

ALL SAINTS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION
November 3, 2024 -- 10 a.m.

WELCOME

We demonstrate our love for God when we are:
Living our faith, Nurturing families, Serving our communities.

*GREETING

CENTERING OUR HEARTS Susan Finger
"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dale Menenhall

ONE: Today we come to remember, O God...
ALL: **We remember the gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**
ONE: We remember, O God, The supreme love of Jesus,
ALL: **The blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:**
ONE: We remember the lives of Christ's disciples
ALL: **The young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**
ONE: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.
ALL: **Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!**

*HYMN "Forward Through the Ages" #555
1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Refrain:
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Joe Snyder

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Mendenhall

OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION
OFFERTORY Rev. Boruff
"I Will Sing You Home" Sanctuary 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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM "Come Home" Sanctuary Choir

NEW TESTAMENT Rev. Dale Mendenhall
Revelation 21:1-7 (NLT)
¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." ⁵And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." ⁶And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

SERMON Real, Genuine, Actual Rev. Boruff

RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS Rev. Boruff
Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all the saints who now rest from their labors in your presence;
We thank you for all our loved ones, and thank you, Great Shepherd, for walking with them through that "valley of the shadow of death."
Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months died and entered into eternal glory.
We give thanks for their lives and for their love. We rejoice with them in their heavenly reward.

*A candle will be lit, and a bell tolled as each name is read.
Names are listed on the insert*

*If you wish to light a candle to honor your loved ones,
you may do so as we sing together*

*HYMN "For All the Saints" #711
1. 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!

2. 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!
3. 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!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
We have chosen to gather around this holy table at the invitation of our God and in communion with generations past and generations yet to come.... He blessed and broke the bread, saying:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
We remember that in the same way Jesus took the cup, after supper, and looked forward to your reign, saying:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
Eternal God, we come now in sacred community....
Enliven and enlighten this church with your grace that is able to make all things new. **Amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
All persons seeking to know more of Jesus Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

HYMN "Rejoice in God's Saints" #708
Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, Help us to share.

4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saint forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC OF SENDING Susan Finger
Recessional on "To God be the Glory"

*please stand as you are able

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **FOOD@FIRST:** 100 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **DISASTER RESPONSE:** Offer a gift thru UMCOR and 100% of your gift will be used for the purpose intended. If you wish to give to US Hurricane Relief please send a check or gift to the church designated "Advance #901670" and it will be sent. Other information at Welcome Center.
- **BATH TOWEL COLLECTION:** Bath Towels will be collected this month (Nov.). Towels will be dedicated during worship on Nov. 24 and then distributed to St. Vincent De Paul, Anderson. In past years blankets were collect but there are plenty of blankets ready for distribution.
- **J.O.Y. LUNCH:** Join us to hear from Greg Graham, City Council Member about the Anderson Homeless Initiatives on Friday, November 15. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and the program will begin about noon. Make your reservation in the church office by Wed. Nov. 13. Lunch costs \$12 and may be paid at the door.
- **ALPHA BRASS CONCERT: TODAY at 3 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Enjoy a concert of familiar, beautiful music!
- **KEEP MINISTRY ALIVE IN 2025!** Your financial gifts make ministry happen. Cards are available at the Welcome Center, at the sanctuary entrance tables and in the church office. Thank you for giving to God!

Weekly Schedule

Sun 11/3—All Saints Day			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
3:00 pm	Alpha Brass Fall Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
4:30 pm	Community Cafe		Downtown
Mon 11/4			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
6:00 pm	Budget mtg	Conference Rm	Downtown
Tues 11/5			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 11/6			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
10:30 am	Madison County Homemakers	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	First Kids		Downtown
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Children’s Choir		Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 11/7			
10:00 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle	North/South	Downtown
Fri 11/8			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 11/9			
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 11/10			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Youth Group	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown

We give thanks for today’s:
Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines
Greeters: Ron and Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline
Fellowship Time: Janine Spurgeon, Vicky Strock



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Pastors: Corinne Boruff
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation