Stettler United Church

Date: November 01, 2026
All Saints Day

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee
Musician: Linda Kneeland
Audio/Visual:
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Response: And also with you.

Welcome Back & Announcements (Care & Concerns)
- **Christmas Gift Cards** ~ I will be ordering by the end of next week, please get your order in ASAP. Thanks
- **Fall Supper** ~ 195 people attended and the tally $3958.00 (net).
- **Pie Sales** ~ Final tally for the pie sales is $1466.00 profit.

Acknowledgement of Territory
ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.
Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship
Today is the day in the life of the church that we remember the saints.

Let's remember those who suffered bringing the word of God to the world. Let's remember those who lived what appeared to be perfect, pious lives bringing the word of God to the world. But let's also remember that we are God's saints here on earth, sinners called to new life in Christ.

Yes, we are saints of God because we have been called to be living witnesses to God's purposes here and now. We have been set apart for God. We know we are not perfect, but we are being transformed. So come, let us worship together, allowing the Holy Spirit to continue our transformation.
Judy Sears, *Willowgrove U.C., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remember that we are spiritual beings—connected by spirit to our Creator. Let us be grateful for our existence—the joys, sorrows, teachings, and experiences it brings.
Christine LeBlanc, *East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont.*

Hymn: *Shall We Gather At the River VU #710*

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Opening Prayer

We are in the long line of faithful people who turn to you with our questions and our prayers.
Lead us to a deeper understanding of and a freer trust in your life in us, which we know through the life of Jesus.
We are your church. Bless us as we gather in your name. Amen.
Wendy MacLean, *Brockville, Ont.*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, the world is in need of saints.
Those who came before us and gave so much are being remembered today.
We too seek to be your saints in this world.
Yet, we are travelling a path that is not easy.

There are mountains to climb in serving the world, but we are taking it one moment, one action at a time.

We are not perfect.
We struggle at times.
We even wander off the path you have put us on.
We come together here today to remind ourselves that we are all your saints,
to encourage one another and assist one another.
We reach out.
We pray.
We give.
We strive to be your servants, your disciples, your saints.
We are here to learn.
Teach us, dear God. Guide us. Bless us. Amen.
Eileen Masse, *Stittsville U.C., Stittsville, Ont.*

Hymn: *I Danced in the Morning VU 352*

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Prayer of Illumination

Open our spirits and our hearts this day, brother Jesus. Enable us to receive with new understanding today's scripture message, that your words of life may draw us deeper in love with you, with ourselves , and with one another. Amen.
Susan Girard, Riverview U.C., Atikokan,

Scripture Readings: Donna Boyd-Stadelmann

- Revelation 7: 9-17
- Psalm 34: 1-10, 22
- 1 John 3: 1-3
- Matthew 23: 1-12

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message

*Hymn ~ MV 163 River Running in You and Me

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Invitation for Offering

As we gather in our offering of a portion of our living, our time, our thoughts, our ideas, and our prayers for each other. Your offering will now be received.
Elizabeth Stewart, St. Paul's U.C., Burns Lake, B.C

*Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541

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Offering Prayer

Your gifts have been showered upon us but your gifts are not for ourselves alone.
Your gifts are meant to be shared, a response of love, joy, and generosity.
Bless these gifts, and bless the givers and the recipients so that we may all know your love and grace. Amen.
Beth W Johnston, *Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, N.S.*

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Parting Hymn ~ *VU 506 Take my Life and Let it Be*

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*Commissioning and Benediction

May the Creator of Chaos and Calm be with us as we wind our way through the week.
Let us welcome the Creator to help us be mindful of our actions and what effect they have on others.
Let us make positive choices, be kinder to people, and everyday shine like a saint, even if it is just a little bit.
We go forth with the Creator's blessing, in Jesus' name. Amen.
Jamie Miller, First U.C., Dryden, Ont.

*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967

Postlude