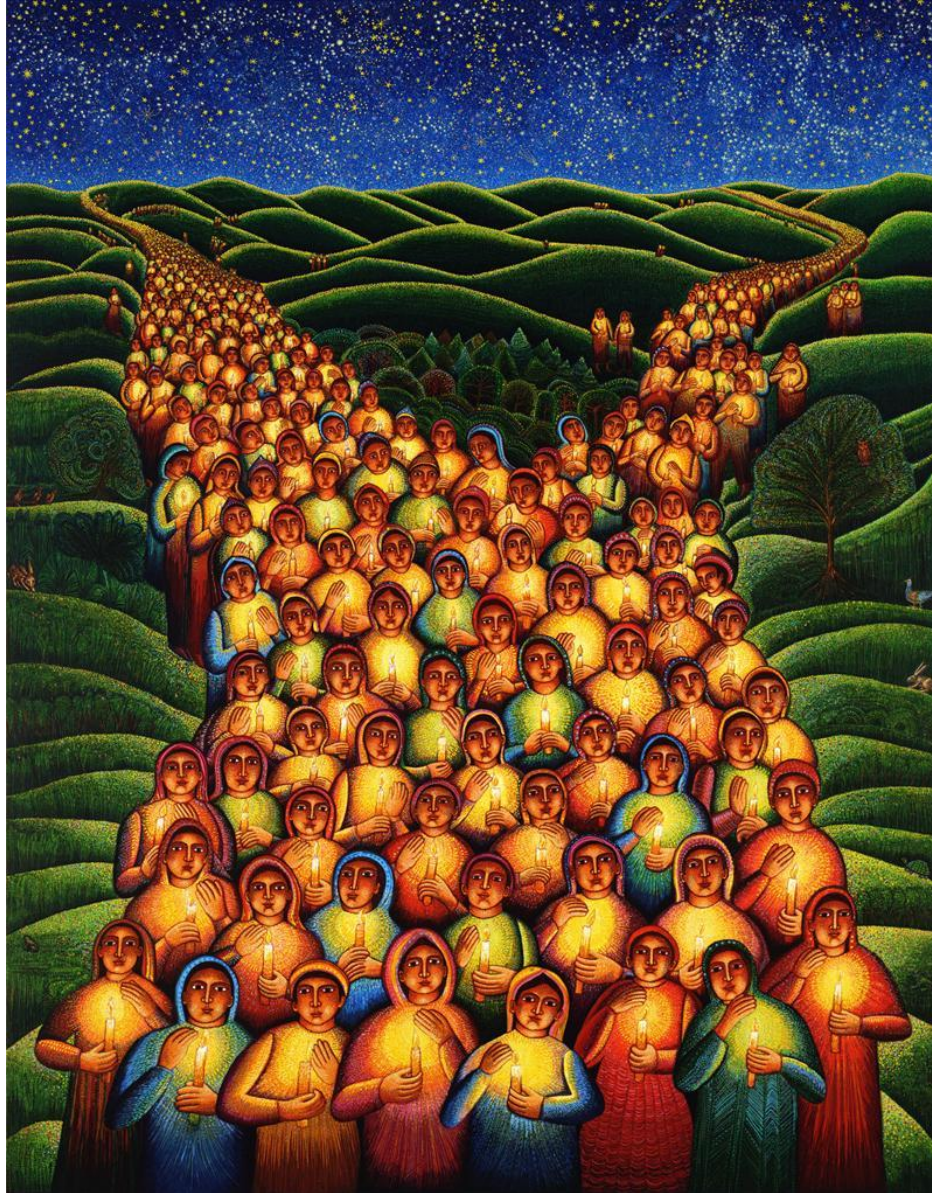


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All Saints Sunday



Swanson, John August. Festival of Lights, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/ink.pl?RC=56546> .
Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

November 2, 2025 10:00 A.M. Worship

A Just Peace, Open and Affirming, Sanctuary Congregation

Order of Worship

“*” Denotes to please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Poème, op. 43, no. 5

E. Grieg, arr. M. L. Williams

Welcome

Stewardship Moment

Heidi Korkosz

Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Inspired by Psalm 32

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

Many: **We give thanks!**

One: We remember choir members, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

Many: **We give thanks!**

One: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

Many: **We give thanks!**

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

Many: **We give thanks!**

One: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. 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.

Many: **We give thanks!**

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

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

*Adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink,
<https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/29/all-saints-litany/>.*

***Opening Hymn #299**

For All the Saints

***Invocation** (*Unison*)

God of Creation, we gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every kindred and tongue, 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 Christ our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.

*Adapted from Rev. Dr. Bob Gross on the Worship Ways website,
https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/all_saints_day_november_1_2020/.*

***Choral Response #793** *Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)*

Prayer for Transformation and New Life *(Unison)*

Beloved God,

you made yourself known to our spiritual forebears through all generations.

We do not always love as you would have us love.

We do not always do what you would have us do.

We turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Have mercy on us.

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,

forgiving us for what we have done and what we have left undone.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Grace

Leader: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught 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!

*Adapted from Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona
United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink,
<https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>.*

***Passing the Peace** *(Responsively)*

One: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us greet one another with a word or sign of peace and thanksgiving. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

First Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

trans: NRSVUE-adapted

Liturgist:

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O God, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore, judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what the Holy One will say to me in answer to my complaint. Then God answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Interlude*We Remember Them*Lyrics: *Hannah Szenes*

Music: Ben Malkevitch

The Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

trans: NRSVUE-adapted

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A person was there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "Jesus has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, Rabbi, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a child of Abraham and Sarah. For the Promised One has come to seek out and to save the lost."

Message*"If Zacchaeus Can Be a Saint..."***A Moment of Quiet and Reflection****Hymn #295***I Sing a Song of the Saints of God***Remembering the Saints****Prayers of the People****Pastoral Prayer****Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)**

The prayer traditionally begins with the image of a parent: "Our Father", "Our Mother", "Our Parent", or a combination of these are often used. Use the language that draws you closest to God. You are invited to pray in the tradition and language of your choice or follow one of the options on page 9 of the hymnal. The leader will use the following language.

Our Father/Mother, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity**Offertory***Elegy*

Alan Ridout

Hymn #778 (to the tune of #780)Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** (*Unison*)

God of Infinite Light, in the ways that you glow, we discover more about ourselves: how we excel and how we are to share from our talents, treasures, and time. May we have hearts of hospitality as we seek the Christ in our works. May we build God's Realm, knowing that what we give will make a difference and bless our siblings across this world. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation and Remembrance

Communion Prayer

Communion prayers adapted from enfleshed.com

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

All: **We open our hearts to you, O God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God, who welcomes the stranger.

All: **To the One who reaches across all bounds, we give thanks and praise.**

One: In wonder of your wide embrace, we give you praise, O God. . . *Prayer continues* . . .
Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, offering praise to you,

All: (*sung*) **Holy, Holy, Holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, God.**

One: You move in mysterious ways, O God. This journey with you is filled with more questions than answers. . . . *Prayer continues*. . . .

In remembrance of all you have done, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: **Christ was born among us.
Christ has died among us.
Christ rises again among us.**

One: May the same Spirit that lifted Christ from the grave be poured out on these gifts. Make this bread and this cup be an extension of your welcome that knows no bounds. Fill us with the courage and faith to join you in the work of tearing down walls that exclude and pointing to the Sacred in the margins.

Sharing the Meal

All are welcome at the communion table. An usher will invite participants, row by row, to come forward and receive bread from the pastor, then step to one side and receive a cup of juice. After drinking, place your cup in the empty tray on the table and return to your seat. If you prefer not to come forward, signal an usher, and bread and juice will be brought to you.

We use gluten free bread and grape juice so all may partake in the sacrament.

***Closing Hymn #25**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Benediction**

Postlude

For All the Saints

R. V. Williams, arr. J. Mansfield

Rev. Dr. George R. Graham, Pastor
Maggie Dellinger and J. Atlee Horner, III, Liturgists
Ben Malkevitch, Director of Music
Brad Scarton, Ken Wade, & Janet Zupancic, Livestreaming Support
Geno Taylor & Estella King, Pilgrim Greeters, Ushers & Hospitality

Cover art: Festival of Lights by John August Swenson. "It is a dark night with a star-filled sky. Tiny lights are seen on the distant hillsides, gradually becoming figures carrying candles as they come closer to the foreground of the painting. . . .a procession of children from every city and town. The children would bring light and peace to the world. They would gather from many places, joining an unending procession towards peace and nonviolence for all children of the world."

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Rob Salvatore & Mike Cooper
in loving memory of all the Pilgrim members and friends that died this year,
and given by Aria Miller in memory of Pastor Jay's friend Michael Greenwood.**

*If you do not wish to appear on the livestream or video recording,
please sit toward the rear of the left section of the sanctuary.*

*Assistive hearing devices are available from the usher
Wi-Fi is available at: Pilgrim Guest, password: churchtremont*

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our newsletter.*



Welcome Visitors!

We pray you feel at home. Again, Welcome! First time in worship? Tell us your name, Email and phone number in the guest book located just outside the sanctuary. Thanks.

Join us for Coffee Hour following worship, downstairs in the fellowship hall.



Healing prayers for Alice Willis, Dale Smith, Marilynn Martin, Rob Salvatore, Aria Miller, Bettie Spoerndle & Mary Urban, Fred Smith & Scott Sword, David & Betty Howell, Doug Burkhart, Linda Davey, Bernie Buckner, Valerie Jordens, Ed Crabtree, Dick Berlo, Carol Reese, Susan Holland, Lynne Utrata, Bill Phirrman (David Howell's brother-in-law), Eleanor (David Howell's sister), Mike McMahon (Bob McMahon's brother), Jamie Sword (Scott Sword's sister), Joann Cooper (sister-in-law of Mike Cooper & Rob Salvatore), Beth Heiby (Kathy Tarrant's cousin), Mark (Sherrie Scarton's brother), and Charles Rabb.

We pray with Eswatini and their mission partners, including the Council of Swaziland Churches.

This Week at Pilgrim Church

Sunday, Nov. 2: **All Saints Sunday** worship, 10:00 am
Welcome Ben Malkevitch as new Director of Music
Coffee Hour following worship (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Food Pantry, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Staff meeting, 12:30 pm (Admin office)
Al-Anon meeting, 7:00 pm (youth room)

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Diaconate meeting, 6:30 pm (parlor)

Thursday, Nov. 6: Food Pantry, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Trustees meeting, 7:00 pm (parlor)

Saturday, Nov. 8: Wellspace Collaborative Yoga, 9:30 am (little theater)
Dance Class, 10:00 am (gym)

Sunday, Nov. 9: **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost** worship, 10:00 am
Coffee Hour following worship (fellowship hall)
IRTF dinner, 4:00 – 8:00 pm (fellowship hall, parlor, kitchen)

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veteran's Day

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Spirits & Social Justice, 6:30 pm (TBD) Discussion with the
production team of The Christine Jorgensen Show.
(note change in date)

Pilgrim Food Pantry – Communion Sunday Special Giving

Delays and potential cuts in SNAP (Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits are looming large as we enter November. Current SNAP benefits will not be distributed until the U.S. Government shutdown impasse is resolved. Pilgrim Food Pantry anticipates a significant increase in the number of our neighbors who will visit the Pantry early in November. Extra, non-perishable food has been ordered from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

As we gather around the table, break bread and share communion together today, please consider making a gift to the Pilgrim Food Pantry. On-line donations may be made through Pilgrim's website. Checks payable to Pilgrim with PFP designated in the memo line or cash placed in a pew envelope, marked for PFP are most welcome.



Pilgrim's Covenant

We pledge to seek justice, to oppose violence, racism, sexism, fear of differences, economic inequity and abuse of power. We promise to substitute acts of goodwill and caring; to feed the hungry, to provide shelter for the homeless, to nurture the ill, and to prevent cruelty to any of God's children, or any of God's creatures. We pledge ourselves to welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions into the full life and ministry of the church.

Adopted 1993, amended 2025

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