

Sunday
November 5, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints Sunday

Pastor Greg

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

God of all creation,
we thank You for this world and for all Your good gifts to us.

God of safe harbor,
when we are afraid we come to rest ourselves in Your love.
God of mission and provision,
give us our daily bread and prepare us for service in Your kingdom.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Lord, approachable and present, dependable and true, we come to You, seeking to discover You, longing to be nourished, gasping for Your life-giving Spirit.

At certain times the complexities of life and the weight of challenge dominates our lives. We find it hard to regain a sense of calm, a feeling of peace.

We search this way and that; we expend our remaining energies, trying so hard to rescue ourselves from the feelings of despair that cling to us.

Lord, if only we would turn to You; if only we had the sense to rely less on self and be more ready to turn to the source of strength that You promise.

Merciful God, whilst we are inclined to forget You, You never forget us. We are sorry for turning the other way.

We are sorry for denying You the opportunity to forge that relationship of special intimacy with us.

Today, in this moment, let us find in the silence, the stillness, a sign of Your presence with us. Reveal Yourself to us...

(Silence)

Holy God, take that spark of faith in us, and make it grow, and grow and grow.

Let Your love explode within our hearts and let confidence, strength, hope and security, return to our lives, we pray in Jesus' name — amen!

*Hymn: #352 It's Me, It's Me O Lord (verses 1, 3)

Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Children's Time: *Kathy Phillips and Friend*

Choir Anthem: How Great Thou Art

Sermon: "Go! Reclaim!"

*Hymn: #368 My Hope Is Built (verses 1, 2, 4)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Stewardship Moment: *Darcy Osborn*

Our 2018 stewardship theme is "Going Forward in Grace — One Step at a Time."

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Christ in the Stranger's Guise

*Doxology: #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, speaking through the power of wind, earthquake and fire, speaking through the still small voice, awaken in us a spirit of service, that You would use our gifts and time, our wealth and talents to aid Your mission to all people, here and now. Amen.

A Prayer for All Saints

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped You, whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where Your name was lifted and adored.

We give You thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age — holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank You, God, for hardworking saints; whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited. They left their mark on the earth for You, for us, for our children to come.

Thank You, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of Your saints, O Lord, especially: Carol Berkey, Nancy Blanchard, Virginia Caswell, James Goecker, and Albert Hosner.

(The congregation is invited to lift up other names before God...)

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Giving Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn: #593 Here I Am, Lord

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

*Coming up next Sunday, November 12: Fall Sermon Series — “Go! Seek!”
Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24. It is also Stewardship Sunday!*

Prayer for Family and Friends

Beth and Lynn Griner and Dee Morton are thrilled to announce the birth of Arrow Allen Benn, their great-nephew, on Friday, October 27.

Betty Gruber is fine - no stents needed. Thank you for all the prayers.

Nathan Stevens has completed his service in the Navy. Thank you, Nathan, for serving!

Brad Addis is recovering from a big toe implant operation.

Lauren Valette is serving her country on board U.S.S. Carl Vinson.

Jim Barrett is recovering from a negative reaction to medication.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew and family at the passing of Jack's twin brother, Joe. Service will be here November 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Kat Gensler-Nic met with a brain surgeon/Chiari specialist.

Bruce and RaeAnn Graves and family at the passing of Bruce's mother, Jackie Graves

Bonnie Holmes had back surgery.

Holli Inman spent the night in ER for “twitching” for the first time since Evy was born. Prayers for pain relief.

Andrew Lewis' friend needs healing.

Woody McDaniel and family

Ryan Miller is in Iraq. He feels your prayers, and the family is thankful for their church family!

David Oswald's little boy (Gordon and Bonnie's grandson) was evaluated recently.

Gordon Oswald is recovering from a run-in with a bull.

Rebecca Penning is seeking God's guidance for the future of her ministry with youth.

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Julie and June Taylor and family at the passing of their brother, Robert

Larry Thompson (Wyatt and Ronan's grandfather) is recovering from surgery.

Chuck and Vera Walker and family at the passing of their niece, Marilyn Butcher

A teacher at Andrea Luegge's school was recently diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Please pray that the Lord will send five more mentors to the Kids Hope program.

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler

Jeff Kudary

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith

Richie Steinacker

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

Mary Evelyn Bell

David Bretz

Alice Dibble

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen

Parsons

Char Rice

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Al Thomas

Mina Willett

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

11/6 Sue Epley

Larry Kohler

11/7 Ella Luegge

Jennifer Polsinelli

Ross Vlieg

11/8 Christopher Emmert

11/9 Rissa Loc

11/10 Scarlett Hosner

Brady Puckett

Molly Young

11/11 Margaret Haines

Anniversaries

11/6 Elton & Flossie

Lang

Today's acolytes are
Kelsey Tuinier and Kylie Tuinier

October 29 attendance: 143

Sue Noble will celebrate her 90th birthday

You are invited to celebrate with Sue at an open house today at 2:00 at Austrian Pines Club-house, 3550 Austrian Pine Way, Portage 49024. Happy birthday, Sue!

Free Lifetouch photos

If you have not received your free Lifetouch photo in the mail, it has been delivered to the church. You may pick it up in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 1:00.

Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343) before 9:00 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m. When the answering machine answers, enter 370.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Wednesday, Nov. 15



Calendar

Today

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. PIT Crew in the Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 6

- No Volleyball due to election set-up
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting, Taylor Rm
- 7:00 p.m. *Worship Committee meeting, Library*

Tuesday, November 7

- Elections all day in the FLC*
- 2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Rm
- 7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

Wednesday, November 8

- 8:30 a.m. *VHS Student Leadership Conference in the FLC*
- 10:30 a.m. SCCS Wednesday Winners, Taylor Rm
- 2:30 p.m. SHED (7th-9th grade outreach), Rm 107
- 5:00 p.m. HELIX (7th-9th grade) in Room 107
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. *PPRC meeting in the Library*

Thursday, November 9

- 10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
- 5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th-6th grade)
- 5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board meeting in the Library*
- 6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. RAW (HS Youth) in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. *Scouts District Round Table, Taylor Rm*

Friday, November 10 - Pastor's Day Off

- 10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219
- 11:00 a.m. *Joe Buckallew Memorial Service*

Saturday, November 11—Thank you, Veterans

- 9:00 a.m. *Worship class in Room 125*

Monday through Friday

- 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Sunday, November 12

- Stewardship Sunday*
- Priscilla Circle Bake Sale*

Tuesday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
- 6:30 p.m. *Scout Committee meeting, Room 125*

Thursday, November 16

- 9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*
- 7:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle in the Taylor Room*

Friday, November 17

- 11:00 a.m. *Red Cross Blood Drive in the FLC till 5:00*

- 6:00 p.m. *Scout Pack meeting in the FLC*

Saturday, November 18

- 8:30 a.m. *Loaves and Fishes in the FLC till 10:00 a.m.*
- 9:00 a.m. *Wesleyan Heritage class in the Library*