

# **The Feast of All Saints Day**

**“Totenfest”**

**New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ**



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*“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”*

**November 1, 2026**

**8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**

**10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream**

## ***Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Church***

Fred Rogers was the creator of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," a children's television show that began airing in 1968 and ran until 2000—that's 895 episodes. In 1997, Mr. Rogers won the Emmy lifetime achievement award. This is an excerpt from his speech.

So many people have helped me to come to this night. Some of you are here. Some are far away. Some are even in heaven. All of us have special ones who have loved us into being. Would you just take, along with me, 10 seconds to think of the people who have helped you become who you are? Those who have cared about you and wanted what was best for you in life. 10 seconds of silence. I'll watch the time.

Whoever you've been thinking about, how pleased they must be to know the difference you feel they've made.

The video shows actors and actresses tearing up during and after those ten seconds of silence. All of us have special ones who have loved us into being children of God. Some here. Some far away. Some are even in heaven where they join the saints around the throne still praying and offering intercession for us. We all have had spiritual parents. Will you be that for someone? Will you be a spiritual parent that raises children to follow Jesus and invite others to follow him?

Today we remember those whom we have loved, who have "formed us, loved us, walked with us," and they now rest safely in the arms of Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life.

***We Praise and Confess***  
***The \* invites you to rise in body or spirit.***

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Worship

---from Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11,21

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another

**and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

\*Hymn of Praise: No. 65

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*** – CWM Rhondda

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks

for the hope and longing you instill in us

through the promise of our baptism—

a voice crying out in the wilderness,

a messenger to prepare the way,

the day of redemption drawing near.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

poured out upon us in baptism,  
keep us awake and make us ready  
for the coming of your glorious realm  
of righteousness, justice, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Call to Confession

The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ  
extends from generation to generation,  
keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting.  
Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of the ages,  
**as we remember the saints  
who have gone before us,  
we are grateful for their witness  
and humbled by their example.  
Though they have marked well  
the path of faith,  
following in that way is hard for us.  
We drift and waver.  
We resist and rebel.  
Remind us that the saints before us  
were not perfect,  
just forgiven,  
and saved by grace.  
We ask for that forgiveness,  
and we pray for the courage  
to trust in that grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

## Word of Pardon

The hope to which we are called  
is the glorious inheritance of all the saints,  
the immeasurable greatness of God's power  
for us who believe.  
This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;  
**and our mouth shall declare your praise.**

\*Praise

***This Is the Feast!***



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



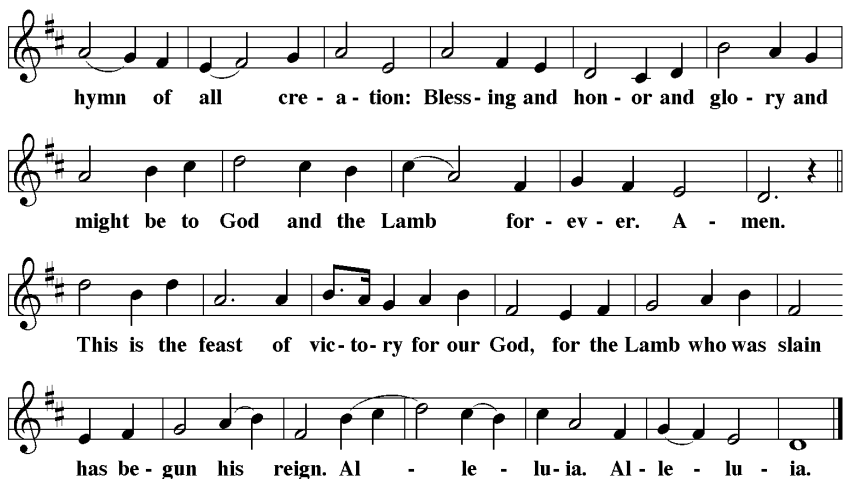
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



## ***We Hear and Respond***

From the Revelation

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”<sup>1</sup>

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

From the Psalter

Psalm 34:1-19, 22

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

<sup>4</sup> **I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

<sup>10</sup> **The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

<sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me;

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Re 7:9-17.

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 **What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?**

13 Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

14 **Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.

16 **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

22 **The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be  
condemned.<sup>2</sup>**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Hymn: No. 250      ***In the Bulb There Is a Flower*** – Promise

\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ      St. Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ps 34:1-22.

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. <sup>3</sup>

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Williams – "PD"

***Praise Him!***

\*Affirmation of Faith

***The Nicene Creed***

**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,**

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<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mt 5:1-12.

**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.**

Remembering the Saints Who Have Gone Before

*You are invited to come down the side aisles to the chancel  
to light a candle in memory of those who you remember  
in your hearts on this All Saints Sunday.*

Prayers for the Saints and Faithful departed

O God of both the living and the dead, we praise your holy name  
for all your servants who have finished their course in faith,  
especially

***LaMar C. Benner***  
***Doris M. (Hoffman) Bieler***  
***Charles H. Imbody***  
***Susan R. (Bauman) Harpel***  
***Shirley M. (Schlicher) Fox***  
***Mabel A. (Erb) Rizzo***  
***Keith S. Kulp***  
***Melanie L. Bleam***  
***Dale Scholl***  
***Michael S. Renninger***  
***Robert C. Swenk***  
***Richard "Bruce" Ferketich***  
***Marsha D. (Massey) Bieler***  
***Klaus Ihlenfeld***  
***Brian G. Werkheiser***  
***Maria Lager***  
***Elizabeth M. Hate***  
***Phyllis J. (Hillegass) Ackerman***  
***Douglas K. Atno***  
***Larry Renninger***  
***Christopher D. Reinert***  
***Bonnie L. (Kutner) Mower***  
***Albert Mower, III***  
***Franklin Eidle, Jr.***  
***Ryker Treffinger***

We pray that encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be partakers with them of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*The Hymn

**For All the Saints** – Sine Nomine



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 2. Thou wast their Rock, For - tress and their Might;  
 3. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5. But then there breaks a still more glo - rious day:  
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed;  
 Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in the glo - ry shine;  
 steals on the ear - the dis - distant tri - umph song,  
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;  
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true Light.  
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 the King of glo - ry pas - ses on His way.  
 in praise of Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864  
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

10.10.10. Alleluias

## Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings  
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## Offertory

10:30 a.m. ***He Leadeth Me*** – arr. Dan Tuck

In Memory of Dr. Douglas Atno

Peter Hemperly, Baritone

Susan Hemperly, Piano

\*The Doxology: No. 606

***Praise God!***

**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.**

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Invitation to the Lord's Table

\*Choral Great Thanksgiving

Tune: *Ellacombe*

The Lord be with His precious flock.

**And with His servant too.**

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us all give thanks to God our Lord, let us join in grateful  
song.

**'Tis right to give Him thanks and praise and join in  
grateful song.**

It is right. . . join their unending hymn:

\*Sanctus

Tune: *Beecher*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of pow'r and might adored.  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Sing Hosanna to the Lord.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who comes,  
Cometh in the name of the Lord, Sing Hosanna to the Lord.**

Prayer of Consecration and Epiclesis

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Please wait until directed by the pastor to receive the elements.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Dismissal: Bulletin Page 15

***Rejoice in God's Saints*** - Hanover

***We go. . .  
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus  
with all people!***

\*Dismissal and Blessing

\*Going Forth

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## Rejoice In God's Saints



1. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;  
 2. Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;  
 3. Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
 4. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;



a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray.  
 who bear some-one's cross or shoul - der their own.  
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
 Some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood;  
 They shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares;  
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.  
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!  
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1977  
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708

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## NOVEMBER 1, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers  
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita  
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor  
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**WELCOME VISITORS** ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

**BRASS BUCKETS:** Ally Kimmel, who works for the Nursery School in the area of Toddler Time and Lunch Bunch Assistant, lost her mother recently to Brain Cancer. The following week, Ally suffered a seizure resulting in Cardiac Arrest. Through heroic efforts of her husband and EMT's they were able to resuscitate Ally. The Brass Buckets return to help this family. Pastor Dave will seed the effort with a gift of \$500.00 from Emergency Needs. Nursery School Staff will cover for Ally until she is able to return to her position. The Kimmel Family will have significant medical bills and other needs going forward. Your gifts will help them in this difficult time.

**2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS:** Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Our November meeting will be on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. Unfortunately, Mr. Tom Henry, UPV Historian, is unable to share his presentation this day as planned due to illness. His program will be offered at a later date (to be determined). Please still plan to attend on Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. as we gather and enjoy some November "Dips-Giving". Bring a favorite dip; fruit, vegetables and snacks will be provided. Together we will share in Thanksgiving fellowship.

**OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE APPLE DUMPLING FUND-RAISER – JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING!** It's autumn and that means apple season! What better way to enjoy a fresh, local apple than to add spices and bake it wrapped in warm, flaky dough! OMC is taking orders for apple dumplings provided by Coventry Parlor at Laurel Locks in Pottstown. Each delicious apple dumpling costs \$7.00. Or, purchase a twin pack for \$13.00. An order form is available in the vestibule outside Fellowship Hall and in the Social Room. Orders may also be placed by contacting Delores Schuler, Debra Brauner, Lois Anastas, or Donna Fried. Email orders may be placed at [dfried@newgoshucc.org](mailto:dfried@newgoshucc.org). **The deadline to order apple dumplings is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** **Apple dumpling orders may be paid for and picked up on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Social Room after each service.** An OMC member will receive your cash or check made payable to "New Goshenhoppen OMC." Thank you!

**FIRST MONDAY MEAL:** Chilly temps call for a warm, rich, savory bowl of chili! Join us on Monday, November 2. The Upper Montgomery Joint Authority will be serving up a bowl of chili, slice of cornbread, and a piece of spice cake! *Take out style* serving will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. here at New Gosh. If you prefer to dine in, Pennsburg UCC will be offering spaghetti and meatballs, side salad, garlic bread and a sweet treat (served by your New Gosh family and friends). Dinner there is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**QUIET DAYS** will not meet on November 3. They plan to resume their meetings in December.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Land Use Committee has scheduled a trail clean-up day on Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Plan on meeting in the upper church parking lot and bring your clippers along to help cut brush. Thank you!

**"FACING GRIEF THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS" – A GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP** will be held Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Memorial Parlor. Rev. Elaine Ely, our Minister of Grief Support, will share insights about grief, guidance for navigating holiday stressors, and resources to help you through hard times ahead. RSVPs are not required, but will be helpful. We encourage you to invite guests or tell others it is available. Questions can be directed to Pastor Elaine at 215-915-4370.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 8th, 2026. There will be only one service that morning at 10:30 a.m. Plan to attend this meeting when we adopt the 2027 budget, elect new Consistory members, and review the designated Meadows Funds. Copies of the budget are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

**GAME NIGHT** will return on Sunday, November 8 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided for supper. Kindly bring along a side dish, munchies, or dessert to share. Also bring along any board games or card games you'd like to play. Let the fun begin!

**JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CALENDARS FOR MEN AT PHOENIX PRISON.** Collection boxes are in the Social Room and in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please remember to conform to the guidelines enforced by the PA DOC: restrictions against all spiral-bound calendars, photo themes that include children, the slightest examples of sexually provocative pictures, and "stickers" of any kind.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have been asked to again assist in preparing hot meals for the Code Blue Shelter in Pennsburg. Our first assignment to prepare meals will be **Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.** We will be preparing three meals for 10 individuals. If you are interested in helping to prepare and package the meals, please contact Lori Horning at 267.261.7273 or Horningduo@gmail.com. If you are interested in supporting this project by making a monetary donation, please place your donation in the offering plate or submit it to the Church Office. Please be sure it is clearly marked Code Blue meals. Thank you all for your support.

**REFORMATION SISTERS' THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND FEAST – NOVEMBER 22:** The Reformation Sister Congregations will gather for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Feast on Sunday, November 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane beginning at 4:00 p.m. This year, The Rev'd Paula Lebo, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, will be the guest preacher. Moyer's of Boyertown will cater the meal. We are asked to bring desserts. I know that we know how to make those things well! A sign-up sheet will be on the Social Room bulletin board. The meal is free! Bring your friends and family to worship and to the feast!

**BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, November 25 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

*(note: This is a date change from Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>).* MKBC will be here with a mobile unit collecting blood. If you are able to donate, please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry of the Health and Welfare Committee. You can schedule an appointment by calling MKBC at 1-800-223-6667 and mentioning Group Code E064 or going online to:

[https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/89812](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89812)

**WILL YOU PRAY?** The Prayer Vigil is fast approaching, and so many need to be uplifted in prayer. Can you spare some time to help with this much needed ministry on Saturday, November 28th between the hours of 12 noon and 10:00 p.m.? The sign-up sheet is in the lower narthex. You can pick up the devotional booklet ("25 Days of Advent" by Kenneth Boa) when you sign up. If you would prefer to pray at home, please call the Church Office, and we will make sure you get the information you need. Any questions can be directed to the Friendship Committee members.

**YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH-WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The Youth Group is partnering with "A Women's Place", a domestic violence support organization. They will be collecting after school snack items for use in their safe houses for the children affected in this way. Please look for boxes in the Social Room and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

**THE ADVENT WORKSHOP** is Sunday, November 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The advent committee has samples of the crafts on display in the Social Room available at this year's event. We have crafts for all ages! Welcome back Bev Kalb to lead 2 small canvas painting sessions. If you say, "I'm not crafty", no worries; if you find something you would like to make, sign-up. Each craft station will have a leader to guide you through the steps to create your project. Please stop by the Social Room--sign-ups are available starting today, Oct 25 through Sunday, November 15. We do ask that you denote the recommended age listed for specific crafts. Parents are asked to stay and help your little one if needed. This event is free; all are welcome. Snacks will be provided and available during a short break between sessions. We look forward to seeing you there! Should you have questions, please reach out to Denise Fox, Lori Horning or Sheri Ackerman.

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

***The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.***

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**In memory of Douglas Atno**

by Wanda J. Janik

### **CEMETERY FUND**

**In memory of Joan Schultz**

by Alvin & Sharon Schultz

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** During the Sunday Church service at Phoenix prison, a time is provided for the men to write a prayer request. These prayers are then sent to Rev. Gates to be shared among many churches and individuals. We will be providing opportunities for you to pray for the men by putting a few of the prayer requests in the bulletins. First prayer: Dear Lord, I pray for the hearts of my brothers, sisters and neighbors, that we all can be like-minded as that of Christ so we can walk in love toward one another. Amen. Second prayer: Please pray for my friend, Tootch, who helps me everyday with my reading, spelling and also Bible Study. Thank you. John

**BLESSING BOX:** Please keep the Blessing Box in your thoughts when you go to the grocery store. One item might be a blessing to a person in need. You can place the item in the Box at your convenience.

**SYMPATHY** is expressed to the family of **Ruth E. (Hillegass) Gery** who passed to eternal rest on October 22, 2026. Please keep her children, Dana Gery, Doreen Mercer, and Dennis Gery, and her extended family in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY** is expressed to the family of **Eileen M. (Stoudt) Shirey** who passed to eternal rest on October 24, 2026. Please keep in your prayers her husband, Earl W. Shirey, Jr., and sons, James and Chris, and her extended family.

**BULLETINS** are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Gloria Eidle and family; and in memory of departed loved ones by Tom & Elizabeth Graber.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in loving memory of husband, Steven Miller by Stacie Miller and family.

**ATTENDANCE: 10/25/26** – 8:00 a.m. 47; 10:30 a.m. 59; Livestream 62; Sunday School 41.

**OPERATING INCOME 10/25/26:** Current & Benevolences including EFT \$2,334; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$622; Brass Buckets \$357.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Year to Date Income             | \$507,249.37 |
| less transfers from investments | \$39,446.00  |
| Net                             | \$467,803.37 |
| Year to Date Expenses           | \$499,116.12 |
| Special Income                  | \$1,264.00   |
| Special Projects Expenses       | \$20,149.34  |
| Capital Campaign Income         | \$11,615.00  |
| Meadows Paid Back Year to Date  | \$23,200.00  |

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

|        |            |                                                                                           |
|--------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun.   | 8:00 a.m.  | Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Communion                                                   |
|        | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School (Christian Education Room)                                                  |
|        | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Communion                                    |
| Mon.   | 1:00 p.m.  | Women’s Fellowship (Confirmation Room)                                                    |
|        | 6:00 p.m.  | First Monday Meal (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)                                               |
|        | 6:00 p.m.  | Christian Education Committee (Social Room)                                               |
| Tues.  | 8:00 a.m.  | Quilting (Pathfinder Room)                                                                |
|        | 6:30 p.m.  | Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)                                                       |
| Wed.   | 6:30 p.m.  | Property and Park Committees (Bible Fellowship Room)                                      |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study (Senior High Room)                                                            |
|        | 7:00 p.m.  | Bible Study (Senior High Room)                                                            |
| Fri.   | 6:15 p.m.  | Girls Scouts (lower-level classrooms)                                                     |
| Sat.   | 8:00 a.m.  | Land Use Committee - Clean up Trail                                                       |
|        | 9:00 a.m.  | Cub Scouts Holiday Craft Fair (Fellowship Hall)                                           |
|        | 9:30 a.m.  | Grief Support Workshop (Parlor)                                                           |
|        | 10:30 a.m. | DAR Meeting (Heidelberg Room)                                                             |
| Sun.   | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School (Christian Education Building)                                              |
|        | 9:15 a.m.  | Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)                                                    |
|        | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) –<br><b><i>one service only this week!</i></b> |
|        | 11:30 a.m. | Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)                                                        |
|        | 3:00 p.m.  | Game Night (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)                                                      |

### **Thank you to our Service Participants**

|            |                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 8:00 a.m.  | Narthex: Gene Basara<br>Roberts’ Church Office: Will Howe<br>Elevator: Bruce Adam<br>Upper Narthex: Stacie Miller<br>Liturgist/Acolyte: Janet Weikel   |
| 10:30 a.m. | Narthex: Theodore Kutt<br>Roberts’ Church Office: Denise Fox<br>Elevator: Steve Lentz<br>Upper Narthex: Sue Jacobs<br>Liturgist/Acolyte: Terry Dworkin |

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."

Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986  
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