



First United

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2, 2025

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & FRAMING

*OPENING HYMN

#466- *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have guided us along the path of faith, continuing to follow is difficult. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect—just forgiven and washed by your grace. We ask now for your forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust that your grace is sufficient to make us Holy Ones, too. With all of their quirks and flaws, the saints lit our lives with glimpses of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and with the persistent nudging of the Spirit, may we likewise reflect your love in the world. Amen.

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO GRACE

#155- *Raise a Song of Gladness*

***Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth!
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laura Rogers

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Ephesians 1:7-23

*RESPONSE

#814- *In God Alone*

***In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.***

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

Amanda Martin
Ai Young Shinn
Twila Mattson
Charles "Chuck" Boylen
Marlene Conlan

SONG FOR CANDLE LIGHTING

#375- *Shall We Gather at the River*

***Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?***

Refrain:

***Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

***On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.***

***Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.***

***Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.***

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Paula Grimm, *Joseph's House*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*An offering plate will be passed during the service,
or you may give online through Tithe.ly: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1309305>
Please note where you would like your gift to be directed (general fund, deacons, etc.)*

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

#654- *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you knit us together as a community as the through-line that links our lives to the generations before us and the generations that will follow. May these gifts be used to continue the work our ancestors began and to build on what we are doing now. Bless these gifts that our unfinished work of learning to love our neighbor, demanding justice, seeking peace, and restoring creation will one day be complete. Amen.

COMMUNION

INVITATION & 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

*MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#527- *Eat This Bread*

***Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

#544- *Bless the Lord*

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC



Pastor: Rev. Marranda Major (marranda@unitedprestroy.org)

Guest Pianist: Andy Abolafia

Onscreen Visuals: Charlotte Albertin, Martha Juenger,
and Jim Parmelee

Audiovisual Production: Don Drew and Jim Parmelee

Session

Class of 2026
Dan Rogers
Peggy Smith Savchik
Sue Wright

Class of 2027
Jim Parmelee
Sue Steele
Marilynn O'Dell

Class of 2028
Alan Chandler
Kodzo Dzikunu
Bruce Reed

Diaconate

Class of 2026
Peg Drew
Martha Juenger
Pat Rudebush

Class of 2027
Debbie Brown
Miriam Parmelee
Brenda Westbrook

Class of 2028
Diane Chandler
Olga Green
Noel Hains

