

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—November 1, 2026



They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

Text: Text: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986)
Music: John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Discipleship Ministries based on Psalm 103:1

Leader: We gather in the presence of God and in
the company of all the saints.

People: **We are surrounded by a great cloud of
witnesses.**

Leader: We come to remember those who have run
the race before us, and whose faith still
lights our way.

People: **We thank God for their lives, their love,
and their legacy.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of all generations,
who holds us in eternal life.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is
within us bless God's holy name!**

*HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
UMH #712

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*universal

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 107:1-7 (NRSVUE)

- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble
³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

Freely, Freely

#389 UMH, refrain only

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe;
Others will know that I live."

Music and Words: Carol Owens, (1972)
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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we have not always followed Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.
We pray in Jesus' name, who taught us saying:

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! God has already forgiven us in the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

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.

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (ESV)

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

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¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

MESSAGE

Receiving God's Word

Rev. David W. Brown

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

We pause in silent remembrance of all those who have gone to their eternal dwelling place with Christ.

(See names and photos listed of those whose service we have shared.)

We remember in gratefulness those not named
but special in our hearts... *silent prayer*

We remember in thankfulness
the communion of saints... *silent prayer*

**For all the saints of every age, especially ours,
we give you our gratitude and praise,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Adapted from a hymn of Charles Wesley

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of
generations. There is great joy at the Lord's Table.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

adapted from Michelle Torigian

Friends, we come to this bittersweet ritual today filled with a bundle of emotions. While our gratitude for this family of faith is plentiful, our spiritual pain still may be suffocating us after the death of our loved ones.

Our pews are a little lighter. Our homes are quieter.
And our hearts know well of the gaping hole resulting from our loss.

Even as this void still consumes this day-to-day living, we come here looking for hope that we can find only in Christ. Through this meal, we connect the past and present together, knowing that generation after

generation has come to this table in their joy and grief. Let us pray....

God, we pray that this feast be one that fills our souls with comfort. Even as winter is growing close and nighttime arrives early, this meal will kindle warmth and light inside our spirits.

May your Holy Spirit bless this bread and cup. May the Spirit bless us as we celebrate at the peaks of life and as we abide in the shadow-filled valleys. May the Spirit bring us the peace that will permeate our grief-coated hearts. And may the Spirit use this time and space to remind us that we are never alone in our difficult hours.

With His friends, Jesus shared His last meal before his death. One more time, Jesus took the bread and blessed it. In His breaking of the bread, Jesus yearned for them to remember: "Whenever you eat this bread, remember me."

One more time, after supper, Jesus took the cup and blessed it as well. In His grasping of the cup, Jesus yearned for His followers to recall their times together: "Whenever you drink of this cup, remember me."

As we join together for this meal, let us remember with gratitude our loved ones who once ate at this table and many other tables with us. While they no longer abide with us here today, help us to recognize that they are a part of the great cloud of witnesses, celebrating eternity with our Creator.

May this meal be a gift to each of our souls today.
Through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for all to dine.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Through Christ the Lord we pray. Amen.

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*HYMN

For All the Saints
UMH #711, vs 1,2,4,5

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

[Refrain]

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

[Refrain]

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

[Refrain]

Text: William W. How, 1864
Music: Ralph Vaugh Williams, 1908

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie

Liturgist at 9:40 – Rev. Steve Hoard

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Victoria and Mark Rhodus

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Frank and Doreene Cleveland by their family.



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40am service!

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



BENEDICTION

based on "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709 Charles Wesley

Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory
gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and
heaven, are one.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Amen!

**Stand as you are able*



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We remember . . .

those who have passed away since All Saints Day in 2025, both members of the congregation and those whose funeral services were here at Armstrong Chapel.



Greg Ahrens
1961-2026



Rene Beck
1951-2026



Connie Besuden
1920-2026



Gary Burns
1947-2026



Richard Cocks
1934-2026



Jim Eberle
1957-2026



Janis Gaskill
1928-2025



Robert Horton
1930-2026



Evelyn Lindner
1947-2026



Thomas Marley
1940-2025



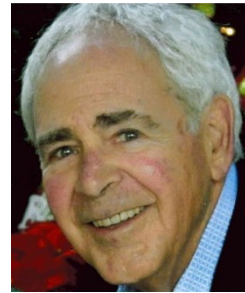
Eleanor McCombe
1933-2025



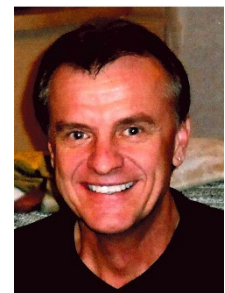
Judy McElwee
1943-2026



Rolene Nabors
1936-2026



Carl Pfirrmann
1936-2026



Brain Selk
1961-2012



Paula Selk
1935-2026



Dave Spicher
1954-2026



**Saundra "Sam"
Walker**
1944-2025

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VETERANS DAY SPECIAL MUSIC

Honoring all who have served

The River's Edge Brass Band
with the Armstrong Chancel Choir

A meaningful morning of music, worship & remembrance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:40 AM • SANCTUARY

ALL ARE WELCOME
armstrongchapel.org



ARMSTRONG ANNUAL MADISONVILLE LEAF RAKING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:00 AM

Armstrong families are teaming up with the Madisonville Braves for a morning of fun, camaraderie, and service! A great opportunity for parents and kids to work together.

Let us come together as disciples and be a light for Christ by blessing others in our community.

MEET AT
Madisonville Recreation Center
5320 Stewart Avenue

TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT
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In cooperation with People Working Cooperatively

Thanksgiving Meal Community Outreach

Joshua's Place (www.joshuasplace.cc) is a locally based non-profit that comes alongside families to help them overcome the barriers in their lives that cause instability. We want to bless the families that are part of the Deer Park Food Co-op this holiday season by providing them with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

BAGS WITH SHOPPING LIST ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM. Rolls will be purchased later from Missions money so that they are not expired.

Bags should be returned to the **Atrium** on **Sunday, November 8.**

PACKING SHOEBOXES HELPS CHILDREN IN THE REMOTE CORNERS OF THE WORLD HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.

Each shoebox helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to reach places to make His Name known.



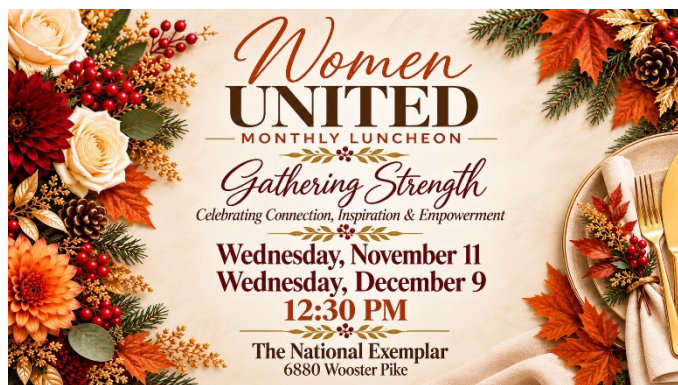
Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information.
BOXES ARE DUE 11/16.

Calling All Children Singers!

The Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir has a music selection for Sunday, Nov. 22, that we would like to feature all children singers ages 6-12. Rehearsals will be Sundays Nov. 8 and 15 from 10:45-11:00am in the Children's Center, and Sunday morning Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary from 8:50-9:10am (accompanied by the Handbell Choir). Parents, if your children are interested in participating, please text or email Chester Imhausen, 513-633-6411, cimhausen@gmail.com.



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE ... Sunday, November 15 at 11:30am in the Atrium featuring a video message from the Bishop. Everyone is invited to attend, and all members have both voice and vote at this gathering.



Women UNITED

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Gathering Strength
Celebrating Connection, Inspiration & Empowerment

Wednesday, November 11
Wednesday, December 9
12:30 PM

The National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike



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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Coffee, Donuts & Connection

THIRD SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH

8:00 - 9:30 AM
Armstrong Room

UPCOMING GATHERINGS
NOVEMBER 21 • DECEMBER 19
No October gathering.

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