

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

Welcome to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





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 out the ways to keep in touch,
how we live our faith, our different partnerships and so much more.

Our website address is: www.firstpresracine.org

If you're interested in receiving news about the church,
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Rev. Darren Utley—Church Pastor
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Today's Service

PASTOR—*Rev. Darren Utley*

LITURGIST—*Victoria Vollman*

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE—*Royce Earnest*

BELL RINGER—*Ken Schacht*

MUSICIANS—*Alejandro Alumbrosos, Victoria Vollman, Pat Badger, Dave Titus,*
Chancel Choir, The Well-Intentioned Repenters, The Jovial Beggars

BULLETIN & GRAPHICS—*Shelley Maurer*

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—*Steve Comeau*

*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

Victoria Vollman

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 worshipping 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

Once Upon a Time | *Austin Farwell*
Alejandro Alumbrosos

*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 Alumbremos, Victoria Vollman, 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]

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.

Janet Hoffman
October 29, 2024

Anne S. Tredwell
December 8, 2024

Ernest W. Anderson
January 31, 2025

Dennis W. Reeser
February 12, 2025

Vivian A. Clark
May 31, 2025

Tom White
June 2, 2025

Gerald M. Grennier
June 9, 2025

Mary E. Lee
July 27, 2025

Jeanne L. Rayne
August 10, 2025

Myrna A. Kryger
August 29, 2025

Louise E. Shapley
September 27, 2025

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.

I invite you now to come forward and light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life.

MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE

I'll Fly Away

Victoria Vollman, The Well-Intentioned Repenters

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

Living Bread from Heaven | *L. Moorhouse, arr. D. Nolan*
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

Luke 19:1-10

[NT 82]

SERMON

God's Gifts Are for Sharing
Rev. Darren Uitley

Responding to the Word

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Putta Nera-Phalase
The Jovial Beggars

*DOXOLOGY

[GtG Hymn #606]

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 AND THE CUP

Break Thou the Bread Of Life | *arr. Gary Prim*

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

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
[GtG Hymn #542, vv. 1, 4]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Puer Nobis' | *arr. David Spring*

Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Prayer Matters

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for all who have recently experienced the loss of a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Prayers of comfort & healing for Nancy DeKraay, John Brooke, Sheila Lawrence, Peggy Wagner, Austin Moulds, Peggy Taylor, Ed Lehmann, Sandra Hopkins, Ellen Easley, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Kay Mahl, Mary Johnson, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson, Evelyn Vanderheyden.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Nancy—girlfriend of Ken Schacht; the grandfather of Jay Perrone; Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman and sister of Jenny Eastman; David—brother of Ed Lehmann; Ramona, Steve, Susan, Sandra, John, Liz and Gabby—friends & family of the Galles; Carol—sister of Ginny Holle; Bob—friend of Sharon Campbell; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; Dan & Joyce—parents of Shelley Maurer; Richard—brother of Steve Comeau; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Chuck Pehlivanian—Sue's husband; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; Laurel—niece of Curt & Victoria Vollman; Autumn Eifert's paternal grandmother; Meyer Schaal; Tim—family member of Sheila Lawrence; the Moes' family and Scott Mohn—friends of the Paffrath family.

Special prayers for Central Reformed Presbyterian Church in Matanzas, Cuba, as they search for their new pastor, and Pastors Ary & Beidy, as they move forward with their work at the Evangelical Theological Seminary.

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

Thank you for your continued prayers for everyone. They are powerful!

Mission Initiative and Deacons

LET'S HELP SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS JOY!

This year we are collecting for two initiatives to help support the Children and Families of Julian Thomas Elementary School:

Holiday Food Cards: The deacons need help with cash/check donations for food cards. Rather than giving families an actual food basket, the selected recipient families will each receive a gift card for ALDI so they can purchase the food items that their family needs. All monetary donations that are given to Julian Thomas School will support this initiative. Donations in any amount are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian and note *JT Gift Card* on the memo line. Or you can make a secure donation by visiting firstpresracine.org/donate and click on "Secure Giving thru PayPal." From the dropdown list, please select Julian Thomas Gift Card. Donations can be made through December 7th.

Christmas Toy Drive: We are also collecting toys, crafts and gift items for Julian Thomas School through December 7th. There is a decorated box in Ihrman Hall for the donations.

Every year, the teachers and staff identify students whose families may be in distress and could benefit from having a brighter holiday. They then put together Santa Bags for all of the children in the selected families. Our target gift price range is \$10-\$30 per item.

With joy and gratitude,

Meg Daniels and Georgia Herrera on behalf of the Mission Initiatives Committee
Mary Bernstein and Ken Nakayama on behalf of the Deacons Committee

Candlelight

CONCERT

A Music & More and Choral Arts Society collaboration

Saturday, December 6

7:00 p.m. • 716 College Avenue • Racine, WI

Performers: Mark Paffrath, Choral Arts Society, The Studio of Classical Dance Arts, and More!

Tickets: \$20 Adults • \$10 Students



Boxes of Homemade Christmas
cookies for sale \$10/box



Music & MORE
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Choral
ARTS
Society

FOR TICKETS: choralartsonline.org | (262) 634-3250

This season is supported in part by a grant from the Racine Community Foundation, a grant from the Racine Arts Council's ArtSeed Grant Program funded by the Racine Arts Council and the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin, and a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts.





This week...

Sun., Nov. 2 nd	9:30 ^{AM}	All Saints Sunday Service
	10:40 ^{AM}	Fellowship (LL-Dining Room)
Mon., Nov. 3 rd	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Nov. 4 th	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for Food Pantry
Wed., Nov. 5 th	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Sun., Nov. 9 th	8:30 ^{AM}	Mission Meeting (Chapel)
	9:30 ^{AM}	Worship
	10:40 ^{AM}	Fellowship

Save the Dates...

Advent Begins

Sunday, November 30th

A CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

The Choral Arts Society and Music & More Collaboration

Saturday, December 6th at 7:00^{PM}

Tickets \$20 (adult) - \$10 (youth)

purchase from CAS by visiting choralartsonline.org

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30^{PM}