Saint Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Ecumenical Shared Ministry

November 1, 10:30 AM, 23nd Sunday After Pentecost – All Saints' Sunday

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We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik, Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples. This land is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship," signed with the British Crown in 1726, which established the rules for an ongoing relationship between the nations, not a surrender of land and resources. May we continue working toward a just and right relationship with the First Peoples of this land.

Please note that the words in **Bold** are congregational responses in which we join our voices together.

COMING TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude: Sicilienne
Paradis

Welcome & Announcements:

Moment for Missions:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship[1]:

We gather today in the presence of God, who was and is and is to come.

We come surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those who kept the faith, finished the race, and now rest in God's peace.

We give thanks for the saints who showed us the way: prophets who spoke truth, teachers who opened Scripture, friends who prayed, and loved ones who lived the gospel before us.

Their witness reminds us that the church is not bound by time or place. In Christ, death does not divide us but unites us in one body.

So let us lift our hearts in praise to the Lord of every generation, whose grace was sufficient for them and is sufficient for us.

To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
VU 315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Grounding Prayer[2]

Prayer of Confession[3]:

God of courage and commitment, we confess we have not always followed the path you set before us. Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love.
Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost.

Assurance of Pardon:

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time for all ages:

Prayer for Understanding[3]:

God of ages past, present and yet to come, your Word comes to us as the witness of your saints over many generations. Send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts so that we too may hear your wisdom and come to know Christ more deeply as your Living Word. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 3:4-10, 16-28

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first

said, “No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.” So they argued before the king.
Then the king said, “The one says, ‘This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,’ while the other says, ‘Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.’ ” So the king said, “Bring me a sword,” and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, “Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other.” But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, “Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!” The other said, “It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.” Then the king responded, “Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.” All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.
He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,
a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.
He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.
And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in; they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield.
By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their cattle decrease.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they m’hake their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour; at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Choir Anthem: The Lone, Wild Bird Nelson

Message: God’s Wisdom

Hymn of Response: God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.

Invitation to Offering:

Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow TBoP 306

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication[3]:

Generous God, thank you for your steadfast love which has inspired so many to give their lives in sacrifice. Bless the gifts we bring, and inspire our discipleship so that our lives will also witness to your love in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of The People:

And now we join our voices into one prayer and pray as Jesus taught,
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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD FOLLOWING THE WAY

Closing Hymn: For all the Saints VU 705

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west,
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:

as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Commissioning and Benediction:

Postlude: Praise the Lord with the Drum and Cymbals Karg-Elert

[1] https://www.pastorjasonelder.com/liturgy/7-calls-to-worship-for-all-saints-sunday

[2] J. Terry Todd, Ministry Matters, All Saints' Day November 1, 2020 https://ministrymatters.com/2019-01-01_november_1_2020_all_saints_day/

[3] PCC Worship Planner November 1, 2026

Announcements

Thank you to those who have used their gifts, time and talents to serve God in worship. Today's all-stars are:

READERS
Hebrew Scripture: Kendall Wright
Responsive Psalm: Jean Boudreau
Gospel: Beth Meister

GREETERS: Heather and Kendall Wright, & Mary Stickles

AUDIO VISUAL (zoom): Beth and Shawn Meister and Alan Thorne

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: Debbie, Lois, Barb
Next week, Sunday, November 8th, volunteers are Marg Leonard and Chris Grant.

Coffee Hour Volunteers who each week provide tea, coffee and treats during our time of Fellowship following the morning worship service. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to offer this gift to our congregation's life in November. The sign-up sheet for December is available on the side-entry bulletin board by the church hall. We appreciate all our volunteer teams for this important ministry.

Call for more Photo's! The Worship Committee has acquired quite a few photos from Saint Andrews **of family members who served during the wars**. We are making a poster

made for our Remembrance Day Service. If anyone has photos (photocopies) of their family, especially in military dress, to add to the collection, please leave it in the **office mail holder or give them to Roger by October 31**

It's Mittvember! The lighted tree at the back of the Sanctuary is decorated with mitts! For the month of November, our Mission and Outreach Committee is requesting **Men's and Women's mitts, toques, and scarves to share with needy men and women who come to our doors** or to Riverstone Recovery Center. Donated items can be placed in the basket at the base of the lighted tree. We are very grateful for any and all donations on behalf of the vulnerable in our community.

Thank You for your donations during **Socktober** our congregation collected 66+ pairs of Socks for those in need this winter season. Thank you for your support.

COMING SOON . . .
Once again, Greener Village Food Bank is seeking our help in making Christmas wishes come true for 40 local children whose families are being looked after by the Food Bank this year. Our little tree will be set up at the back of the sanctuary next week. It will be decorated with 40 angels each identifying a child, their age and a gift request. The angels are valued in various amounts and include requests for a preferred gift or gift card. After you have selected an angel, you shop for the gift or gift card and bring it to the church by the requested date. We look after taking all the gifts to the Food Bank. More information will be available once we receive our angels from the Food Bank.

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs

The Pantry: Dish detergent and Mr. Clean and school-safe snacks.
Breakfast 2 Go: Cheez Whiz; cans of ham, chicken turkey, fish; peanut butter; instant coffee; nutritional drinks; mini cereal boxes; TP

Weekly Congregational Activities

Tuesdays ~ Ladies Group, in the Hall: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!!
Tues. & Thurs. ~ Quilting Group, Parlour - 1-4 p.m. ~ All are welcome!
Wednesdays ~ Pantry Program, Basement - 9-11 a.m. - Basement
Thursdays ~ Choir Practice, in the Hall: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ~ All are welcome!
Fridays ~ Breakfast 2 Go, Hall entrance - 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Church Meetings

Mission and Outreach Committee will be meeting in the church hall on **November 11th at 1:30pm**. If you are interested in getting more involved with our outreach work, we hope you will join them.

Looking to **connect with Rev. Michelle**, you can call her direct office line at **(506)455-0639**, email michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com, or **text (506)259-7602**. For pastoral emergencies, please call her cell. Please note: Rev. Michelle will be off October 28 and away on Continuing Education November 2-8th inclusive.

Can't attend Sunday Service in person?

Consider joining us online. Worship via Zoom - Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287 Passcode: 2023
View past services here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG2wvjhQzgAm-2Co5WvRkmA

External Announcements

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall is having a **Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM**. Location St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 2130 Rte 102 Hwy, Lincoln. There will be local crafts, Baking, Books, and a cafe. Something for everyone**.**

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers are once again selling **Christmas wreaths** as part of their annual fundraising campaign. Wreaths are selling at $17 undecorated and $20 with the big red velvet bow. **The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 22**. Pickup date is Sunday, November 29, from 10 am to 1:30 pm (from Wilmot United). The contact this year is Susan Short. She can be reached at: Susanmshort14@gmail.com or 506-455-5377 (H) 238-5377 (C). Many thanks for your continued support.