meals to share, anonymous prayer concerns, women encouraging/supporting women. Join us at our soon to be Facebook Page. Reach out to Laurie Krakowiak at (937) 694-8114 or Barbara Mills at (937) 414-4108. Please bring "My Family Favorite" dish to share that is a favorite among friends and/or family, with the recipe card!

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THANKSGIVING MEALS: Let's provide Thanksgiving meals for area families served by Xenia Fish Pantry. You may make a monetary donation which allows Fish to purchase needs at a reduced rate, please mark checks "Fish Thanksgiving". Or, you may donate canned or boxed goods and place them in the marked box in the Narthex by **Sunday, Nov. 19.** Suggested items are: stuffing, gravy, boxed potatoes, canned veggies, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, mac & cheese or baking supplies.

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS TREE: The tree will return to the Narthex **November 5-26.** Please help bring the spirit of Christmas to the homes of children served by St. Paul's after school outreach program. Simply select an ornament or two, shop for a \$5-\$10 gift appropriate for the category listed, return it unwrapped and lay under the tree by **Sunday, Nov. 26.** Gifts will be delivered on Tuesday, Nov. 28 so they can be prepared for the children's shopping trip.

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