

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service - All Saints Day
November 1, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *Oh Come, Angel Band* - Tracey Craig McKibben

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *For Communion* - Gilbert M. Martin

Introit: *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries* Psalm 107

Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day

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!

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.

Opening Hymn #326: *For All the Saints* (stand)

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.

Prayer of Confession

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. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #581: *Glory Be to the Father*

Anthem: *Remember Me* R. Kevin Boesiger

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

If you would like to offer an individual petition of prayer to the congregation, simply speak your petition with a strong voice, concluding with the phrase “God in your mercy”. The congregation will respond with **Hear our prayer**. After time has been allowed for all to share their prayers, we will move into the prepared Prayers of the People, using the same prompt and congregational response.

Petitions from the People:

Prayers of the People

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn #716: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* vs. 1, 3
(seated)

Prayer of Dedication and Illumination:

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. 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.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Revelation 7:9 - 17

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1 - 3.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1 – 12.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon: *What Does It Really Mean to Be Blessed?* Susan Murray

Comm. Hymn #515: *I Come with Joy* vs. 1 & 2

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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, 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!

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

... Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen**

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.

Sharing the Bread

Distribution of the Bread:

Comm. Hymn#515: *I Come with Joy* vs 1 & 3

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Thanks be to God. *(take the bread)*

Sharing of the Cup

Distribution of the Juice:

Comm. Hymn#515: *I Come with Joy* vs 1 and NEW verse

New verse: *“The blood of Christ was shed for us, forgiving all our sin, a sacrifice for all the saints, for all who follow Him, for all who follow Him.”*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Thanks be to God. *(take the juice)*

Prayer After Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Comm. Hymn#515: *I Come with Joy* vs. 4 & 5

Sending Hymn #295: *Go to the World* vs. 1, 3, & 4 (stand)

Charge and Benediction

The blessing of the one God
—Spirit, Son, and Father—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Ephesians 4:4–6

Lead a life worthy of your calling,
giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**
Ephesians 4:1

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord!**

Postlude: *Hallelujah, We Shall Rise as the Saints go Marching In* -
Pepper Choplin

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