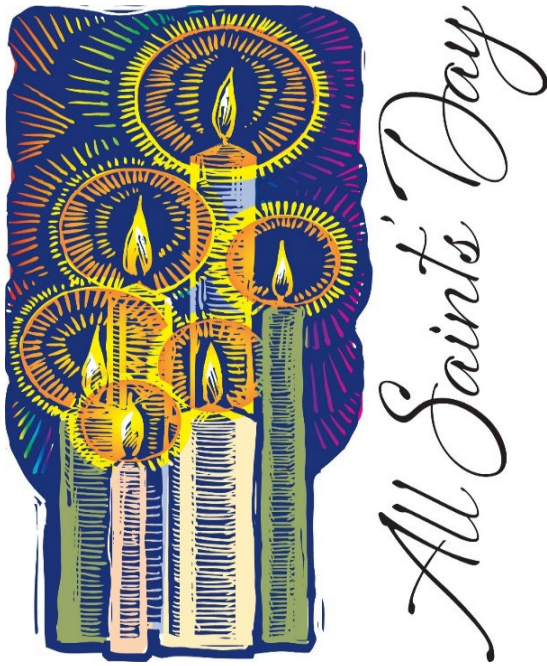


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They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

Text: Text: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986)
Music: John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 107, Jann C. Weaver

Leader: We come from the east and the west, the
north and the south, to give God thanks and
praise!

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We were a wandering people, hungry and
thirsty in a desert land.

People: **We cried to God to deliver us, and we were
led to a land filled rich in promise and
harvest.**

Leader: God quenches the thirsty, fills the hungry,
and leads us from the desert land to a
harvest home.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN

I Sing a Song Of The Saints Of God
UMH #712

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

CHOIR—9:40AM

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
God upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.
¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

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TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*
#2223 FWS, refrain only

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Music and Words: Peter Scholtes
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Adapted from writing by Rev. Lucus Keppel

Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear God – 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, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts:

A time of silent confession

Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbors; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ and for your sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus taught through his words and deeds 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!

HYMN *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*
#2223 FWS, refrain only

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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GIVING

CHOIR—9:40AM

Lux Aeterna (Eternal Light)
Kim Brotherton, soloist

***RESPONSE**

#95, UMH

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.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSVUE)

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

MESSAGE

Offerings and Sacrifices
Rev. David W. Brown

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

We pause in silent remembrance of all those who have gone to their eternal dwelling place with Christ.
(See names and photos listed of those whose service we have shared)

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We remember in gratefulness those not named
but special in our hearts...
We remember in thankfulness
the communion of saints...

**For all the saints of every age, especially ours,
we give you our gratitude and praise,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Adapted from a hymn of Charles Wesley

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of
generations. There is great joy at the Lord's Table.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God of the ages: through the valleys and over the
hills, down the dusty streets of every village, saints
traveled with you. May we be filled with gratitude
for every gift of life, for family, friends, and the Saints
who have gone before us.

**Holy One, Creator of all,
To You, we give thanks for every blessing,
for You are generous, O Lover of souls.**

For those who suffer, we ask for comfort.
For those who are ill, we ask for healing.
For those who struggle, we ask for peace.
For those who are hungry, may we share.
May we be your heart and hands.
May we be generous as You.

**Holy One, Creator of all,
To You, we give thanks for every blessing,
for You are generous, O Lover of souls.**

God of every nation, tribe, people, and language,
this great multitude of life, God of all creation, we
give you thanks. Therefore, we praise you, joining our
voices with choirs of angels, and with that great
multitude no one can count, from every nation, from
all tribes and peoples and languages all the ordinary

saints who have finished their race and sing forever to
the glory of your name:

**"Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"**

Spirit, move in us, that we might know we too are
counted among the saints God's beloved children,
vessels of God's grace. We pray that we might be
thankful and transformed, so our lives may proclaim
the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the
bread we break together, and the cup we share
together, may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Keep us in fellowship together in joy and in faith
until you return. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of
bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in
a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for
all to dine.*

CHOIR—9:40AM

Unclouded Day

RESPONSE TO GIFTS OF GRACE

Now with our hearts united together, we share the
prayer Jesus taught saying: **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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above
#709 UMH

Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

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One family we dwell in him,
one church above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death;
one army of the living God,
to his command we bow;
part of his host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.

Ten thousand to their endless home
this solemn moment fly,
and we are to the margin come,
and we expect to die.
E'en now by faith we join our hands
with those that went before,
and greet the blood-besprinkled bands
on the eternal shore.

Our spirits too shall quickly join,
like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign,
to hear his trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide!
O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide,
and land us all in heaven.

Author: Charles Wesley (1759)
Arranger: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

BENEDICTION

based on writing by Rev. Richard J. Hull II

God's people have celebrated all that God has done,
from creation, to the cross, to the saints who have
lived among us.

Now we go from worship –
to the workplace,
the home place,
the market place;
every place living as God's own people.

And may the love of God be manifest in everything we
do and share.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Amen!

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

*The flowers at the top of the grand staircase are given by the
Thompson family in loving memory of Robert O. Thompson.*

*We celebrate with the Caesar family the marriage of Meg
Caesar and Mike Snyder yesterday in the Sanctuary. The
flowers in the Sanctuary are from their wedding.*



*Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium
following the 9:40 service!*

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
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Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor

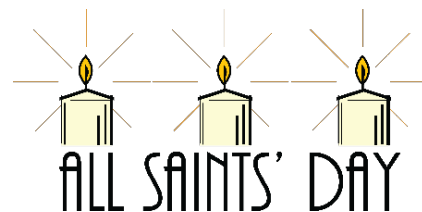
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Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications

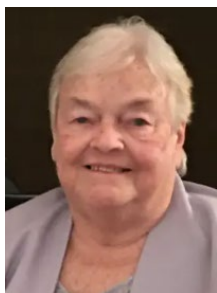


We remember . . .

those who have passed away since All Saints Day in 2023, both members of the congregation and those whose funeral services were here at Armstrong Chapel.



Marion Cobb
1929-2023



Sally Coriell
1944-2023



Gerald Coriell
1944-2024



Ken Fischer
1955-2024



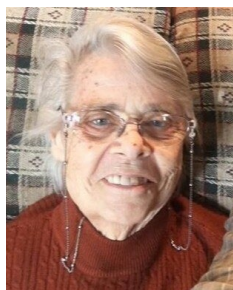
Jordan Van Winkle Haney
1989-2024



Elizabeth Hodapp
1924-2023



Ed Hopping
1934-2024



Martha Husman
1935-2024



Jay Kinder
1962-2024



Jim Lytle
1935-2024



Jill Sauter
1930-2024



Mary Schmidt
1929-2024



Frank Smith
1931-2024



Wayne Smith
1939-2024



Carol Stoecklin
1929-2024



Robert Thompson
1928-2023



George Trebbi
1942-2024



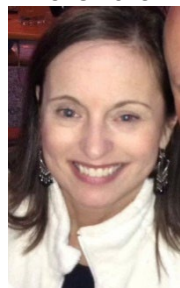
Brad Trucksis
1953-2024



Richard Valido
1960-2024



John Walkenhorst
1950-2022



Elizabeth Walker
1968-2024



Ronald Zesch
1934-2024

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**Wednesday, November 6
at 7:00 pm in the Old Chapel**

The Stephen Ministers of Armstrong Chapel are pleased to offer a service of remembrance, comfort, and hope. Everyone is invited to share in this time to still your soul, honor your saints and loved ones, grieve your losses, and be comforted by God's word and by his music. As we participate in the liturgy and the hymns, in lighting candles, in acknowledging our tears, and in our listening, we will strengthen our community of hope together.

Annual Yardwork Outreach in Madisonville

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00am

Rec Center at 5320 Stewart Ave, 45227

Help low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for winter throughout the fall season. **No experience needed – mostly raking/bagging leaves and cleaning gutters - this event is open to all ages and skillsets!** It's a great opportunity to help our neighbors in Madisonville!



Sponsored by Armstrong Men
Contact John Westrup at
513-390-4519 (call/text)
to sign up.



**Veterans Day Remembrance
with River's Edge Brass Band**

Sunday, November 10
during 9:40 worship
in the Sanctuary



Thanksgiving Meal Community Outreach

Joshua's Place (www.joshuasplace.cc) is a locally based non-profit that comes alongside families to help them overcome the barriers in their lives that cause instability. We want to bless the families that are part of the Deer Park Food Co-op this holiday season by providing them with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

To provide a meal for a family from the Deer Park community, pick up a bag and shopping list in the Atrium and buy the items listed.

Joshua's Place will get the meal in the hands of a family in need. **Meal kits are due 11/10.**

*****NEW NOTE*** - Please don't purchase the ROLLS. They will expire before Thanksgiving. Missions will purchase before delivery to Joshua's Place.**

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Christmas is right around the corner! We are supporting **Inter Parish Ministry's Christmas Store**, one of their biggest events of the year. IPM's mission is to ensure that every family enjoys a joyful and festive holiday season by extending the warmth and spirit of giving to those in need.



You can find a list of ideas on IPM's website along with their Amazon wish lists links at <https://www.ipmfoodpantry.org/christmas-giving>. Printed lists are also available on the desk in the Atrium.

UNWRAPPED gifts should be delivered to the Atrium no later than Sunday, December 15.

Volunteers will be needed at 11am on December 15 to sort the items we collect into age groups.

Questions? Connect with Niki Mitchell at nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org.



**PACKING SHOEBOXES HELPS
CHILDREN IN THE REMOTE CORNERS
OF THE WORLD HEAR THE GOOD
NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.**

Each shoebox helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him. In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to reach places to make His Name known.

Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information.
BOXES ARE DUE 11/11.

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Women UNITED
Monthly
Luncheon
NOVEMBER 13
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike
RSVP to Niki Mitchell
nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org



Craving
White Castle and Fellowship?
Saturday
BREAKFAST
November 16
in the Armstrong Room
8:00 am - 9:30 am

Armstrong MEN
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

White Castle

CHURCH CONFERENCE – The annual gathering of the Armstrong Chapel congregation is set for Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30pm in the Worship Center. These important moments will allow us to conduct the important business of the church: to affirm key lay leadership positions, to set Pastoral salaries, to provide discernment for those called into specialized ministries of the church, and to pray for the ongoing future and direction. Everyone is invited to attend, and all members have both voice and vote at this gathering.



We are looking for couples / families / individuals to do a small reading and light the Advent candles during worship.

12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22
@ 8:20am, 9:40am, 10:30am

12/24 @ 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

SIGN UP AT <https://bit.ly/4ha0i7l>



Sunday November 24—4:30pm

Please bring the whole family! We will provide pizza and drinks, and if you'd like, bring a favorite side or snack dish to share.

Contact Jane Florer (jbflorer@gmail.com or 513-257-5844) with questions.



Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary starting in mid-Advent. You may purchase a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones. \$20 per plant. You may take your poinsettias home with you on Christmas Eve. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 11.

Online order form: <https://bit.ly/45uhV6G>; write a note on the back of your Connect Card; or mail a note to the church office: include your payment = \$20 per plant, and who you'd like a plant in memory or in honor of (attn: Joy, 5125 Drake Rd, 45243).