

First Presbyterian Church

All Saint's Sunday

November 1, 2026

FIRST Presbyterian CHURCH

Deep Roots In Downtown Racine

Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

Our ushers are available to assist you as needed.

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, we invite you to visit our website. There you will find ways to keep in touch, how we live our faith, our different partnerships, and so much more. Our website address is: *www.firstpresracine.org*

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Today's Service

PASTOR — *Rev. Darren Utley*
LITURGIST — *Jeff Leavell*
TIME OF REMEMBRANCE — *Royce Earnest*
BELL RINGER — *Ken Schacht*
MUSICIANS — *Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Chancel Choir*
MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST — *Sam Peters*

Please stand as you are able.
[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.
[Bold italic type] indicates song to be sung by the congregation.

We Gather to Worship

As a courtesy to everyone, please mute your mobile device.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — *Jeff Leavell*

Today we celebrate All Saints Day. Though we do not typically celebrate the canonized saints of the church and all their various saints' days in our denomination, we recognize that we have saints in our own lives who have formed our faith in some way and who have passed on from this life. So on All Saints Day, we celebrate, honor, and remember these forebearers of the faith. Today in worship we will read aloud the names of the saints in our community who have passed in the last year. You will also have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of the saints in your life, whether they passed just recently or long ago. If you are worshiping from home, we invite you to find a candle to light so you can join us in this time of remembering our saints. We pray that their memory will continue to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love for us all.

PRELUDE — **Adagio** | Luigi Bottazzo
Alejandro Alumbreros

CALL TO WORSHIP — **Where I Saw God Last** | Rev. Sarah A. Speed

The dimple in your right cheek,
the child playing peek-a-boo from his stroller,
the abuelita who spends her afternoons in the park by 86th;
the teenagers on the subway who cannot control their laughter;
Neil, my neighbor, who always asks about you,
the mother who whispers a dozen times a day,
"thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus";
the saxophone player at 42nd street,
the poets,
the artists,
the garden volunteers;
the metro car driver who sticks his head out the window
to make sure we're all aboard;
the man who gave up his seat on the subway,

the kid in the dinosaur pajamas
who cannot be convinced they're not school attire;
the teachers,
the nurses,
the taxi cab drivers;
the woman at the end of the block with her yappy dogs
and her books in the window,
the lovers that lay sprawled out on park blankets,
the runners,
the daydreamers,
the sidewalk chalk artists;
John from upstairs whose favorite flowers are yellow tulips,
the Persian man at the grocery who tells me to be safe when I leave,
my grandmother in Georgia;
my neighbor,
the stranger;
thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus.

*Opening Hymn **For All the Saints**

[GtG Hymn #326, v v. 1, 3, 5]

Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

Invitation to Confession

When we remember the saints, we do so with rose-colored glasses. We watch the highlight reels of their lives in our minds, leaving their missteps and mistakes on the cutting room floor. We want to hold on to the very best of them, but in doing so, we forget the complexities that made them human—that make us human. God wants every part of us, not just the highlight reel. So let us come before God with honesty and authenticity.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.

Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.

Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human too.

Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us, and hold us secure in the promise of future glory.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father
[GtG Hymn #581]

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.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE *Royce Earnest*

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smile. And now, beyond the veil that separates this world and the next, all we see is the glow of their Christ-light, flickering as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

Sandra Hopkins
July 12, 2026

Evelyn Vanderheyden
August 6, 2026

Barbara Stevenson
August 6, 2026

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their soul lives on in their Creator. Their Christ-light shines just as brightly as before, unbound by the physical limitations of their earthly bodies. They are now part of the glory that awaits beyond this life. Thanks be to God.

At this time, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life.

MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE **I'll Fly Away**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we entrust these souls to you.
As you formed them from the earth,
we have returned their bodies to the earth.
And as you breathed your breath of life into them,
their souls have returned to you, Source of All.
Hold them close, and hold us close, too.
Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory.
In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Amen.

* Passing the Peace

Family of faith, knowing that the passing from one world to the next is hard on those who remain, Jesus offered these words of comfort to his closest friends before he left this earth: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
Let us now offer this peace to one another.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Choral Anthem — **Ave Verum Corpus** | Wolfgang A. Mozart
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, we rely so much on our senses to know what's real. We want to see, hear, and feel. We cling to the tangible because our brains can categorize it and analyze it. And what we can categorize, we can control. But there is so much that we can't see, hear, or touch, and it's just as real as anything we can grasp.

Open our hearts, minds, and souls to your wonder and mystery. Help us trade analysis for curiosity and knowledge for wisdom. Release our grasp on the things of this world so we can wade into your Word with open hands. Humbly we pray, amen.

Scripture — **1 Corinthians 13:8-13**
[NT 175]
Romans 8:18-27
[NT 158]

Sermon — *Rev. Darren Utley*

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION — **For All the Saints** | R. V. Williams, arr. J. Purifoy

OFFERTORY — **Going Home** | Antonín Dvorák, arr. Brad Nix

*DOXOLOGY

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts,
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP — **Bread of Living Water** | Annette W. Dickman, arr. Mark Gubler

Please be assured that the communion bread will always be gluten-free.

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN — **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** [GtG Hymn #1]

*BENEDICTION

*Sung Blessing

Take My Life
[GtG Hymn #697 v. 1]

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Postlude

Lento | Luigi Bottazzo





Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey and family with the resent passing of their son – John; and all who have recently lost a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Prayers of comfort & healing for Steve & Pam Simpson, John Brooke, Kay Mahl, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Jennifer Humphreys, Peggy Taylor, Vi Shufelt, Don Tobias, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ed Lehmann, Leah Fisher and unspoken prayers for two church members.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Monica—daughter of Ben & Catherine Neal, Rudy—brother of Nancy Lechner, John—husband of Sandy Hawley, Joyce—mother of Shelley Maurer, Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember, family members of Sharon Campbell, paternal grandfather of Autumn Eifert, Shaun—friend of Patrick Herrera, Baby Hazel—grandniece of Carrie & Kathi, Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence, Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama, Johan—brother of Cecilia Andersson, Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley, Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz, Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman, Chuck—husband of Sue Pehlivanian, Austin Moulds, Meyer Schaal, friends & family of the Lehmanns, Jack Flynn and Mary—sister of Gretchen Hermann, friends & family of the Galles.

Prayers for those in the service — Evan Humphreys, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Nicholas Hansen.



Sun., Nov. 1st	9:30AM	Sunday Worship
Mon., Nov. 2nd	9:00AM	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	6:30PM	Taizé Service
Tues., Nov. 3rd	10:00AM	Delivery for the Food Pantry
		ELECTION DAY
Wed., Nov. 4th	4:00PM	Food Pantry
Sun., Nov. 8th	9:30AM	Sunday Worship

First Presbyterian Food Pantry

Haven't donated to the food pantry for a while? Now's your chance!

The food pantry needs macaroni & cheese, hearty soups & stews, and tuna. Next time you're out shopping, pick up an item or two to donate!

If you'd prefer, you can make a secure online donation by visiting our webpage: *firstpresracine.org/donate*. Select SECURE GIVING THROUGH PAYPAL and click on **Food Pantry**. Or you can scan the QR code on page 13.

WANTED!

CLEAN, GENTLY USED WINTER OUTERWEAR

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter.

We are collecting warm clothing in good condition for Food Pantry Guests.

Most Wanted Items

Coats • Jackets • Hats
Gloves • Mittens • Scarves • Boots

Please donate items that are:
Clean • Gently used • Have Working Zippers

• Free of stains, tears, and strong odors

Men's items are in demand

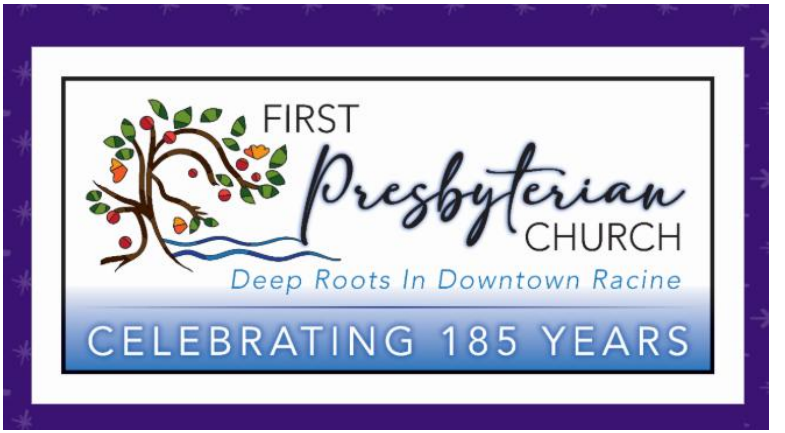
Your donation can make a warm difference!



For questions contact Meg Daniels: 262-497-0610

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As we near the Advent season, we are in need of liturgists, poetry readers and candle lighters. If you are willing to help, please let Shelley know, so you can be added to the list.

Liturgists are needed for:

- *Sunday, December 13*
- *Sunday, December 20*
- *Sunday, December 27*
- *Sunday, January 3*

Poetry readers are needed for:

- *Sunday, December 13*
- *Sunday, December 20*
- *Sunday, December 27*
- *Sunday, January 3*

Families are needed for candle lighting:

- *Sunday, November 29*
- *Sunday, December 6*
- *Sunday, December 13*
- *Sunday, December 20*

Thank You!



The gatherings will include simple meditative music, Scripture, prayer, reflection, and periods of silence. While Taizé comes from a Christian tradition, the format is intentionally simple and contemplative, and we would like to welcome anyone in the community who finds meaning in quiet reflection, music, prayer, and meditation.

Upcoming dates:

- November 2, 2026 - Tomorrow!
- December 7, 2026
- January 4, 2027
- February 1, 2027
- March 1, 2027
- April 5, 2027
- May 3, 2027
- June 7, 2027


Music & More and Choral Arts Society present:
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Saturday, December 5 • 7pm
716 College Avenue • Racine, WI
Featured Performers:
Mark Paffrath, Elizabeth Steffensen, Emily Knappen,
Alison Attar, Alejandro Alumbreros, and
The Studio of Classical Dance Arts
Boxes of homemade Christmas
cookies for sale $10/box
Tickets are $20 Adult/Senior
and $10 Student, available at
www.choralartsonline.org
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