


# The First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland

November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday with Communion
**10AM Sanctuary Worship**

## We Gather in the Grace of God

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. William Bay

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT *In Quietness* W. H. Walton

Oh Lord, breathe now Thy holy calm upon each soul today.
In quietness, oh hear each heart, hear us, oh Lord, we pray.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who hunger and thirst for truth.
Come to experience God's presence in community.

**We have been called together as children of God.**
**What we may grow to become is not yet revealed.**

Look to God with joy and radiant expectation.
Delight in songs of praise and exaltation.

**God hears our cries and saves us from troubles.**
**God delivers us from all our fears.**

Taste and know the Creator's goodness.
Take refuge in the One who supplies all you need.

**God is present with us here and everywhere we go.**
**May our worship here inspire continuing praise.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**As we gather in this place,**
**we join with all your saints in every time and place,**
**O God, to celebrate salvation.**
**You heal the brokenness within and among us.**
**You rescue us from the cruelty we impose on one another**
**amid our doubts and fears and frantic scrambling for attention.**
**Help us in these moments to know your Spirit surrounding us,**
**to sense your love embracing us, to realize your goodness,**
**empowering us for joyous service.**
**Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power,**
**and might be to you, O God, forever and ever.**
**Amen.**

* HYMN # 326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE




The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

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

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

* CALL TO CONFESSION Pete Maffia

To be called saints evokes in us knowledge

of the many ways we fall short of that title.
Today we are summoned to the throne of God
to give account to the One who knows us better that we know ourselves.
We come to be purified and made whole.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Saving God, save us from ourselves.**
**Rescue us from the fears that keep us from following**
**where Jesus leads or trusting in your guidance.**
**We have not hungered and thirsted for righteousness.**
**We have not been pure in heart or humble-minded.**
**We do not risk an unpopular witness**
**or step bravely into the role of peacemaker.**
**Our words and deeds do not praise you.**
**Our worship lacks passion and conviction.**
**We see you now, O God.**
**Redeem your children**
**and fill us with the radiance of your self-giving love.**

(*moment of silent confession*)

* KYRIE #575 *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

**Lord, have mercy upon us;**
**Christ, have mercy upon us;**
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The realm of God is among us,
and we are welcomed to experience it's rewards here and now.

Our Creator guides us to springs of living water,
inviting us to quench our thirst.
God feeds our hungers and wipes the tears from our eyes.
O magnify God with me and let us exalt God's name forever.
God redeems the lives of all who serve.
Those who find refuge in God are purified and made whole.
Sing praise to the Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being.

**Alleluia and Amen!**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.
Our finest offering is our attention,
moment by moment and day by day, to God's purposes for our world.
We join our constant efforts to be faithful
with these weekly moments of giving
that celebrate the love with which God surrounds us.
We are God's children, committed to caring for all of God's creation.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Introit and Kyrie from Requiem* Gabriel Faure

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine
Et lux perpetua luceat eis

Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion
Et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem
Exaudi orationem meam;
Ad te omnis caro veniet

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

* DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
**praise God, all creatures here below;**
**praise God above, ye heavenly host;**
**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**
**Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Pete Maffia

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We worship you night and day, gracious God,**
**in the temple of your universe.**
**So vast is your reality that our minds cannot comprehend,**
**yet your presence is so real that we cannot help but rejoice.**
**You are our refuge and deliverer and our hope for all eternity.**
**May our offerings welcome many to the abundance of your love**
**and move them to join with us in proclaiming,**
**blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving**
**and honor and power and might be our God forever and ever!**
**Amen.**

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *We Give Thee but Thine Own* C.W. Walton

We give Thee but Thine own whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee.

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**In your Word, O God, show us heaven.**
**By your Spirit, show us truth;**

**through Christ, the Living Word,**
**in whom we see your face.**
**Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle Revelation 7:9-17 (Inclusive Bible)

After that, I saw before me an immense crowd without number, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They stood in front of the throne of the Lamb, dressed in long white robes and holding palm branches. And they cried out in a loud voice, “Salvation is of our God, who sits on the throne, and of the Lamb!”
All the angels who were encircling the throne, as well as the elders and the four living creatures, prostrated themselves before the throne.
They worshiped God with these words:
“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!”
Then one of the elders asked me, “These people in white robes—who are they, and where do they come from?” I answered, “You are the ones who survived the great period of testing; they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. That’s why they stand before God’s throne and the One they serve day and night in the Temple; the One who sits on the throne will shelter them forever. Never again will they be hungry or thirsty; the sun and its scorching heat will never beat down on them, for the Lamb, who is at the center of the throne, will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.
**With God’s help we are listening.**

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 (Inclusive Bible)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside,
and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around,

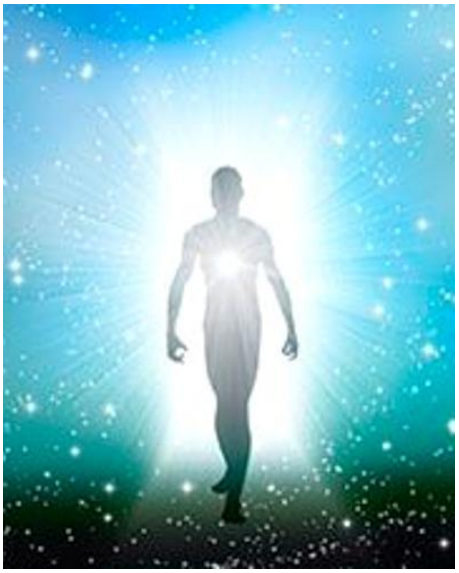
Jesus began to teach them:
"Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.
Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.
Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God.
Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice:
the kindom of heaven is theirs.
You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you,
and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.
Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great;
they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

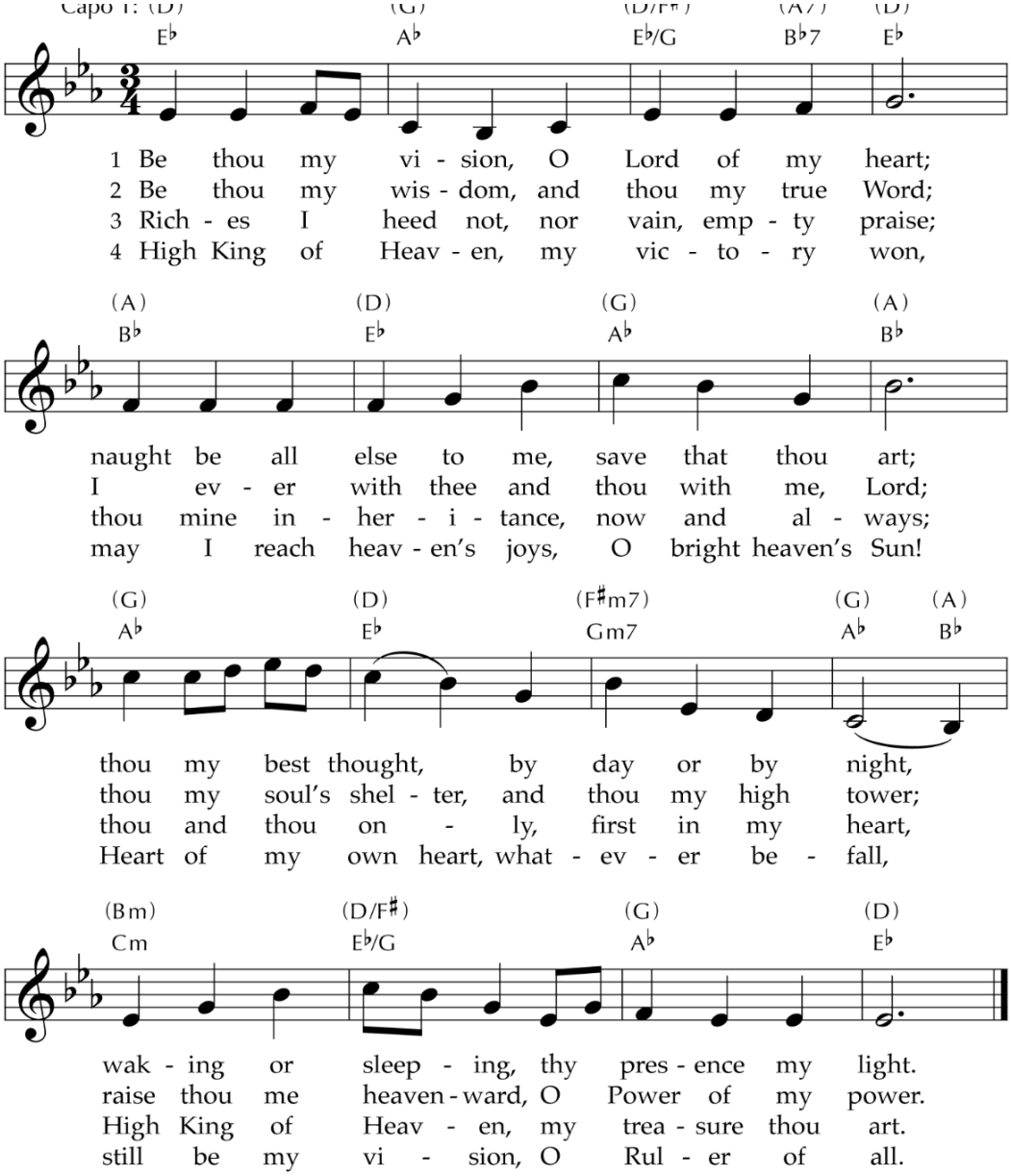
PASTOR'S MESSAGE Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"For All the Saints"



## WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HYMN #450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE




*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. SLANE
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927 10.10.10.10
*Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press*

## * INVITATION TO THE MEAL

We come to this table, not because it itself is so special,

but because it is an echo of another table,
a table that stretches as far as the eye can see
a table that is laden with God's good gifts
a table where no one goes hungry or sits alone.
A table where everyone we ever loved
and whoever loved us sits and feasts together.
In our own lives, we sit at tables where there are empty chairs
people we love and miss
people who no longer stop by for dinner
or come in for the holidays.
We grieve those empty chairs,
but know that in Christ,
our separation is only a temporary thing.

I invite you to think about the saints in your life
the people whose memory you carry in your heart.
I invite you to name them aloud,
don't worry that others will be speaking at the same time.

Phyllis Clarke Adams, Bob Baus, Terry and Yolanda Brown,
Forrest H. Diehl, Helen S. Diehl, Jean English, Kathy Hubert,
Bob and Helen Murray, Linda Marsh, Mary and Frank Nixon,
Earl Rolen, Ian Scott, Joan Sterling, Andy Spevak,
Robert Bruce Spevak, Laurie Thomson

For all those we have mentioned in your presence, God, we give thanks,
and come gladly to this table to eat once more with those we love
to join with all the saints, all *our* saints,
in praising Jesus Christ,
who defeated death and leads us all to God's heavenly banquet.
All are welcome here.

*(Please be seated)*

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.**

It is truly right to give you thanks, God,
creator of all we know,
all that is seen and unseen.
You formed the worlds,
every star and tree and ocean the work of your hands, even us.
But more than dust and clay, you breathed your breath into us,
made us in your image, walked with us in the garden,
and even when death crept in, you refused to abandon us.
You found a way.

Still, death haunted your people
in Egypt, where they faced slavery,
in the Promised Land, where they chose war,
in Babylon, where they were forced to live in exile.
Even in good times, not all flourished.
Hunger and poverty, arrogance and greed
all threatened the life of your people.
So you sent your prophets,
to remind them to be good to each other,
and that death and war and exile never have the last word,
that you would always return
to redeem and rescue.

That there was nowhere they could go—
not even down to the pits of Sheol—
where you were not present with them.
In time you sent your Son to walk among us,
fully God, fully human,
who ate and laughed and made friends,
who taught and healed and forgave sinners
who called out hypocrites
and risked safety for the sake of your kingdom

who wept when his friend Lazarus died
who knew grief and loss as we do.

Death haunted Jesus too—
he always knew it would be part of his story—
but in a single breath he moved from fearing death
to trusting you—Abba God, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;
yet, not my will but yours be done.
And so Jesus was crucified,
and his friends began to grieve.
But grief only lasted three days,
because while death was part of Jesus' story
it was not the end.
Jesus broke death's power because he showed us
once and for all that God's love is stronger than death.
Death needs no longer haunt us.
It is a shadow, fleeing before the burning light of God.

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
and with that great multitude no one can count,
from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages
all the ordinary saints who have finished their race
and sing forever to the glory of your name:

> "Salvation belongs to our God
> who is seated on the throne,
> and to the Lamb!"

Spirit, move in us,
that we might know we too are counted among the saints
God's beloved children, vessels of God's grace.

We pray that we might be thankful and transformed,
so our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break together,
and the cup we share together,
may remind us of that in ordinary things,
Your love is found in ordinary lives your grace is known
and in ordinary days we can find your presence.
Keep us breaking bread together in joy and in faith
until you return to this world you love
this earth you made, and this people you cherish.
Until that day, we lift our prayers:

We pray for all in need of healing,
whether it be in body, mind, or spirit...
Annie and Tony Carlos, Terry Burch, Jerry Capassp, Maida Page,
Tommy Bollinger, Dorland, Addie Singleton, Rajvinder Kaur,
Cynthia Bratz, Lloyd Bratz and family
Using the words recited by all generations,
we join in the prayer Jesus taught the disciples 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 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before Jesus died, when he knew he would not be with his

disciples much longer, he gave them a sign to remember him by.
First, he took the bread from the table, blessed and broke it and saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam
hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth.

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
When we break the bread.
Is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?"
And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam
borei p'ri hagafen.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
When we give thanks over the cup.
Is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?"

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts,
your bread and your cup.
Bless them and your people all around the world.
As we eat of these common elements, unite our spirits in love for you,
and our hearts in love for one another.
In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.

to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live Christ.
Now and forever.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share, for all is ready.
Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
and then place the cup back into the tray.
You may then light a candle in petition of prayer
or in remembrance.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *At The River* arr. Aaron Copland

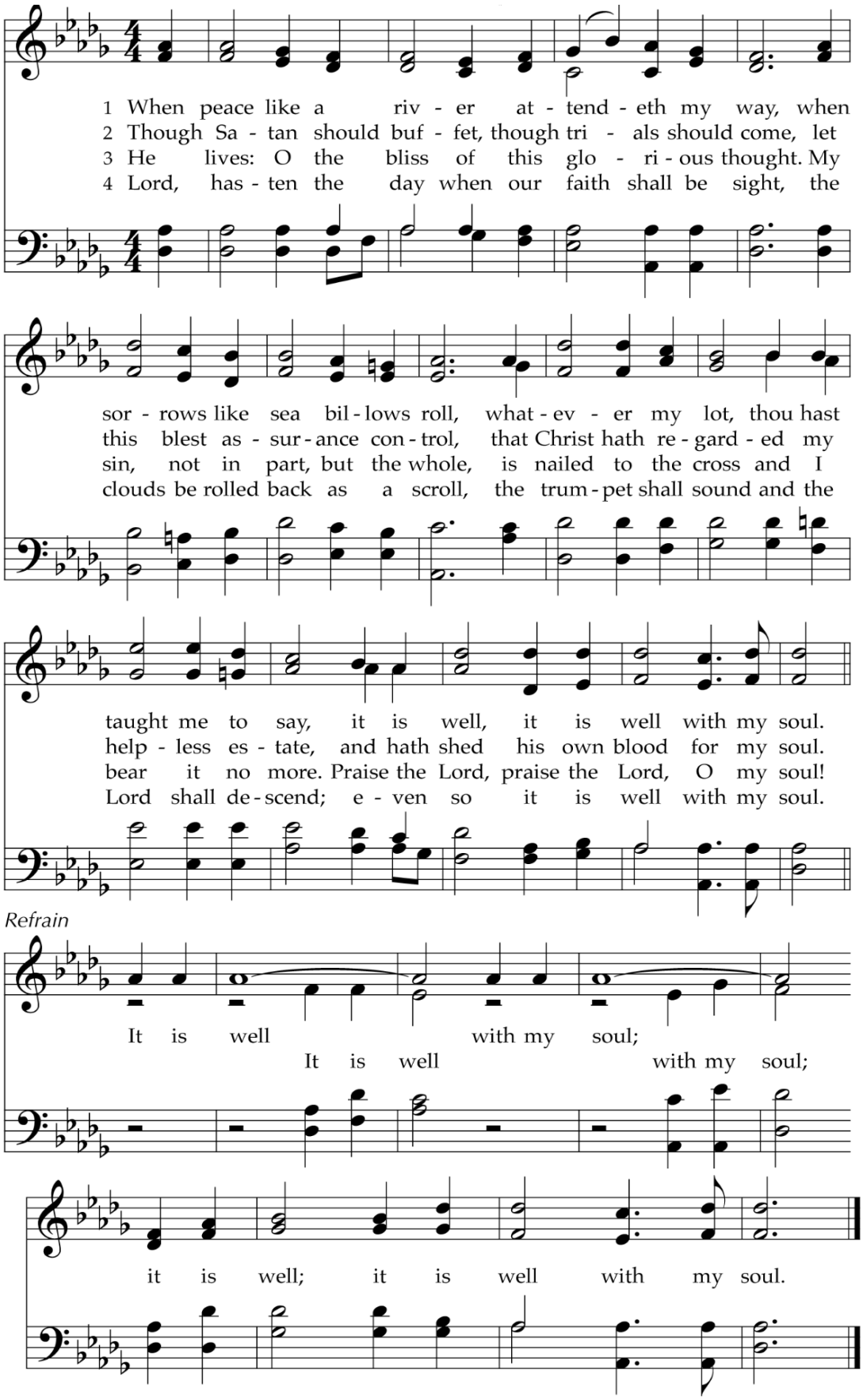
Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Jesus Christ, lamb and shepherd,**
**we remember you here,**
**as we remember all your saints.**
**Help us to remember you not just in this sanctuary**
**but in our homes and schools our cars and offices**
**to remember that every part of our life**
**is shot through with your grace and that we are never alone**
**but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses united by your love.**

**Amen.**

* HYMN #840 *It Is Well with My Soul* VILLE DU HAVRE




* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Rejoice in the Sovereign and magnify God's name.
Let your worship continue night and day.

**We will bless God at all times.**
**Praise will fill our mouths continually.**

We are joined by people of every nation and tongue.
Let us celebrate the diversity of our gifts.

**We rejoice in our kinship with all God's children.**
**Each of us has a contribution to make.**

See what love God is pouring out on all of us!
We are being purified in the image of Christ.

**We are blessed as saints of God.**
**We are learning daily to claim our identity.**

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| * CHORAL RESPONSE | *Sevenfold Amen* | Peter Lutkin |
| POSTLUDE | *It Is Well* | arr. James Curnow |

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,*
*but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*
*Psalm 73:26*




**We continue to keep in our prayers:**

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Tommy Bollinger, Dorland, Addie Singleton, Rajvinder Kaur,
Cynthia Bratz, Lloyd Bratz and family

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

*Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.*

## WE CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER

Barbara Allen, Adelle Bailey, Nonie Bailey, Elizabeth Breudigam,
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## @ The First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland

**Sunday November 1/All Saints Sunday**
**10:00AM** Worship with Communion/Sanctuary
**12:15PM** Recital/Dominic Aragon/Sanctuary
**Tuesday November 3/Election Day/VOTE**
**12:15PM** Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room
**Wednesday November 4**
**11:00AM** Stirring Up Hope Soup Pantry
**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary
**6:00PM** Welcoming & Fellowship Meeting/ZOOM
**Sunday November 8/Consecration Sunday**
**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary
**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel
**Tuesday November 10**
**12:15PM** Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room
**Wednesday November 11**
**11:00AM** Stirring Up Hope Soup Pantry
**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary
**Thursday November 12**
**2:00PM** Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM
**Sunday November 15**
**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary
**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel
**11:30AM** MUW Committee Meeting/Cuyahoga Room
**11:45AM** Handbell Rehearsal/Gallery
**1:00PM** Browns/Texans/Huntington Field
**Tuesday November 17**
**12:15PM** Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room
**Wednesday November 18**
**11:00AM** Stirring Up Hope Soup Pantry
**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary
**Thursday November 19**
**7:00PM** FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room
**Sunday November 22/Harvest Table**
**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary
**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel
**11:30AM** Greening of the Sanctuary/Sanctuary

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**Parish Associate**: Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

**Minister of Music:** Evan M. Collins

## Choir

Cali Jacobs, *soprano*
Zara Smith, *soprano*
Kaya Sparks, *soprano*

Christian Bush, *tenor*
Anthony Steward, *tenor*
Noah Whitaker, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*
Morgan Potts, *alto*
Val Sibila, *alto*

Dominic Aragon, *bass*
Job Butcher, *bass*
Adam Whanger, *bass*

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