Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Day **November 1, 2026**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Everlasting God,
in the beginning there was you.
Ever since, you have made yourself known to us
through ancestors, siblings in faith,
and loved ones who have left us.
We remember each of the many saints
who touched our lives and, however imperfectly,
showed us your way of love.
Keep us in the great cloud of their witness,
that we may be guided by them and by you,
now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude on For All the Saints R. V. Williams

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lucy Lanning

What kind of love has God given us?
A love that proclaims we are God's very own.
What kind of promise has God given us?
God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
What kind of future has God given us?
God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.
Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power and might
be to our God, forever and always!

*SONG OF PRAISE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hymnal, No. 366

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together:

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers …

(Time of silent reflection)

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING
1 John 3:1-3 Page No. 990
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

ANTHEM Pie Jesu Mary Lynn Lightfoot

"Pie Jesu" translates to "Merciful Jesus," a prayer asking Christ to grant eternal rest and peace to the departed. With its text drawn from the traditional Latin Requiem Mass, this setting by Lightfoot offers a poignant expression of prayer, remembrance, and hope. Commissioned by Putnam City Honors Choir in honor of the victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the work serves as a musical tribute to those who lost their lives and a reminder of the enduring need for compassion and healing.

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 5:1-12 Page No. 785
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE For All the Saints Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Hymnal, No. 377

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith
are set right with God
and commissioned to serve
as God's reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: …Lord, in your mercy and love, **hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

…Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

…Holy, holy, holy Lord, Hymnal, No. 552
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,
hosanna in the highest.

…Christ has died; Hymnal, No. 553
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

…Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again..

…Through the Lord Jesus Christ, Hymnal, No. 554
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	For All the Saints	Hymnal, No. 326
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
*POSTLUDE	Recessional in G Major	Ian Higginson

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 8: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7 Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are cough drops/ cold medicine and blankets**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**