Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost | all saints day

November 1, 2026 | Order of Worship | *Congregational responses are in* ***bold***

PRELUDE *Patrick Speckamp (he/him)*

WELCOME *Deacon Theresa Sawyer (she/her)*

CENTERING SOUNDS The Majesty & Glory of Your Name | Tom Fettke

First Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

When fall takes on color and trees become flowers,
We remember the promise:
Love never ends.
When leaves drop to the ground, too suddenly and soon
We remember the promise:
Love never ends.
When we long for what's been and grief takes hold
We remember the promise:
Love never ends.
When new buds form and springtime startles
We remember the promise:
Love never ends.

HYMN *(please rise in body or spirit)* Oh When the Saints

You're invited during this hymn to come forward & add a name to the tablecloth on the communion table of someone in your life who has passed on.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in!

2 And when the sun, begins to shine…
3 Oh, when the trumpet, sounds its call…
4 Oh, when the new world is revealed…
5 Oh on that hallelujah day…

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough." -Meister Eckhart

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

If you choose to make a gratitude gift, please consider using a gratitude heart, located in the pew racks.

WE SOUND THE BELL

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

- 1 Corinthians 13 — Peace Table Story Bible

STORY FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD *The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (she/her) & Pastor Spencer (he/him)*

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God

HYMN *(please rise in body or spirit)* In the Bulb There Is a Flower
No. 433 in the Black Hymnal

HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow & Pastor Spencer Law co-presiding

Our communion table is open to all. We celebrate with gluten free bread or almonds, grape juice or water.

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God we give you thanks --
for the names we called out today,
the names written in our hearts,
And for all the souls with whom we've shared this feast.
Bless this holiest meal to our bodies,
That we might somehow be Your body --
Your hands and feet, Your beating heart in this world.

God who is Love, hear us now as we call out the prayers of our own hearts to You:

(We name our prayers to God, aloud or in our hearts)

Hear our prayers, we humbly pray. And hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying...

THE LORDS 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY *Joe De Vito, Sr.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC Shine Like the Sun | Karen Black

Glen Jukkola on violin, Soloist Kevin Murphy (he/him), & First Church Choir

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:

We call out words like "joyful, kind, just" to bless our church and world

BENEDICTION

HYMN BEFORE ELECTION DAY 2026 Let There Be Peace on Earth | Insert

POSTLUDE *Patrick Speckamp (he/him)*

(please rise in body or spirit)

SERVICE CREDITS

Pastors Spencer and Emily wrote the call to worship together while sitting on an airplane flying from Indianapolis to Baltimore.

Let There Be Peace on Earth



Announcements

Council Secretary Needed!

Your Church Council needs an interim secretary. Representatives from all the committees meet on the 4th Sunday after church to discuss and decide on church-wide issues. It's a great group! The secretary's job probably takes about 2-3 hours each month, in addition to attending the meetings. Some computer expertise is helpful. If you'd like to volunteer, or learn more about it, please contact Marita Wiser marita.wiser@gmail.com or 318-4641.

Mission Trip Support Thank you & Donations Request

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the upcoming CityReach mission trip at our spaghetti dinner and all who participated in our raffle! We were just shy of reaching $1,000 in donations for a total of $995!

Our CityReach mission trip is quickly approaching! As part of this work, each group is asked to bring supplies with them to distribute and we need your help with this! A full list and sign up sheet can be found in the weekly email. Thank you for all your continued support towards our mission trip!

Intergenerational Drum Circle

All are invited to join a drum circle every Sunday from October 25 - December 20, in the Sanctuary from 11:30-12:15! The activities are designed for anyone to have fun drumming and engage in community. You do not need any musical experience to join! This is a low-commitment, drop-in group.

Missions Committee: Christmas Wish Tree

This Christmas season, our Missions Committee is helping make the holidays brighter for local children through our Christmas Wish Tree! Starting next week, our tree will be covered in stars, each holding a child's wishes for something they want, need, wear, or read. Just as the Wise Men followed a star to bring gifts to baby Jesus, we invite you to choose a star (or a few!) and share the joy of giving! Prefer not to shop? Donations to Missions are warmly welcomed, and we'll happily shop for you. Thank you for your continued support!

Online Giving

This Week's Email

Subscribe to the Weekly Email

First Church Ministry Leaders

Ministers

All of Us

Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily C. Goodnow *(she/her)*

Minister for Intergenerational Innovation

Pastor Spencer Law *(he/him)*

C.E. Coordinator

Sandy Wissmann *(she/her)*

Director of Music Engagement

Cassie Cooper-Ricci *(they/them)*

Organist/Pianist

Patrick Speckamp *(he/him)*

Office Manager

Kylie Morel *(she/her)*

Co-Moderators

Rosemary Wiser (*she/her)*
Marita Wiser (*she/her)*

Treasurer - Asst. Treasurer

Peter Clark *(he/him)*
Gail McBride *(she/her)*

Trustee of the Week

Bob Wentworth *(he/him)*

Deacon of the Week

Theresa Sawyer *(she/her)*

Greeters-Hospitality

Glen Jukkola, Leslie McAllister, Peter Oberg

C.E. Leaders

Jess & Edna Engstrom

Calendar of Events

This Sunday, november 1

- Worship, 10 am, Pastors Spencer and Emily co-leading all ages intergenerational worship for All Saints Day. Service includes Holy Communion
- Snack & Chat Potluck, following worship
- GAT Meeting, 12 pm

Tuesday, november 3

- Jeanette's Closet, 9-11 am
- Tiny Tots, 9 am
- Staff Meeting, 10:30 am
- Prayer Group, 1:30 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, november 4

- Bible Study, 10 am

Thursday, november 5

- Choir Rehearsal, 6 pm

Saturday, november 7

- Celebration of Life of Debora Kutasi, 1:30 pm

Next Sunday, november 8

- Worship, 10 am
- Fire Drill at the end of the service, led by the Trustees
- Snack & Chat, following worship
- Trustees Meeting, 11:30 am, parlor

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Mon-Fri
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