THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Elegy* Harold Darke

Prayer of Preparation *(you may prepare for worship by praying silently)*

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.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Tommy Suttle

Minute for Stewardship

Call to Worship (responsive)

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!

* Hymn of Praise 819 – *Be Still, My Soul*

* Call to Confession

It is hard to believe that a day will come when there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more tears or death. As we remember our loved ones, we cannot help but doubt. God is big enough to handle that doubt, so let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives. We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence. We hear you call us blessed when we mourn, but we do not find the comfort you promise. Be with us in our remembrance and strengthen us until the day we join them, singing your praises in the great multitude. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

See what love our Creator has given us: we are children of God. Our heavenly Parent loves us, forgives us, and is with us through every trial. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. 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.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12 pew Bible pg. 785

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Prayers of the People and Necrology

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Requiem John Rutter

Soloist: Brandy Cramer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Invitation to Offering

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Molly IJames

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 326 – *For All the Saints*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

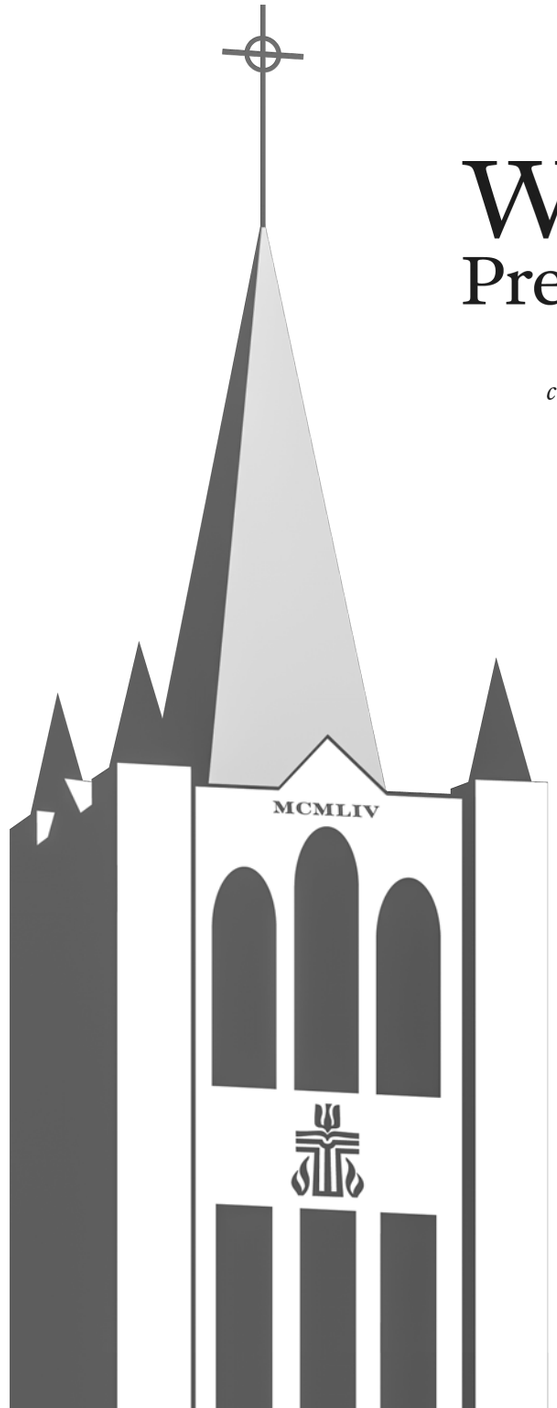
The blessing of the one God— Spirit, Son, and Father— be with you now and always.
Alleluia!

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

* Postlude – The Lord is My Light arr. Mary McDonald

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* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.
Today's liturgy is in part adapted from the Call to Worship website, a resource created by the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

II Corinthians 5:17

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(new added prayers)*

Janet Baldwin – family issues
Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's
Jan Bozeman – constant pain
Larry & Margaret Burge of Poplarville, friends of Michael Yore – Larry has cancer
Malcolm Curtis, Janet Baldwin's co-worker – health issues
Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia
Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)
Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance
Erica Gilmore, friend of Janet Baldwin – family issues
Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia
Mckenna Hawkins, daughter of Michael Yore's friend – cancer
Charles "Rocky" Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues
Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – continued strength through addiction recovery
Charlotte Hill
Ann Johnson
Geraldine Jones
Rod Kyriakides, friend of Eric Reidenbach - diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
B.J. Lambert
Rebecca Lawrence, friend of Karen Reidenbach – recovering from injuries from a car accident.
Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia
Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer
Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength
Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration
Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues
Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – continued prayers
Franklin Eugene Roberts, Robin Roberts' brother – health concerns
Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)
Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer
**Robin Sykes Thornburg, daughter of a friend of Pam Love – malignant brain tumor*
Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage
Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

Growing Spiritually will meet today after worship.

The November/December *Today* devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

The Youth and Children will meet today from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided.

PW Coordinating Team will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

Deacons will meet next Sunday at 11:35 a.m. and the **Session** will meet on Nov. 15.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

Menu: Red beans and rice, bread, salad and dessert

Activities: Christopher will continue teaching the book The Meaning of Your Life.
The children and youth will meet separately upstairs.

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30.

Westminster will be **collecting** winter coats (jackets, sweaters, etc.) and blankets for the international students at USM. There is a box for items in the narthex. The deadline is Nov. 13.

PW's least coin donation container is located on a narthex cabinet. Please continue to bring your coins to donate. These coins fund grants that promote evangelism, service, and ecumenical solidarity among women worldwide.

Our annual church stewardship mailing will be sent from the church office this week. Please be on the lookout for it, and if you do not receive one, please contact the church office.

To donate to WPC

Blessing of the Pets

Please plan to come to this community event, benefitting Southern Pines Animal Shelter and Hub City Humane Society, which will be held at Westminster on November 14th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Monetary donations or supplies are encouraged but not required. All pets are welcome but must be secured.