

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day / Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDE (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Gilbert M. Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verse 1)

Trentham

***Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love
what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34)**

One: God we worship you with continuous praise. Magnify Love and let us exalt God's many names together!

Many: We seek out the Gracious One. God answers and delivers.

One: We worship the Sovereign One with gladness.

Many: We turn to the Glorious God who radiates joy and safety upon us.

One: Bless the Mighty God who surrounds us today!

Many: We all sing out God is good! We Praise you God!

***GATHERING PRAYER**

Creator of the multitude, be present among us as we gather. Let us worship you in praise and thanksgiving, in spirit and in truth. May our souls reach toward you and our hearts burn as we encounter you afresh. Renew our minds through your word and our spirits through our praise. May your name be magnified and glorified in this space, and may your path become clearer for all who follow you. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG #769**

For Everyone Born

For Everyone Born

(verse 1)

***For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water
and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone
born, a star overhead,***

(refrain)

***And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion
and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice
and joy!***

(verse 3)

***For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in
the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and
for old, the right to belong,***

(refrain)

(verse 5)

***For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply
to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born,
the right to be free,***

(refrain)

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*Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have not embraced your vision of a beloved community. We find ways to restrict who belongs and fail to make space for diversity and difference. We bicker over how we worship and consider practices other than our own with indifference and disdain rather than appreciation and curiosity. We allow the divisiveness of the world to separate your church. We center ourselves in worship and try to make you in our image rather than expanding the circle and recognizing your image in our neighbor. Transform us, O God, so that we may reflect the beauty of your creation and the vastness of your love. Amen.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, transformation is possible with the help of God. Help us to receive the grace, courage, and strength God offers to remove barriers. God is with us on this journey. Listen to the Spirit who guides and binds us in love and truth.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #288

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Forgiven and set free, let us be reconciled with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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CHORAL ANTHEM

At This Table
Soloists: Tanya Fouts & Brenda Wahl

Idina Mendel

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

THE MESSAGE

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Rev. Katherine Chilcote

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

God has shaped creation so that every need may be met, love may abound, and we might be strengthened in community with one another. Let us participate through the giving of gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

OFFERTORY

Prelude on Greenwell

Tom Birchwood

*DOXOLOGY #709

God, We Honor You

Abundant Blessings

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you. Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, you have fed us with this heavenly food and made us one with Christ and the great multitude of the faithful. Grant us grace to follow in their steps and, in due time, share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

*SENDING SONG #2283 (STF) *For All the Saints*

O Waly Waly

(verse 1)

For all the saints who've shown your love in how they live and where they move, for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.

(verse 2)

For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Savior's fame, who sang your songs and shared your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord.

(verse 3)

For all the saints who named your will, and showed the kingdom coming still through selfless protest, prayer, and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.

(verse 4)

Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above. Though unacclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

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*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace Be Upon You

Wilshire

*POSTLUDE

O God, Our Faithful God

David Paxton

*Please stand as you are able.

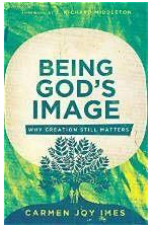
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit Exchange Today



Please welcome Rev. Katherine Chilcote, pastor of North Presbyterian Church, as she leads worship and shares about doing ministry with the homeless and housing insecure at North, while Pastor John swaps place with her and leads worship there.

Book Study – *Being God's Image: Why Creation Still Matters* by Dr. Carmen Joy Imes



I was recently introduced to the deep theological insights and scholarship of the author during my study leave seminar at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship in Michigan. Her book is insightful, but easy-to-read, and includes suggested scripture readings and discussion questions for each chapter. Weekly sessions will last 60-75 minutes and include an accompanying video from The Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/all>.

Eleven weekly sessions - Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (September 21 – December 7) in the Church Library. Books are available in the Church office for \$15.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Turkey, potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, vegetables, butter, milk, eggs, anything for a Thanksgiving meal, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.

Mission in Common – Presbytery Gathering

**Saturday, November 7,
9 a.m. – noon, at
North Presbyterian Church**

This gathering is part of Mission in Common, an ongoing conversation and learning community for people who care about local mission. Rooted in Pentecost, we will explore how God gathers people across differences; how mission moves beyond charity toward mutuality; and how every person is an equal member of the body of Christ. Together, we will consider practices that build Christian community within a mixed ecology of ministry.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:
Friday, November 13 (1 – 4 p.m.)
Saturday, November 14 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Knitting For Others

Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.



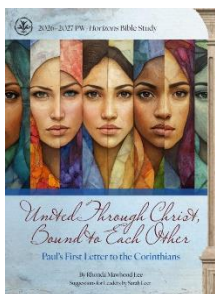
**The group will meet on Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:
November 8 & 22**

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. We are currently making items for babies and young children. If you have any size-3 or 4 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help. For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

Bev Keough
330-888-5385

Sarah Circle 2026-27



We'd love to have you join us!
The next meeting for 2026-27 will be:

Tuesday, November 10

Our study this year:
***United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other* —
Paul's First Letter to Corinthians**

Meet September – May the second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. – noon, in the Church Library. For more information, please contact Glenna Pool at 419-789-9446 or e-mail gpool205@yahoo.com.

Mid-week Lunch Group – November 10



All are welcome to gather for lunch together at Buckeye Café (located across from the Church in Tanglewood Square) at noon on the second Tuesday of each month (November 10, December 8, January 12, etc.) for a time of good food, great coffee, and even better conversations.

Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

Credit card donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for "Donations" in the header. Can only be used for donations.

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