



All Saints Day



10:00 am

November 1st, 2026

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”

We Gather to Praise Our God

**Please rise in body or spirit*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be always with you,

People: And also with you!

PRELUDE

Sarabande on: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

arr. Gerald Near

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (st. 1)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are gathered to tell stories.

P: We are gathered to remember.

L: We are gathered surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

P: We are gathered to celebrate the saints.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

God, you always listen. We are sorry for the times we have not shown mercy to our neighbors, our family and even sometimes ourselves. Forgive us for raising our voices about things that do not matter and staying quiet about things that do. Help us to live the example of love that Jesus taught us and the saints showed us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God's mercy and love never ends. Hear the Good News:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***RESPONSE #39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

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We Hear God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following Children's Time, preschool-aged children will meet their Sunday School teachers at the back of the sanctuary. All other children will remain in worship.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Window No One Can See

Rev. Wendy McCormick

We Respond in Thanksgiving and Dedication

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You may put a donation to the church in the offering plate.

Please take a moment to touch the plate as it is passed and recommit yourself as a disciple.

ANTHEM

Gather by the River to Pray

arr. Pepper Choplin

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way;
and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sister, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.

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.

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

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***DOXOLOGY #606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL SAINTS DAY PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

***COMMUNION HYMN #530**

One Bread, One Body

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcome to participate in the sacrament. You will be served in your seats by church leaders.
You may eat and drink as you are served. The wine is unfermented grape juice.
Gluten-free bread is in the glass dish.*

We Depart to Share Good News

*SENDING HYMN #326

For All the Saints

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*RESPONSE #39

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POSTLUDE

For All the Saints (Hymn #326)

arr. David Cherwien

The flowers in the sanctuary are provided, to the glory of God, by Ted Nixon, in celebration of Mary Lou Nixon's birthday on October 30th!

Are you new here? Or new-ish?

Do we have your correct contact info?

Please sign the green visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate or scan the code:

We would love to meet you!



Leading Worship Today

Pastor:

Rev. Wendy McCormick

Liturgist

Todd Miller

Ushers:

Presbyterian Women's Circle

Technology:

Doug Ebner, Hannah Stewart, Kirk Bohanan

Readers:

Amanda & Christabel Okata

Worship Music:

Chris Dederer, Director of Music

FPCGC Chancel Choir

Today we celebrate All Saints Day...

“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 apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs” (Te Deum). 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.”

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/all-saints-day>

Necrology of First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

November 1, 2025 through November 1, 2026

Mary Ann McKee

November 14, 2025

Judy Linder

December 25, 2025

Rod Channell

February 6, 2026

Sherry Kuehnle

June 20, 2026

Poinsettia Orders

Can you believe we're already thinking about Christmas? Poinsettia orders will be accepted October 25–November 22! Please order through the FPCGC app whenever possible—it saves paper and helps us get your dedication names just right. Paper forms are also available in the Narthex; return completed forms to the folder labeled “Poinsettia” in the FPCGC office mailbox. Poinsettias will arrive the week of Christmas. Be sure to indicate whether you plan to take yours home on Christmas Eve!



Use your camera on your phone to scan here and order today!



News & Announcements



Lend a Hand: All Church Clean Up

Next Saturday, November 7, the House Committee and other church leaders are organizing a fall cleaning of our church facility. Come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m., and offer a hand with one of these tasks. Let's make our church shine for the holiday season.



The Offering is a special moment in our worship that has changed a lot over the years. Many of us make our financial donation to the church in other ways and at other times than in the weekly passing of the plate. However, the *meaning* of this part of our worship is still important -- it is a time to rededicate ourselves to God, to offer our lives and our gifts. As the offering plate is passed to you, take a moment to touch it and to reflect on your own dedication to discipleship



Rise Against Hunger

Join the Mission Subcommittee next **Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 pm** in the **Fellowship Center**. We will assemble meals with rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a blend of 20 vitamins and minerals. The meals store well and travel quickly to people facing food insecurity.

How to sign up: Add your name to the **sign up & waiver sheet in the narthex**.

Questions. See **Diana Mock**.



Election Day Volunteers and Bakers Needed

Help First Presbyterian Church welcome voters with treats and friendly faces on **this Tuesday!** We need volunteers to serve refreshments in two-hour shifts beginning at 6:00 a.m., with help needed through 7:30 p.m. We also welcome donations of homemade cookies, breakfast bars, assorted chips, and bottled water.



Annual Coat Drive

Today through November 15th we will be doing our annual coat drive, in support of Central Community House. **Central Community House** is a nonprofit community center that provides youth & family services in the near east and south side of Columbus. We're collecting new and gently used coats for all ages — with a special focus on children. A box will be in the narthex to collect donations!



Fill a Shoebox!

Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Please fill and return by **November 22nd**. If you'd prefer to support the mission by making a donation, you can donate to the church and designate the amount for the shoebox ministry. Our goal is to fill **120 boxes**.



Lunch Together

Join other church members and friends for lunch on Wednesdays at 12pm. No RSVP required. See to the right for each week's location. Questions? Call Ken Simeral (cell 740-317-9476).

November 4th: IHOP
November 11th: Sunny Street Café
November 18th: Planks
November 25th: Olive Garden
December 2nd: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)
December 9th: 3 Brothers
December 16th: Bob Evans (Georgesville)



Live Streaming Reminder

We're thrilled to continue to offer online worship for those who cannot join us in person. As we continue to improve our technology, we encourage you to utilize YouTube to view our service. Compared to Facebook, YouTube is a more stable and accessible platform, and we are finding there are fewer issues with viewing the stream there. Please check the app, website, or the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/@FPC-GC-Ohio/live>



Don't throw that away!

You can recycle your bulletin (and other clean paper, glass, plastic) in the blue bin in the back of the sanctuary. And on your way to coffee in the Fellowship Center, you can drop off **pop tabs** (to benefit Ronald McDonald House), **ink cartridges** (to benefit cancer patient programs), **eyeglasses** (to be distributed to those in need).



Your Mission Committee thoughtfully and prayerfully allocates our congregation's mission money to organizations and ministries in this community and around the world that share our values of proclaiming the good news, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and binding up the brokenhearted. Through the generosity of our congregation, we have funds budgeted for this sharing in each annual church budget. This important ad hoc committee in our congregation is looking for a few new members. The committee meets a few times each year to prayerfully consider the needs of the community and the world and how best to connect our congregation with those needs. If you'd like to know more, speak with Ken Simeral or the church office. Or just come to the next meeting on **November 10th** at 7 pm to find out what we're about.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Revelation 21:1-6a

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

From the Office

Social Media Update

As John Noss begins his new role as Director of Communications and Operations Ministries, he will continue to expand our online and social media outreach, sharing photos and videos more regularly. We respect your wishes if you prefer not to be featured. A Social Media Opt-Out Form is available from the church office and under the TV in the narthex. Please complete a form if you wish to be excluded.

E-Mail Reminder

The e-mail to communicate with John Noss in the office changed over the summer. Please use the following e-mails when contacting the office: j.nossii@fpcgc.org OR office.administrator@fpcgc.org.

Please no longer use the Gmail (Google) account, as it is no longer monitored and your e-mail will be missed. Thank you!

Help Us Make Christ Known Online

Follow FPCGC on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube to stay connected with sermons, church events, announcements, and reflections. Liking, commenting on, and sharing our posts helps us reach more people as we continue "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."

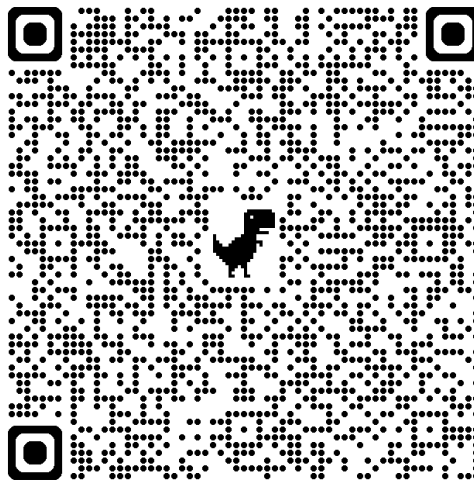
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Scan below to read the letter from Stewardship outlining our
2027 Giving campaign: Great Is Thy Faithfulness





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