



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Joan Golden, liturgist

November 1, 2026

Andrew Morris, organist

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate and we will send them out in the mail.

Choral Introit

Jazz Introit
CRAIG CURRY

Chancel Choir
Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organ

Call To Worship

One: Come, let us mingle our memories and our hopes together, for today is a special day.

All: Today we celebrate All Saints' Day.

One: Saints are made by listening to the call of God and saying, "Yes."

All: Hidden in a whisper or proclaimed in a hurting world, the call of God touches our hearts.

One: And we give thanks for all who have attended to the call.

All: Heroes and nobodies, the ordinary and the talented, the walking and the wounded.

One: Give thanks for the ones who've gone before us and made it easier for us to believe in God

All: And live the life of faith.

* Hymn of Praise

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
GRAND ISLE

Glory to God #730

* Call To Confession

Joan Golden, liturgist

One: When we are called saints the idea jars us, for we are not saintly people. But we are seekers after God's will, who have been powerfully claimed by Jesus Christ. Remembering who we are intended to be, let us come to God's holy place to find forgiveness, healing and empowerment.

* Prayer of Confession

Joan Golden, liturgist

O God, on this day devoted to recalling the faithfulness and courage of Christian men and women who risked, and often sacrificed, their very lives in your Son's service both inspires us and makes us feel wistful. We know we do not measure up to them, but we feel that we should -- and that we might have, except for bad breaks or the interference of others. Remind us that even the most conspicuous martyrs of the church, even the bravest saints we have known and loved, were ordinary people, subject to the same mixed feelings about their own worth and potential. Then help us concentrate on the present and the future: knowing all our actions, no matter how small, make a difference. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Joan Golden, liturgist

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In our forgiveness, may we blossom fully with purpose and resolve, so that the world will know us by our love.

- * **Passing the Peace** Joan Golden, liturgist
 One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)
- * **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
- Prayer of Illumination** Joan Golden, liturgist
Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.
- Epistle Reading** Hebrews 10:32-39 Joan Golden, liturgist
- Special Music** Audrey Nolte, soprano
Allerseelen Andrew Morris, organ
 RICHARD STRAUSS
"All Souls Day"
- Hebrew Bible Reading** Esther 4:9-5:2
- Sermon** Pastor Helen Hutchison
Because the world is filled with fear go with courage,
 Esther: Legacy, what we leave behind
- Naming of the Saints**
Laurie Allison *Arlois McLay* *Myron Shipley*
Judy Lebestky *Judy Reichart* *Caroll Tucker*
- Hymn** *For All the Saints* (vs. 1-4) **Glory to God** #326
 SINE NOMINE
- Minute for Mission** Mark Shiflett
 Selections from:
Raising Our Voices in Witness:
A Declaration of First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence, KS 2026
 Therefore, we commit ourselves to the following:
 To preserve the earth, and especially the urgent need to address the climate crisis, as we strive to be responsible stewards in caring for God's creation.
 Consistent with those commitments, we speak out against the following actions:
 Imperiling efforts to address the climate crisis, that is already ravaging the most vulnerable among us, and threatens to destroy our collective humanity, our fellow creatures, and our planet.
- Call to Offering**
- The Offering** Andrew Morris, organist
- * **Doxology** **Glory to God** #606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- * **Prayer of Dedication**
- Sacrament of Holy Communion**
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of institution

Communion of the People

As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup.
You will partake of communion at the front and return to your seats by the south aisle.
Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* Closing Hymn

I Come with Joy (vs. 1,2,3,5)
DOVE OF PEACE

Glory to God #515

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded, please **email us at linda@firstpreslawrence.org** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership, please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Laurie Allison**, long time church member, died October 16 at Cedarhurst where she lived. No services are planned per her wishes.
- **Mary Kay Chandler** and family for the death of her brother, Fred.
- **Carolynn Winters-Hazelton** will provide Emotional and Spiritual Care workshops through PDA in response to Hurricane Lala from Nov. 10 – 14 on the island of Hawai'i.
- **Our families** facing transitions and providing care to loved ones.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Mary Newberg Gale**, our former associate pastor, has received a cancer diagnosis. Prayers for her and her family as she continues chemotherapy.
- **Kelly Grube** is receiving a round of chemotherapy and is grateful for our prayer support.
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for herself and her extended family as they manage multiple health issues.
- **Judy Wilson** is healing from a dog bite and a skin graft to repair it.
- **Kristi McAlister** continues to receive cancer treatments. Kristi and Pat McAlister (her mother) are grateful for our continued prayers and support.
- **Betty Thomas**, Joy Laird's mother, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers help.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (12)**, completed chemotherapy. Prayers for healing.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison has ALS and has entered a clinical trial which has proven helpful to her.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.
- **Sammie Locke** is receiving care at Bridge Haven where she lives.

Birthdays in the Congregation

November 2

Ivey Dreweis

November 3

Zoe Stucky

November 5

Betty Graham

Larry Cloutman

November 5

Larry Schlosser

November 6

Vernis Flottman

November 8

Roger Carroll

Jill Bradney

Deacon Family Groups - 2026

A-B Dorothy Devlin Lf-Me Deborah Norwood

C-Di Lois Dutcher Mf-N Becky May

Dj-F Sandy Groene O-R Diana Schoneweis

G-Ha Melinda Fischer S-Si Charles Tuttle

Hb-J Lucille Eggenberger Sj-To Mary Parkinson

K-Le Linda Longino Tj-Z Nikki Barcomb

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Mark and Diana Schoneweis

Greeters: Mary Warren

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Joan Golden and Henry Johns

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Julie Simon

Calendar

November 1

9:15 am Children's Sunday School

9:15 am Adult and Youth Sunday School

10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship

5:30 pm Solar Plug-In Presentation

November 2

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:15 pm

FPC Staff Meeting

2:00 pm

Pastor Helen's Class

3:45 pm

PW Eve Circle Meeting

6:00 pm

Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

6:30 pm

Justice Matters Rehearsal

November 3

Election Day Polling Place

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

4:00 pm

Adult Ministry Meeting

November 4

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Haskell Cultural Center Tour

6:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

November 5

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

6:30 pm

Community Problems Assembly

November 6

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

10:00 am

Men's Group

12:15 pm

First 5 Years Staff Meeting

November 8

8:30 am

Presby Pickers Rehearsal

9:15 am

Children's Sunday School

9:15 am

Adult and Youth Sunday School

10:00 am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am

Worship

11:30 am

Fall BINGO Festival

Children Sunday School

• Sunday School Classes for Children

- Our November Theme is called **Practice Joy** - We usually think of joy as a feeling, a response to something we experience. We might feel joy when we witness a bright sunrise, laugh with a dear friend, or hold a sweet baby. But Scripture invites us to experience joy as more than a passive response. We are urged to practice joy as a faithful choice. The practice of joy is ancient, as witnessed by the Psalter, which urges joy's expression in countless circumstances. Joy does not depend on our present circumstances; rather, joy trusts in God's current presence and future promises fulfilled. Indeed, Jesus reminds us that faithfulness can be costly; yet even that does not preclude joy. We are able to come to the fullest expression of joy when we see joy that does not depend on our circumstances but that celebrates God's presence everywhere and always. This month we will explore four practices of joy, attested to in the Psalms and manifested throughout Scripture:

- See Joy in God's Creation
- Rejoice in God's Mercy
- Share Others' Joy
- Practice Joy in All Times

Adult and Youth Sunday School

- Jeff Southard is leading a class "**Islam in a Nutshell**". He will provide an overview of the basic beliefs of Islam which is helpful as we try to understand the current events unfolding in the Middle East. All are welcome to join him in the Fireside Room.
- Next Week, November 8 we will meet to get an update about the Solar Panels at FPC.

Youth Activities and Opportunities – Fall BINGO Fest at 11:30 am on November 13! Save the Date!