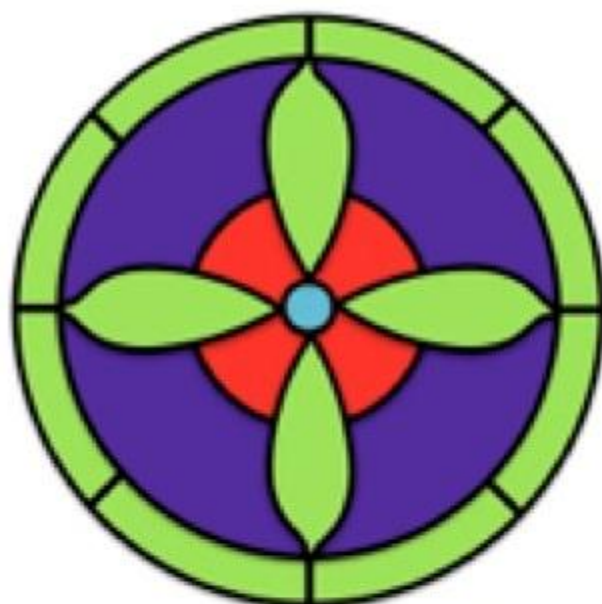




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 2, 2025
8:30 & 11:00AM**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one
another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the
name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"For All the Saints"

#711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light
Alleluia, Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold.
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, Alleluia

O blest communion. Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried;*

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic** church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,
having been destined according to the purpose of him
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel

and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” #454
Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Silently now I wait for Thee,

Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES
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OFFERTORY
“God of Our Praise” Chancel Choir

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

“In His Steps” Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing....
....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you,...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit....Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you and in our hearts –

<i>Mike Fetter</i>	November 5, 2024
<i>Kathy Curtis</i>	November 28, 2024
<i>Gary Louvar</i>	January 16, 2025
<i>Tucker Robinson</i>	February 20, 2025
<i>Corry Widiger</i>	February 21, 2025
<i>Jean Rich</i>	March 6, 2025
<i>Bobby Rich</i>	April 24, 2025

<i>Sandra Billingsley</i>	May 3, 2025
<i>Jack Hill</i>	May 11, 2025
<i>Michael Gaston</i>	May 13, 2025
<i>Don Hartfiel</i>	May 24, 2025
<i>Richard Werner</i>	June 30, 2025
<i>Nathaniel Bradford</i>	July 11, 2025
<i>Curtie Giles</i>	July 13, 2025
<i>Nathan Fansler</i>	September 14, 2025
<i>Patsy Bennett</i>	September 26, 2025
<i>Carol Smith</i>	October 10, 2025

Leader: ...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.
All: Amen.

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

“Fairest Lord Jesus” #189

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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“Amazing Grace” #378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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#397

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

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"Pass It On"

#572

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

#540

I love Thy kingdom Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Are Ye Able"

Lord, we are able, our spirits are Thine,
Remold them, make us, like Thee divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

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GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.
Amen.

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memory of Virginia & Sonny Scarborough by Pam &
Davis Scarborough.*

*The rose on the piano is in celebration of the birth of
Paul Anthony Ma on October 24, 2025 to Payton &
Anthony Ma. Proud grandmother is Tonia Heitzenrater
and great grandparents are Sherry & Jim Heitzenrater.*

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Thank you.*

