

All Saints Sunday - November 2, 2025

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"Amazing Grace" arr. by R. Loucks

**Call to Worship

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

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We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" (v. 1,2,4,6) UMH #711

Opening Prayer (unison)

Sovereign of Creation, all that we have comes from you. We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us. Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (v. 1,2) UMH #614

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord our God is one:

We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.

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

"Shall We Gather at the River" Carol Stewart
Robert Lowry/Cindy Berry

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

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

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Sermon

"A Letter from The Saints" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion (with Remembering Our Saints) UMH #13-14

Confession: **Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One — comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. (Pray in Silence)**

Pardon: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints — the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

**Closing Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" UMH #712

**Sending Forth

Postlude

Carol Stewart
"Thank You" Ray Boltz/Dave Williamson



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

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 1:11-23 (NRSVUE)

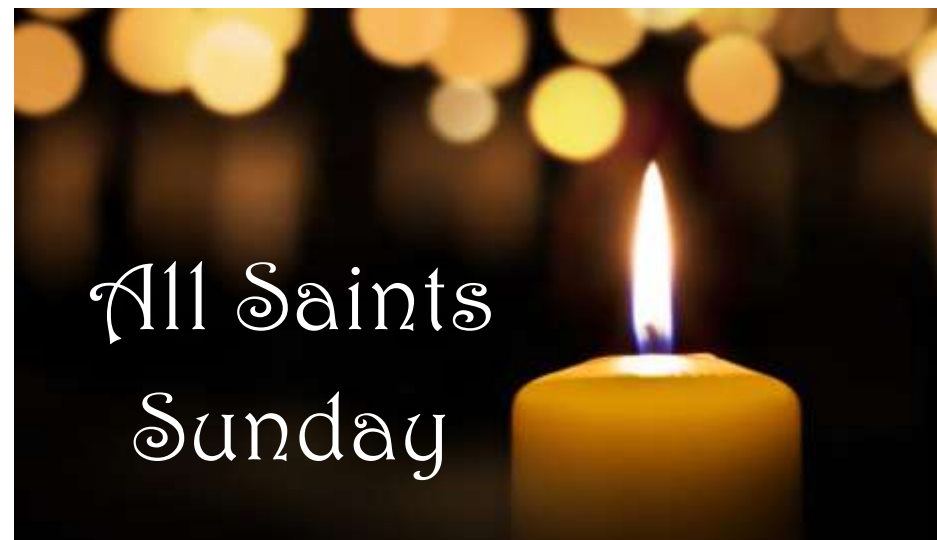
¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Paul's Prayer

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeters	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck
Director of Music	Teri Gray



Monday 3	SPRC	6:30 pm	Parlor
	Cub Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 4	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Stephen Ministry Training	1:00 pm	Library
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	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
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	Chancel Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Chapel /Sanctuary
Thursday 6	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Women's Club of Xenia	2:00 pm	Parlor
Friday 7			
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	Missions Ham Loaf Dinner	4:30 pm	FCC, Kitchen
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MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Join us for an evening of thanks and giving on **Monday, Nov. 10, 6:00-8:00pm in FCC.** Please bring a dish to share that you are thankful for and your filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child so we can give to the drop off centers. The program will be crafts led by Betsy Murray; come and enjoy a night of FUN! If you need childcare, RSVP to Laurie Krakowiak at 937-694-8114 and if you have any questions, call the church office at 937-372-7601.

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