



Sunday Worship
November 3, 2024

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for
you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

We come to give thanks for them.

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, “Here I am! Send me.”

We come to ask for guidance and courage.

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

We come to worship the Holy God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we your saints gather to worship and praise you this day. We celebrate the saints who have served you and been an example for us throughout the past. We give you thanks for the joy of being a part of the communion of saints with those who have gone before and those scattered around the globe. Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints you have called us to be. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #321** The Church’s One Foundation

1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”

And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:

till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that all too often we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 *from the International Children's Bible*
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #721*** Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

REFRAIN: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. *REFRAIN*

3. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. *REFRAIN*

4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. *REFRAIN*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON Blessed Saints

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

****DOXOLOGY***

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

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

We offer our whole selves to you, O God, Creator of everything. It is a joy and a blessing to share our gifts with one another. As we offer these things for the world of your church, help us to be mindful of all that we can do together as the Body of Christ. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP
SHARING JOYS AND CONCERS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Please hold the bread and the cup so that we may commune together demonstrating our unity in Christ.)

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us, give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #326** For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, November 3, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Ray Purdy. Ray is the husband of member Bee Purdy.

WELCOME JEN STEPHENS AND HER DAUGHTER, HAZEL : who ARE our guest musicianS this week. Thank you!

FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP, NOVEMBER 9, 8:30 – 10:00: It's time to do some sprucing up around our building. Tasks will include cleaning pews, windows, tables and DUSTING! Some cleaning supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall just to give the Property Committee an idea of who might be attending. No one needs to stay the entire time, so please indicate when you will help out.

MISSION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10: We will once again join together to help feed the hungry through the very special program, "Rise Against Hunger." We will begin with our 10am worship followed by packaging life-changing meals in Fellowship Hall. There are jobs for every age and ability. Since we will be packaging 12,000 meals, we need lots of help! Bring your friends. As there is a cost of the materials needed for this effort, we are asking for donations if you are able. Please sign at: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/ForestGrove2024> or call the church office and Susan will be happy to register you. Rise Against Hunger meals, are designed to provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients including enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and 23 essentials.

ALL PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 12noon. More information will follow.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned

meat. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

November 3	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
November 4	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
November 5		Election Day
November 6	12:30 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
November 9	8:30 am	Church Clean-up Day

Elder of the month: Bob Propsner **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice
Ushers: Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz **Fellowship hour:** Bob and Janice Propsner
Communion Servers: Gerry Stemplewicz, Bob and Janice Propsner

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge and Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Sally Thiessen



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