

SAINT LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026

10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
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All Saints Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

"The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." - *William James*

Prelude Étude Op. 10, No. 3
Frédéric Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship* from *Child of Blessing* liturgy

Leader: We are gathered
People: to tell stories.
Leader: We are gathered
People: to remember.
Leader: We are gathered
People: surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.
Leader: We are gathered to celebrate the saints.
People: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn* 326 For All the Saints

Prayer of Confession*

Wise and generous God, you have given us life and surrounded us with gifts we did not earn.
Yet we often seek what cannot satisfy and spend ourselves on what will not last.
We confuse abundance with accumulation. We hold tightly to what you have entrusted to us.
We worry as though everything depends on what we can keep and forget how much we have received.
You call us to seek your kingdom first, but our hearts are distracted by comfort,
recognition, security, and success.
We remember the faithful lives that have gone before us, yet we do not always follow their examples of generosity, courage, service, and love.
Forgive us, gracious God. Give us discerning hearts. Loosen our grip on what possesses us.
Teach us to seek what matters most and to spend our lives on what will outlast us.
We turn to you now, our helper and our strength, with the silent prayers of our own needs.
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Thanksgiving* 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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.

Passing of the Peace*

Carol Hickey

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 3:5–15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterward, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday, all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the Sanctuary narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

What We Seek First — Rev. Dr. David Lower

Litany of Remembrance (responsively)

Eternal God, not bound by time, we give you heartfelt thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, who work beside us, who live beyond us.
Open us to their presence among us: the words of prophets on our lips,
the sweat of the saints coursing through our veins, the visions of mystics before our eyes,
the love of those who embraced generosity moving our muscles to acts of compassion.
With all the saints, today we remember especially the members of the Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church family who died in the last year:

Tom Clark
Ed McIntosh
Janis Rowell
Edna Schell
Carol Sweigert
Carol Thorup
(After these names are read, you are invited to say aloud the names of deceased family and friends you are remembering.)

May we be so caught up in their Alleluia, our lives vibrating, like theirs, with the pulse of eternity,
until the very foundations of this old world begin to rumble and give way to your new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Lord's 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Whither Must I Wander — Myles Green
The Vagabond
Ralph Vaughan Williams

**please stand*

Moment for Stewardship

Sylvia Jackson

The Offering

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:
1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
2) Scan the QR code or give online via slpres.org/giving,
3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.
If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offering Music

The Wayfaring Stranger
arr. Paul Smith

Chancel Choir

I am a poor wayfaring stanger,
While traveling through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil, or danger
In that bright world to which I go.

I'm going there to see my Father;
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me;
I know my way is rough and steep,
But golden fields lie out before me
Where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.

I'm going there to meet my Mother;
She said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial,
My body sleeps in the churchyard;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial
And enter on my great reward.

I'm going there to see my Saviour,
To sing His praise for evermore.
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

Closing Hymn* 822

When We Are Living

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

The Lord Bless and Keep You
Chester Nordman

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Highlights:

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!
For the latest Saint Luke's news and information go to slpres.org or scan the Highlights QR code.

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to prayerrequest@slpres.org.

To give: