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All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude Prelude on “Sine Nomine” arr. Cindy Berry
(When the prelude begins, please take your seat and observe silence as we prepare to worship God.)

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Song of Thanksgiving” Kevin Memly

***Call to Worship** *Ps. 149:1*
Sing to the Lord a new song;
let all the faithful praise the Lord!

***Hymn No. 2** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” NICAEA

***Opening Prayer**
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Call to Confession *Col. 2:12*
We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness *Rom. 5:5*

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Summary of the Law *John 13:34*

Hear the teaching of Christ:
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Word

Anthem "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar
Ringers: Ally Allred, Kristen Allred, Carol Rawlings

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3*

Homily: "See What Love" Rev. Cassie Alston

***Hymn No. 805** "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX
(*Gloria Patri*)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Rev. Cassie Alston
Matt. 28:18-20

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Elder Robbie DeCoux

On behalf of the session, I present Emile Crane, child of Margaret Ann and Brandon, to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Rev. Cassie Alston

Margaret Ann and Brandon, do you desire that Emile be baptized?
(Parents respond.) **I do.**
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?
(Parents respond.) **I do.**

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Emile by word and deed, with love and prayer?
(Congregation responds.) **We do.**
Will we encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?
(Congregation responds.) **We will.**

Profession of Faith

Rev. Cassie Alston

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Margaret Ann and Brandon, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
(Parents respond.) **I do**.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
(Parents respond.) **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
(Parents respond.) **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Eternal and Gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past and have blessed us with signs of your grace. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Emile, that he may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

Declaration

Emile, for you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is accomplished"; for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to rule over all. All this he did for you, Emile, though you do not know it yet. And so the word of scripture is fulfilled: We love because God first loved us.

The Baptism

Emile Crane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

O Lord, uphold Emile by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome Elder Robbie DeCoux

Emile, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become a member of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ. **Alleluia! Amen!**

Presentation

Choir offers hymn number 758, "Baptized in Water." BUNESSAN

Invitation to the Offering

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Mark Hayes
Jeremy Threlfall, tenor

***Hymn No. 809** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH DOXOLOGY

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to God's Table *Ps. 34:8*

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks and praise to God.

It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, we praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection. From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence. How glorious is your heavenly realm where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory!

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body.

Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone before us and remember them now before you. Especially, we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved. We remember…

Ronald W. Yates, Sr.	2.26.26
Charles Calvin Ray	3.28.26
Thomas Halton Walman	4.4.26
Mary Mixon Sanders Spurgeon	5.16.26
Eileen Pearl Hutchinson Cato	9.6.26

Others whom we name aloud or in our hearts.
(*At this time congregants may say names of friends and family members who have passed away this year. Following this morning's worship service, you are invited to write these names in the Book of Remembrance.)*

We thank you, Lord, for these who, by their patient obedience and self-denial, steadfast hope, and helpfulness in trouble, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. As they have comforted and upheld our spirits, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
In life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

Now, as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:
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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again. The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful – those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

***Hymn No. 751 (vv. 1-3, 6)** "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Joseph Nimoh

***Please stand as you are able.**

Announcements

Welcome to Worship!
All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to join us again soon. Please fill out the blue card in your pew and place it in the offering plate when passed.

All Saints' Day and Baptism of Emile Macloud
Thanks be to God for the communion of saints! During worship today, we give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us and honor loved ones who have died in the past year. We also celebrate the baptism of Emile Crane Macloud, child of Margaret Ann and Brandon Macloud, joyfully welcoming Emile as a child of the covenant and a member of God's family of faith. Let us give thanks to God for grace made known in Jesus Christ and for uniting us forever in his love!

Thank You!
Thank you to the Fellowship Committee, chairperson Susan White, and all volunteers who helped make Wednesday's Fall Festival such a wonderful event!

Tuesday Meals for the Hungry
The Missions Committee needs your help feeding the hungry! Beginning in November and lasting through February, J.J. White will provide Tuesday evening meals for people in need. We do this in conjunction with Centenary Methodist and the Episcopal church. J.J. White is responsible for one meal a month plus any fifth Tuesdays, and all meals are served from J.J. White. Please contact Elder Robbie DeCoux if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

Pledge Sunday
Please join us on Sunday, November 15, as we give thanks to God for his bountiful blessings! In gratitude, we will offer our financial pledges for the coming year. Thank you for your faithful support of Christ's church, and please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the life and mission of this congregation in the coming year.

Record from Last Sunday *Attendance: 55 Offering: $3,004.00*

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 11/1	11:45 AM	**Called Session Meeting** (Ladies' Parlor)
Wednesday, 11/4	7:15 AM	**Men's Prayer Breakfast** (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 11/5	10:00 AM	**Thursday Bible Study** (JOY Room)
	5:30 PM	**Knutty Knitters** (JOY Room)
Sunday, 11/8	9:00 AM	**Breakfast** (Ewell Martin Room)
	9:30 AM	**Sunday School**
	10:30 AM	**Worship**

Reflection and Prayers

Reflection:

"See what love the Father has given us…" (1 John 3:1) What does this phrase reveal to you about the nature of God's love? How have you experienced that love in your own life?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you. Thank you for the overwhelming love you give to us — such that you even call us your children. Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all that I say and do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as the day draws to a close, I thank you for the gift of life and for the love you have made known through Jesus. Forgive me for the times I have overlooked your goodness or failed to show your love. Comfort those who are weary, lonely, or troubled with your gracious presence. As we sleep, renew our faith and prepare us to live tomorrow in the light of your truth and love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.