KALAMAZOO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"A Sanctuary in the City... Living Faith"

ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



"Since both the departed saints and we ourselves are in Christ,
we share with them in the 'communion of saints.' They are still our (siblings)
in Christ. When we celebrate the Eucharist they are there with us,
along with the angels and archangels. Why then should we not pray for and with them?
Love passes into prayer; we still love them;
why not hold them, in that love, before God?"
— N.T. Wright,
Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church

THE GATHERING

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here—with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today—as we worship God, who welcomes us all! You are invited to listen for God's Spirit speaking to you through the music of the Prelude as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Bold type *indicates congregational response.*

Where there is an ***asterisk, we are invited to stand together in God's Spirit.***

PRELUDE The Vesper Bell Henry Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.
Let us worship God.

***DOXOLOGY 607** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth

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

***OPENING RESPONSES**

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
"Let there be light!"
In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
"I am the Light of the world."
In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
The ones in whom God's light shines.
So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
And let us worship God.

***HYMN 326** For All the Saints Sine Nomine

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
The strength to amend our actions,
And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Prayer continues in silence.

KYRIE 467 Give Us Light, v 4,5 Jyothi Dho

Save us now; save us now; save us now, O Lord.
Give us grace; give us grace; give us grace, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Friends, God raised Jesus from death, breaking the power of sin and evil.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ in the covenant of life eternal.
The same Spirit who inspired prophets and apostles, redeems us and all creation.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ!

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, strive to serve Christ in daily tasks. Live holy and joyful lives, watching for God's new heaven and new earth, as we work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please stand and take a moment to share Christ's peace with others.

***GLORIA 583** Glory to God Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE WORD

MOMENT WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS AND BLESSING

All children are invited to join us at the front of the sanctuary.

Children: You are loved!
Congregation: **You are loved!**

Infants & children through age 3 are invited to our nursery, Room 211.
There is no Sunday School today. Children are invited to stay in worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Old Testament p.508

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing Robert Lowrey
arr. Gwyneth Walker

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my ear; how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it's living!
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it's giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

SECOND READING Revelation 7:8-17 New Testament p.249

For the Word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Saints and Mystics

***HYMN 732** Rejoice in God's Saints Old 104th

THE THANKSGIVING

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

We give thanks to God and live our faith, offering ourselves through worship, work, service, and love in all its forms.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Freely we receive at the hand of God; freely let us open our hands
for the work of God. Let us worship God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE 647** Give Thanks *(no repeats)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER AND LITANY OF DEDICATION**

God of All Life, in baptism you claim us in love, and call us to serve.
You join us with the company of Jesus in the rich inheritance of your grace.
We praise you, God, for all blessings of time, money, or ability we offer!
We dedicate to you our pledges and every purpose we share together.
Grounded in our living faith, receiving diversity as a gift, O God,
we seek to reflect Christ's light in your world.
Continually discerning your vision of grace and peace,
we pledge to share inspirational worship, spiritual nurture,
compassionate service to others, and the pursuit of justice—
to the glory of your love in our community and all creation! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The table is now made ready… The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Hearts lifted high and grateful, these we give you, dear God… welcomed at your heavenly banquet table here and now.

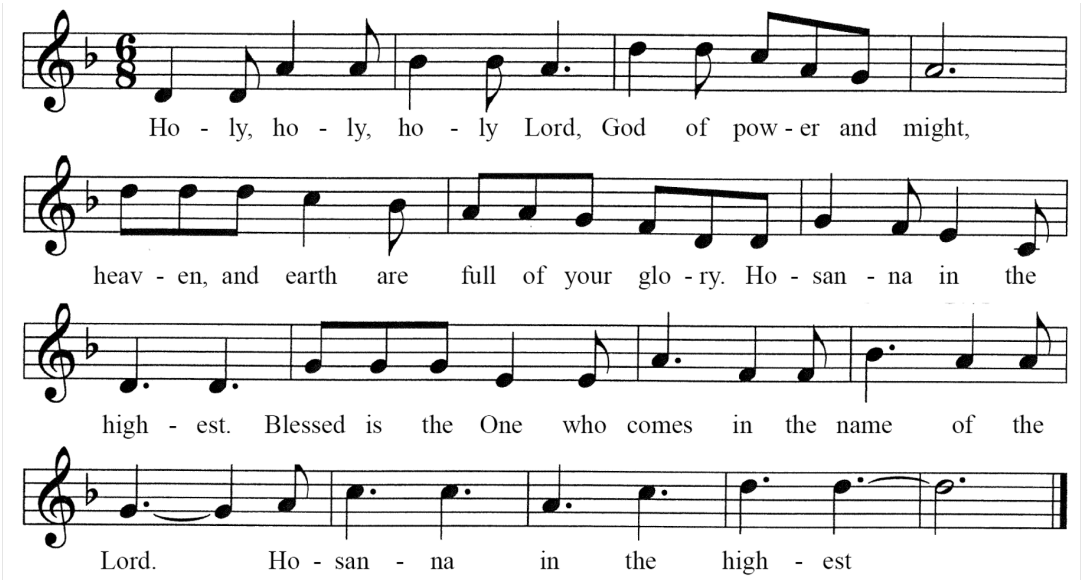
Members of the First Presbyterian Church who have entered life eternal in the past year:

Louise McCallum (September 4, 1939 – December 5, 2025)
Susanne Rose (October 30, 1956 – December 26, 2025)
Sue Johnson (October 21, 1945 – January 6, 2026)
Mary Brooks (August 20, 1927 – March 5, 2026)
Jerre James (March 11, 1933 – March 7, 2026)
Ruth Lubbers (April 17, 1944 – March 19, 2026)
Norm McCallum (May 20, 1933 – March 22, 2026)
Eleanor Pinkham (May 7, 1926 – March 24, 2026)
Ruth Moser (October 11, 1929 – April 1, 2026)
Sharon Hartwigsen (August 31, 1939 – April 11, 2026)
Barbara Rider (December 9, 1931 – April 11, 2026)
Gayle Stephenson (November 16, 1939 – April 21, 2026)
Sue Thielman (January 31, 1939 – May 7, 2026)

Craig Misner (June 15, 1946 – May 18, 2026)
Beverly Bloomquist (July 20, 1938 – May 26, 2026)
Helen Creager (October 1, 1921 – July 11, 2026)
David Rozelle (October 10, 1937 – July 29, 2026)
Marilyn Jauch (April 7, 1947 – August 11, 2026)
Susan Hanselman (May 30, 1926 – August 20, 2026)
Kay Vermeulen (September 18, 1936 – August 23, 2026)
Lyle Schenck (March 3, 1939 – September 19, 2026)
Carol Schreiner (December 6, 1938 – October 11, 2026)

You have shown them the path in life… and every time and place who sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 569



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us… Empower us to share your life with the world, loving and serving in the way to teach us to pray together:

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, now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION

To receive the elements: beginning with the front rows, please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle. Approach the servers with your hands cupped to receive the bread (all is gluten free). Then each person may choose a) to share intinction by dipping the bread into the common cup, or b) taking a small juice cup from the tray. Upon receiving the Sacrament, you may wish to respond by saying, "Amen." If you prefer to remain seated and receive the elements, please raise your hand, and communion will be served to you in your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC Communion in E minor OP.39 No. 5 Alex Guilmant

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

**Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age,
those who hunger and thirst no more and rest at peace in your holy presence.
Strengthened by their witness and by your grace, may we serve you faithfully,
until we feast at your eternal table in the glory of your heavenly love,
ever in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

***HYMN 730** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sortie Everett Titcomb

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders
Jim Mulcrone
Renee Mulcrone
Al Parfitt
Donna Schonveld
The Rev. Joshua Bode
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury

Reader
Tina Egan

Acolyte
Diana Darby

Music
FPC Choir
Bill Cessna, organist
Hal Hobson-Morse, director

Sound & Video Team
Dana Underwood
Jim Van Buren

Greeters
Joyce Artman (South)
Paul & Ruth Minert (Lovell)

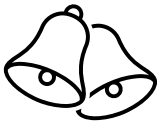
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Lois Heuchert
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Laurie Tupper

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DEACON'S PRAYERS

As a community of faith, we offer one another the gift of intentional prayer through our weekly rotation of deacons and parish groups. We uplift in prayer KAREN HASSLER and the parish group listed below, that they may feel God's presence. If you are in this group, stop by the Gathering Place near the name tags after worship to say hello to your deacon.

Lem Ala-ambong
Erin Arwady
Rand Arwady
Bernice Atemandeh
George Atemandeh
Michael Bova
Valerie Burke
Hillary Cloetingh
Caitlinn Cochran
Marcia Cook
Kathy Cooney
Emily Curtis
Jim DeBruyn
Sally DeBruyn
Abraham Konjoh
Bartina Konjoh
Justine Ngweka Konjoh
Konjoh Konjoh
Lucyma Konjoh
Sheryl Lee-Ruff
Greg Lozeau
Jim Mitchell
Mark Ohrstrom
Vic Onweller
Paulette Rayel
Jeffrey Shaw
Deborah Taylor
Kaylin Taylor
Rick Taylor



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION MEETING

The Session has called for the Annual Congregational Election Meeting
to be held on Sunday, November 15, 2026,
in the sanctuary immediately following the morning worship service
for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the class of 2029 and for
electing Congregational Members-at-Large to the 2027 Nominating Committee.
Session has also asked for a congregational vote on a proposed change to the church
by-laws regarding the terms of service for the position of Youth Elder.

WELCOME

We are delighted to announce our new Interim Pastor is The Reverend Joshua Bode.
Today's his first day on the job, so please help us give him a warm
you-are-loved welcome!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery
The nursery is open each Sunday, starting fifteen minutes before worship, for children age 3 and under (Room 211). Parents will be given a pager in the event they need to be reached during worship. Please pick your child up immediately following worship.

Sunday School
There is no Sunday School available today. All children are invited to stay in the sanctuary for worship and communion with their families.

Youth Group/T.A.G.
These groups for all middle and high school youth will not meet today. Join us on the 8th and 15th starting at 5:30 p.m. in the church Youth Room.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Connections
Connections: a place to belong, to share your story, to study God's Word and pray together. Join us after worship **today**, and on the 1st Sunday of every month, from 11:15 to noon in Room 302. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pat Stromsta (*pat.stromsta@gmail.com*) for more information.

Morning Men's Fellowship
Join us weekly, on Tuesdays, at Panera Bread on West Main at 7:30 a.m. New faces are always welcome as we share connection and create community!

Noodling at Noon with Meredith
We needed a change of pace, so have decided to start *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr with foreword by Brene Brown. On November 3, we will be discussing the foreword and the introduction. Everyone is welcome to join us – Tuesdays in the Library!

Women's Bible Study
Join us Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 306 as we continue our study regarding the Apostle Paul – his background, his letters, what we know about him from historical sources, and more! Questions? Email Pastor Chrissy (*chrissyw@fpckzoo.org*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pine Island Chapel Update

The November 1st Taizé service will not be held because of scheduling conflicts with other church events. The next Koinonia service, November 15, will feature a Thanksgiving dinner for those who may not be able to be with family and friends, or who just like turkey.

Election Eve Communion

First Congregational Church Downtown, at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Park Street, will offer communion at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 2. All are invited.

Ushers Needed: Lyle Schenck Memorial

Ushers are needed for Lyle Schenck's memorial service, Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:00 p.m. (arrival at 1:15 p.m.). Please contact Kelly at *kellys@fpckzoo.org* if you can help.

Stewardship Update

Keep an eye on the progress board in the Gathering Place for how we're doing, and please ***get those pledges in.*** They help us to set the budget for the coming year. Each week until we reach our 2027 Pledge Goal of $610,000, the Stewardship Committee will be sharing a Stewardship Fun Fact:

> ***Our main building is over 30,000 square feet, plus our Pine Island Campus. Both buildings are cleaned and maintained by three very hard-working individuals. Some of us struggle to keep up with our own homes. Imagine for a moment cleaning 30 toilets multiple times a week, along with miles of carpet and tile, keeping up with the HVAC, plumbing, plaster, stonework, and glass, and supervising updates like our new solar panels and the new sanctuary lighting that will be going in soon. Thanks to Shawn, Logan, Randy, the Property and Maintenance committee, and your generosity, we keep both campuses looking good!***

Music at FPC

Church Choir and **The Red Door Ringers** bell choir are open to anyone in high school or older. No prior experience is required to participate in either, and you are welcome to come and try it out. If you have questions, please contact our Hal (*halhm@fpckzoo.org*).

Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system. Use your T-coil-enabled hearing aid or borrow loop-compatible headphones from the sound booth.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
- 9:00 a.m. **Choir Warm-up,** Choir Room
- 9:45 a.m. **Child Care/Nursery,** #211
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship/Communion**
- 11:15 a.m. **Connections,** #302
- 10:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class,** Pine Island (8882 W Q Ave)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
- 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **Recovery Institute (R.I.),** Dining Rm/#308
- 12:00 p.m. **AA,** #300
- 12:00 p.m. **Walking Grp,** Lovell Entrance
- 6:00 p.m. **Orchestra Rouh,** #306
- 7:00 p.m. **Scouts,** Dining Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
- 7:30 a.m. **Men's Fellowship,** Panera Bread, West Main Street
- 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **R.I.,** Dining Rm/#308
- 11:00 a.m. **Staff Meeting**, Archives
- 12:00 p.m. **Organ Rehearsal**
- 12:00 p.m. **Noodling,** Library
- 4:00 p.m. **Worship & Music Committee Meeting,** Library
- 5:30 p.m. **Orchestra Rouh,** #300
- 6:00 p.m. **Kal. Pipe Band,** Dining Room
- 6:45 p.m. **Kalamazoo Male Chorus,** Choir Room

OFFICE HOURS: 9 A.M.–3 P.M.
MONDAY – THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
- 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **R.I.,** Dining Rm/#308
- 12:00 p.m. **Prayer Service,** Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. **Communication Committee Meeting,** #301/online
- 1:00 p.m. **Organ Rehearsal,** Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. **CTV: Red Door Dinner,** Dining Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
- 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Library Work**
- 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **R.I.,** Dining Rm/#308
- 9:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study,** #306
- 12:00 p.m. **AA,** #300
- 1:00 p.m. **Organ Rehearsal,** Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. **Food Addicts,** #314/315
- 5:30 p.m. **Red Door Ringers,** Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal,** Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
- 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **R.I.,** Dining Rm/#308

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
- 9:00 a.m. **Choir Warm-up,** Choir Room
- 9:45 a.m. **Child Care/Nursery,** #211
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship,** Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. **Sunday School, PreK-5th gr.**
- 11:30 a.m. **KSO Youth Organ Competition,** Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. **Memorial Service – Lyle Schenck,** Reception to follow
- 5:30–7:00 p.m. **T.A.G. & Youth Group,** Youth Room

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Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship Services

November 8
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Joshua Bode
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Joshua 24:1-15

November 15
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
TBA
Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

November 22
Reign of Christ
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
First Sunday of Advent
TBA
Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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326 For All the Saints




3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
to stanza 4
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Rejoice in God's Saints 732



I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730

