CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All Saints Sunday **November 1, 2026**

10:30am Worship Service

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lisa Miragliotta

INTROIT **Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast** **UMH 616**

CALL TO WORSHIP[1]

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

People: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

People: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

People: **We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** For All The Saints UMH 711 (verses 1,2,4&6)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**[2]

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[1] Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026, found at https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/always-give-thanks/week-3-twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-3-twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-always-give-thanks-liturgical-resources.

[2] Confession sequence adapted from "All Saints Day (Year A)," posted on **Seasons Online**. . Reposted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/prayer-of-confession-1-john-3-1-3.html. Found at

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way.

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God…We pray,

People: may we be more like Jesus.

Leader: Jesus fed those who were hungry…We pray,

People: **may we be more like Jesus**.

Leader: Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded…We pray,

People: **may we be more like Jesus**.

Leader: Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need…We pray,

People: **may we be more like Jesus**.

Leader: Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness…We pray,

People: **may we be more like Jesus**.

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Song of the Saints** **P. Chopin**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Revelation 7:9-17	Pew Bible 999
	Psalm 34 (Response 2)	UMH 769
	1 John 3:1-3	Pew Bible 990
	Matthew 5:1-12	Pew Bible 785-786

Response to the Readings:

Leader: God is still speaking

People: And we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

HYMN OF PREPARATION *How Lovely Lord, How Lovely* TFWS 2042

SERMON **Blessed? Yes!** Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION *Come, Share the Lord* TFWS 2269

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**[3]

We magnify your name, O God, and together exalt your name, for you are so good to us and gracious beyond measure. In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, bringing us through the great ordeal, embracing us in your endless light, and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks, seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom, in which we have sure and certain hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Naming of the Saints: Linda Prudhoe, Muriel Anderson, Unnamed Saints

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** *Shall We Gather at the River* UMH 723

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 77, v4

***POSTLUDE**

SERMON NOTES

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STAR WORDS

At the beginning of this year in worship we handed out "Star Words." You are invited to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God's presence. Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word. Look for more information about connecting with others who have your word in the weeks to come!

For this week: *Make a bullet point list of everything you have learned this year in connection with your word.*

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION[4]

Jesus gives a sharp critique of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 23:1–12). It is easy to find faults in others; can you see any of the scribes' and Pharisees' behavior in yourself?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Thank you for waking me up this morning;
each day is a gift from you.
Let your Word be at work within me today
that I may be faithful to you
and every breath be a prayer of gratitude. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Thank you for bringing me to the end of this day, O Lord.
Forgive my missteps and oversights,
and heal any wounds I may have caused.
Let me rest in you
without fear or anxiety,
that I may awake to serve you with joy and praise. Amen.

[4] These questions for reflection and prayers are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word*® Worship Companion. Copyright 2012.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

SUN (11/1): Adult Discussion Class, 9:00am, ELL
Worship, 10:30am
Education Mtg., 11:45am, ELL
WED (11/4): The Chosen Study, 10:30am, ELL
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SUN (11/8): Finance Mtg., 11:45 ELL

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

*Carla Lask	Donna	Leslie Seefried
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*Laurine Mason	*Seth Buser	



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GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.

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Ask an usher if you would like a LARGE PRINT HYMNAL, Braille hymnal or hearing device.

Lisa invites the congregation to join her at Baldwin Wallace for this upcoming concert:

BW WOMEN'S CHORUS FALL CONCERT
"A Time for Peace"
Lisa Miragliotta, Director
Frances Pawuk, Pianist Collaborator
Friday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m.
Gamble Auditorium, Kulas Musical Arts Building

POWER IN PRAYER!

Let us raise up praise and thanksgiving for the many years that Carol Thomas coordinated the prayer chain! Even when she was no longer worshipping with us in person, but online, she vigilantly posted prayer requests after the service via email and passed along prayer requests she received throughout the week. Carol, your Christ Church family is grateful for your friendship, your sincerity, and your example of enduring faith through love in action.

Do you feel a calling to become part of the CUMC prayer team? If so, please see or contact Pastor Dianne or Susan Balesky. This is a ministry that requires little commitment, other than purposefully setting aside time to lift up others in prayer based on submitted requests.

If you wish to submit a prayer request throughout the week, feel free to call or text Susan at 440.412.6407 or submit a request via email to CUMCpraying4u@gmail.com. Susan will share your request with the prayer team including Pastor Dianne, and we will be keeping your request in prayer through the week. If you have an urgent need, please contact the church office administrator or Pastor Dianne directly if it is beyond church office hours. Thank you!

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. - Max Lucado