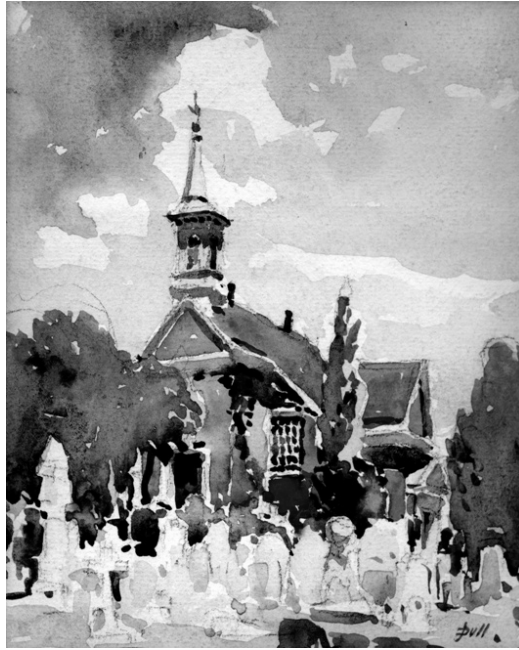




Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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*November 1, 2026 – Proper 26
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saint's Day with Baptism*

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Lector: *Jeanette Woehr*

Intercessor: *TBD*

Usher: *Mark Roberts*

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Welcome to Gloria Dei – and our observance of All Saints' Day!

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day, one of the principle feasts observed by the Episcopal Church. Through this celebration, we remember that life does not end at the grave, and that our loved ones who have died now stand in the loving presence of God. Therefore, we make a point of remembering those who have died, of giving thanks for their lives, and of hoping for the day when we will be reunited with them.

Today, we also get to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, welcoming a new life into the the fellowship of the saints, past and present. So, as we come to worship the God of the living, let us remember all those who have been an example to us of holy and faithful lives, and let us rejoice in the promise of resurrection.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
 Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

(The congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)

First Reading Joshua 3:7-4:3

The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' " Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God." Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.' "

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 I will glory in the LORD; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
 let us exalt his Name together.
 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.

(continued...)

Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.
 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
 and he will deliver them.
 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
 happy are they who trust in him!
 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
 and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 551

Rise Up Ye Saints of God

Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (5:1-12)**
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Micklewright

The sermon is an opportunity to consider the readings alongside the full witness of Scripture and tradition, asking how these readings impact our lives. You are not necessarily expected to agree with Rev. Chris, and more discussion is always welcome!

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

(Candidates, Parents, and Godparents come forward for the baptism)

Celebrant	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsors	<i>We present Stevie Lynn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.</i>
Celebrant	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Sponsors	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Sponsors	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Sponsors	<i>I renounce them.</i>
Celebrant	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Sponsors	<i>I renounce them.</i>
Celebrant	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Sponsors	<i>I renounce them.</i>
Celebrant	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Sponsors	<i>I do.</i>
Celebrant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Sponsors	<i>I do.</i>
Celebrant	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Sponsors	<i>I do.</i>
Celebrant	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
All	<i>We will.</i>

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
All	<i>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</i>
Celebrant	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All	<i>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</i>
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All	<i>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.</i>
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
All	<i>I will, with God's help</i>
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>

Celebrant	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
All	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
All	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
All	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates *(Led by the Godparents)*

Celebrant	Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
<i>Dina</i>	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Michael</i>	Open her heart to your grace and truth.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Amber</i>	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Joshua</i>	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Lauryn</i>	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Eric</i>	Send her into the world in witness to your love.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Alessandra</i>	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

(Candidates, Sponsors, and Priest gather around the baptismal font.)

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
All	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant	<p>We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.</p> <p>We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.</p>
Celebrant	Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant *Stevie Lynn*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Stevie Lynn, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.
Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Prayers of the People & Passing of the Peace

Jeanette Woehr

Celebrant Beloved people of Gloria Dei: We have gathered to celebrate God's perfect love for us, and for all of creation. As we seek to reflect that love in both unity and diversity, let us pray for the needs of our community and the world around us. *(Silence)*

Intercessor For believers around the world and across time, each worshipping God in their own language and traditions;

People **That we might be known by our love for God and for one another.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor For America, and all the nations of the world, especially those plagued by violence, corruption, or any other turmoil;

People **That God's justice and peace might flourish in every corner of the earth.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor For our leaders and those in authority: in the church... in our community... and across our country;

People **That they might grow in wisdom, humility, and integrity.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor For all God's creatures throughout this beautiful and fragile world that God has entrusted to us;

People **That we might be responsible and creative caretakers.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor For the needs of this community, and for all who face suffering or distress. Today we pray especially for:

People Penny, Max, Alexander, Joanne, Isaiah, Deb, Wayne, Bob, Kim, Herb, Karen, Heather, Sara, John, Elia, Eulogio, Sheila, Amy, William, Betty, Dina, Beth, Thomassina, Julie, Denise, Jason, Peggy, Joanna, Mark, Margie, Bonnie, Keith, Connie, and Jack. *(Long silence; additional names may be spoken aloud)*

Intercessor On this All Saints' Day, we pray for all the departed, and we ask for God to comfort their loved ones. As we look forward to the promise of the resurrection, let us remember those who have died this year by praying aloud their first names.

Della Setser

Emily

Barry Lee Mertz

Lance Woodruff

Ted Hallman

Irene Smith

Jerry Buescher

Irene Smith

Azalea Marie La Llave Stovall

Robert Norsworthy

Albert Haas

Matthew Haviland

Monica

Gordon Beggs

Mark Opaliksiy

Laurie Fisher

Betty Clark

Sean Wallace

Maisie Mattison

Eleanor Maiellano

Susan Bonner

Celebrant Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

Stewardship Testimony *Jeanette Woehr*

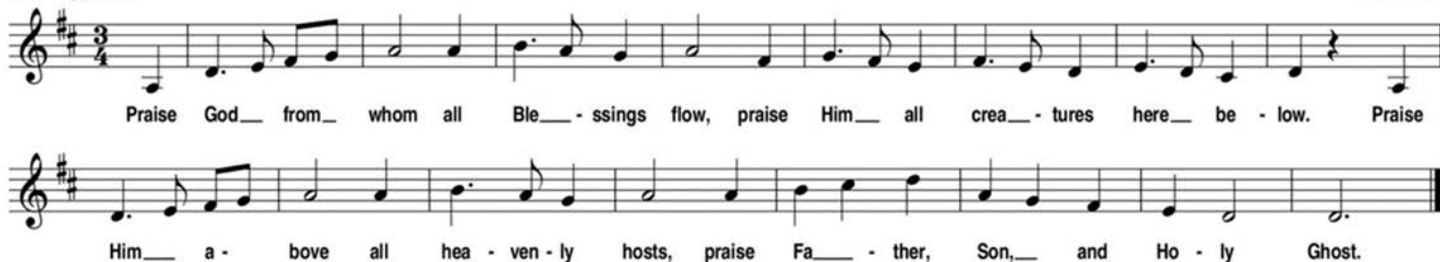
Pre-Offertory Hymn # 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Deep Silence* Hymnal 1982

Offertory Sentence

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God! *-Psalm 34:8*

Collecting an offering reminds us that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are to be responsible stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests are welcome to support our work of worship, ministry, and preservation – but should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin.

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown



Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above all heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion –Eucharistic Prayer 3 *(from Enriching Our Worship)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb of creation; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:



Flowingly

Paul Fejko



Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

Celebrant We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Communion Anthem

*Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community. **Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!***

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available – just hold up one finger to receive either of these alternative elements. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the cup, you may drink or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each element of communion. If you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us stand and pray together the post communion prayer.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing & Announcements

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Closing Hymn # 293

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

***All are invited to listen to the postlude,
and then to join us in Riverside Hall for a time of fellowship.***



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GLORIA DEI

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer on Zoom – Every Monday at 9:00am

Start your week with a short time of community, discussion, prayer, and Scripture; all are welcome.

Meeting ID: 875 8998 7892

Passcode: 723011

Musical Meditation – Every Tuesday at 6:00pm

The program is led by our sextons, Jim & Paula Minacci, who work to create a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere that everyone will enjoy. Join us for music, prayer, meditation, and discussion of Scripture.

Lunch Packing Outreach - November 29, December 27

Our Missions Committee has been doing great work to care for people in need in our surrounding communities. Please join us after services to pack lunches for Prevention Point (a ministry in Kensington). Donations of the following items are always welcomed: paper lunch bags, paper sandwich bags, individually wrapped candies & individually bagged chips. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

Fall Book Group – Tuesdays at 7:00pm from October 13 to November 3

Join us for four weeks this fall as we look for hope by reading *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*, by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Addressing the timeless and universal concerns all people share, *God Has a Dream* envisions a world transformed through hope and compassion, humility and kindness, understanding and forgiveness. We will meet weekly, immediately following our Musical Meditation service, and a reading schedule is available on our website. If you need a copy of this remarkable book, please reach out to Rev. Chris (even if you aren't able to participate in the discussion).

Responding to Christian Nationalism (Multi-church Book Group) – Wednesdays at 6:30, starting October 14

This is a five-week, multi-congregation book study that will explore the origins, the basic tenets, and the impact of Christian Nationalism on the church and nation. We will be using Rev. Jimmy Hawkins' book, *In God We Trust: The Origins of Christian Nationalism*, but we will be reading 15-20 page excerpts for each class. Class members are welcome to read the rest of the book as they are interested. The class will be led by retired Presbyterian Pastor, Rev Dr Rob Erickson. This series is being co-sponsored by Gloria Dei, St. Peter's Episcopal, and Old Pine Presbyterian; a syllabus of readings and schedule of meeting locations is available on our website.

Lucia Rehearsals Begin – Sunday, November 1, 2026 – 12:30pm

This year will be the 89th annual Lucia festival at Gloria Dei, and rehearsals begin on November 1. If you (or any children in your life) would like to be involved, please join us for the first rehearsal, or contact Rev. Chris for more details. The festival will be held December 12 and 13, and tickets are available on our website.

Missions Committee Meeting on Zoom – Wednesday, November 4 at 9:00am

Are you interested in brainstorming, discussing, planning and participating in Gloria Dei missions? We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 on Zoom.

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Founders' Weekend Brunch Discussion – Friday, November 6, 10am-Noon

Join us as we participate in the third annual Founder's Weekend, sponsored and organized by Root Quarterly (www.rootquarterly.com). Founder's Weekend is an opportunity to engage in an ongoing discussion about the values and ideals that must be (re-)established in order for our country to survive another 250 years. This year, Gloria Dei will be hosting a brunch discussion on the role of faith in a pluralistic society, and we will be drawing on some of the ideas in Jonathan Rausch's book *Cross Purposes: Christianity's Broken Bargain with Democracy*. The event is free to attend (though donations are always welcome), but we ask that you register in advance (see our website, or the Root Quarterly website).

Great Talks at Gloria Dei – Charles Thomson and Timothy Matlack – Thursday, November 12 at 7:00pm

This discussion examines the contributions of Charles Thomson and Timothy Matlack, whose administrative and intellectual work was essential to the American Revolution yet largely overlooked in traditional stories. By tracing their intertwined careers, Michael Teti will highlight how the Revolution depended not only on celebrated leaders but also on the steady, often invisible labor that made independence possible. This program is sponsored by *Preserve Old Swedes*; tickets and further information are available on their website (www.preserveoldswedes.org).

Angel Tree 2026 – Beginning November 8 (Return Gifts by December 6)

This year, we are again partnering with Snyder Avenue Congregational Church (SACC) to provide Christmas presents to kids in immigrant and refugee families. For some of these kids, these may be the only gifts that they receive, and we want to help them experience the joy of the holidays and to know that they are loved by God. Look for the Angel Tree in the back of the church, starting November 8, and sign up to provide a gift (or gifts) for one or more kids. When you take a name, there will be suggestions of the type of gift that would be most appreciated. Return wrapped gifts to the church by December 6. Contact Rev. Chris or Rachel Armstrong for more details.

POWER Center City Cluster Meeting – Tuesday, November 10, 6:00pm at the 1st Unitarian Church

Join the November meeting of POWER's Center City Cluster to learn more about the ongoing *We Make Philly* campaign and other efforts to organize and advocate for a better future for ordinary Philadelphians. This meeting will take place at the 1st Unitarian Church at 21st and Chestnut, and dinner will be provided. Also mark your calendars for a massive City-Wide Meeting with Philadelphia City Councilors on Sunday, December 6 (more details coming soon!).

End of Stewardship Season & Communal Lunch – Sunday, November 22, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

As we approach 2027, the Vestry and Finance Committee are working to create a budget, and you can help us with that important work by making a pledge for how you will continue to support the ministry at Gloria Dei with your time and money. Please return pledge cards on Sunday, November 22 (Christ the King Sunday!), and then stay for a communal lunch after the service. If you'd like to contribute something to the lunch, please email the church office or Rev. Chris.

Call for Food Pantry Donations

In recognition of the challenges that many of our neighbors currently face with affording basic necessities, our community is supporting the food pantry at Snyder Avenue Congregational Church (with whom we have collaborated on a number of outreach programs). There is a basket in the back of the church for donations; this month the missions committee is especially asking for donations of peanut butter and canned vegetables, though a full list of needed supplies is also available by the basket.

Favorite Hymns

Our organist, Adam Haines, is requesting that churchgoers share their favorite hymns – so that we can prioritize singing them in the coming months. Please leave your feedback for on one of the sheets located on the back table, on the steps up to the organ loft, or using this QR Code:



Hurricane Isaias

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by Hurricane Isaias. The Hurricane Response Fund provides critical support for both urgent emergency relief and long-term recovery. Please consider making a gift to this fund to support this vital work.



www.episcopalrelief.org

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