ALL SAINTS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION
November 1, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We demonstrate our love for God when we are:
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Duet

"It Is Well With My Soul"
Susan Finger, organ & Michle Murray, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall

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)

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION Candy Short
OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir

"The Journey Home"

***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** Candy Short

ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir

"Come and Find Your Perfect Rest"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall

***GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12 (NLT) Candy Short

[1]One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up
on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered
around him, [2] and he began to teach them. [3] "God blesses
those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the
Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. [4] God blesses those who
mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] God blesses those
who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. [6]
God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for
they will be satisfied. [7] God blesses those who are
merciful, for they will be shown mercy. [8] God blesses
those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. [9] God
blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called
the children of God. [10] God blesses those who are
persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is
theirs. [11] "God blesses you when people mock you and
persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil
things against you because you are my followers. [12] Be
happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits
you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were
persecuted in the same way.
This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Called to be Saints Rev. Boruff

RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

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.

Reading of Names

A candle will be lit, and a bell tolled as each name is read.
You may stand as a name is read to honor that person.
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 Rev. Boruff

We have chosen to gather around this holy table... Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Passover meal. He blessed and broke the bread saying:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this is 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 before these gifts of your love. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, tithes and offering, on the sacred gifts of communion for our shut-ins, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Enliven and enlighten this church with your grace thatis able to make all things new.

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

***GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

All persons are welcome to receive Christ's gift of grace.

***HYMN** "Rejoice in God's Saints" #708

1. 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.

RESPONSE

Jesus Christ has called us to live with patience, to be faithful through the years, to bring hope to a broken world. **Jesus, help us to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love today and always. Amen.**

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Susan Finger

"May He Hold Us"

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able.

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Preaching: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall & Candy Short
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Communion Servers: Cameron & Mary Mendel, Frank & Sarah Later, Dave & Holly Renz
Sound Tech: Mark Murray
Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

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

Announcements

- **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**
  Anderson First United Methodist Church
  Downtown: 1215 Jackson St., Anderson, IN 46016
  Davis Park: 4507 Nichol Ave., Anderson, IN 46011
  Website: andersonfirst.org
  Phone: 765-643-6977
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again
- **ROESCH COMMUNITY CAFE:** 108 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **BLANKETS FOR TEENS:** This year we are collecting fleece throw blankets for teens that will be distributed by Operation Love. Bring your donations beginning November 1 thru November 29 when your gifts will be blessed.
- **J.O.Y LUNCH:** November20 will feature Clark Simpson, CEO of the Madison County YMCA. He will share all that the YMCA has to offer Just-Older-Youth and more! Make your reservation in the church office by Wednesday, November 18. Lunch costs $12 and may be paid at the door.
- **CONCERTS: PLAN TO BE HERE!**
  Saturday, November 14 @ 7:00 p.m. - Fall Creek Valley Community Band Christmas Concert with Anderson Area Youth Chorale (AAYC).
  Sunday, November 22 @ 3:00 p.m. - We are hosting the Anderson Symphany Orchestra. Tickets are required and may be purchased from the Paramount Theater.

Weekly Schedule

Sun 11/01			
9:00 am	Grant Team Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
Mon 11/02			
10:30 am	Bible Study -Philippians	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Tues 11/030			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Wed 11/041			
3:00 pm	Coffee With Corinne		Facebook
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Parl/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room, HS Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 11/05			
10:00 am	Friendship Bible Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:00 pm	Adapt Dinner	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Fri 11/06			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 11/07			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 11/08			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Gathering	Youth Room, HS Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Roesch Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

We give thanks for today's
Greeters: Ron & Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline
Ushers: Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines, Steve Seybert
Coffee Hosts: Cortes Family

First United Methodist

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Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brian White
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation