First Presbyterian Church

Tallahassee, Florida

All Saints' Sunday — November 1, 2026 — 11:00 AM



We do not do it alone of course.
We are companioned through life,
Underneath it all, holding us up as we change,
are the people who love us.
However much we find ourselves in the throes of life,
they stand by until we land again on solid ground,
find ourselves again, get up in the morning ready to start over.
Because of them we stay on the path.
They provide the unchanging foundations of love
that enable us to risk change.
The people who love us prod us—enable us—to grow.
And God loves us. . . . God loves me and wants me to grow.
I am trying, before I die, to learn to trust this continual
going into the unknown. I better live a long, long life.

Joan Chittister, OSB, *Called to Question*

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP IN OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

God of unfailing light, we thank you for all your saints — known and unknown —
who have walked before us in faith.
Strengthen us to follow their example of holiness, courage, and compassion.
May their witness inspire us to serve you faithfully, love others deeply,
and seek your kingdom above all things.
Grant us grace to walk in their footsteps until we join them in the joy of eternal life. Amen.

GATHERING

Ringing of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary — Pie Jesu — Ned Rorem

Choral Introit — Gaudeamus Omnes — 14th cent. Chant, arr. Bryan Stenson

Gaudeamus omnes in Domino, (Let us all rejoice in the Lord)

Call to Worship

We gather today with the great cloud of witnesses — saints from every tribe, nation, and generation.

We give thanks for those who kept the faith, finished their race, and now rest in God's peace.

We remember teachers, storytellers, musicians, preachers, and all who shaped our faith by their love and example.

We give thanks for parents, grandparents, friends, and all who showed us how to walk in God's ways.

We remember the saints whose courage blazed a trail before us — prophets, comforters, healers, and everyday disciples.

Their lives shine with the light of Christ, and their witness strengthens our own.

On this holy day, we join their everlasting song: "Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!"

Let us worship God with thanksgiving, for the saints who came before us, are among us, and will follow after us. Thanks be to God.

Let us worship God.

Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in* ***bold print.*

*Hymn

Rejoice in God's Saints

HANOVER



WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1977
MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We confess that we have not been heedful of the example of their faithfulness. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain indifferent to the oppression of your children. You call us to venture in your footsteps, but we choose safer pathways of life. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to walk in your way, so that, joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom which you have promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

In humble repentance, we acknowledge that we do not always embrace or live out the faith to which we have been called. But through the mercy of God, we are forgiven, and we are made new.

Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love. Alleluia! Amen.

*Response Hymn 581 Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Revelation 7:9–17

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 47 Bless All Who Trust in God (Psalm 128) FRANCONIA

Second Reading Hebrews 11:32–12:2

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Surrounded*

Text: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses … let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us … — Hebrews 12:1

*Affirmation of Faith *from The Second Helvetic Confession*

The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world — a communion of all saints, those who rightly worship and serve the true faith, who partake of all the benefits freely offered through Jesus Christ. We do not adore, worship or pray to the saints in heaven, but we do acknowledge them to be living members of Christ and friends of God. We love them as brothers and sisters and also honor them. We also imitate them. With ardent longings, we desire to be imitators of their faith and virtues, to share eternal salvation with them, to dwell eternally with them in the presence of God, and to rejoice with them in Christ. Together we are all citizens of one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship of all good things. Thanks be to God. Amen.

EUCHARIST

Call for the Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem At the River (Shall We Gather at the River) Victor C. Johnson
For text see Hymn 375

*Presentation Hymn

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

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.**
… and with all creation that worships your name, we join their song.

Sanctus — Hymn 565

Great Thanksgiving Continued

… we will celebrate victory with him and all your saints. Great is the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation — Hymn 566

Great Thanksgiving Continued

… until we feast together in your kingdom.

Amen — Hymn 568

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymns

Hymn 516	For the Bread Which You Have Broken	KINGDOM
Hymn 730	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	GRAND ISLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

Reading of the Names of Those Who Have Entered the Church Triumphant
November 1, 2025 — November 1, 2026

Members of First Presbyterian Church

Bruce Bickley
Barbara Ford Kronholz
Betty Christine Davis Miller
Stephen Mark Sandon
Sue Safford
Virginia Coffin Thomas

Family Members & Friends

Laura Been
James (Jim) Ira Crews
Hancy Lane Deacon
Clinton Henry DePew
Joan DePew
Lyn DeVane
Brendan Farrington
Ann Godly Hingst
Jeffrey Alan Jennings
Jeff Kelly
Jan Thomas Knecht
Randall Laird
Rev. Bill Lee
Bernice Magoulas
Frances Mahaffey
Ken Mahaffey
Pete Mahaffey
Paul McKee
Sandy McKitrick
Janet Nesin
Patty Rollins
Patti Sams
Julia Mae Simmons
George Taylor
Clarissa Tompkins
Dick White
Karen Whiteside
JoAnne Willis

Litany of Thanksgiving

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you. For all the saints who have gone before us,
we give you thanks, O God, for our ancestors in the faith.
For all the saints who have been beloved to us,
we give thanks for our loved ones who have entered your Church Triumphant.
For all the saints who have left us too soon,
O God, we mourn their death, and they remain in our hearts.
For all the saints who are still shining lights in this world,
may we learn from their ways and follow you.
For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and especially all those whom we have named this day who, since last All Saints' Day, have finished their race and are now at rest with you … we give you thanks, O God.
Keep us grateful for their witness and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 326 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

*Charge & Benediction

*Benediction Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You Jim Strathdee

The Lord bless and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine on you;
And be gracious.
The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

*Voluntary Toccata in G Major, BuxWV 164 Dietrich Buxtehude

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Minister: Rev. Mark Phillips Choir Director: Bryan Stenson Video Team Leader: Carl Morse
Reader: Chris Corzine Organist: Victoria Coey Sunday Host: Becky Brown

The Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Arch & Laura Pulliam by daughter Beth Pulliam.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people**.**

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Juana Maria Diaz Perez (mother of Ruben Diaz), Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden, Wayne Friedemann and Waynes' sister, Evanna Friedemann, John Cole, Molly Harper's grandmother, Nancy Forinash and her husband, George Gallupe, Pete Crowell, and Father Lonnie Lacy, Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Patricia McCoy Delancey, Jeannetta Hoekman, and the family of Virginia Thomas. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. **We pray for victims of gun violence** in our community and our country. **We pray for the Presbyterian** Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. **We pray for peace** in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Iran and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service,** including Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building, Room 205. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

The Dinner/Study Group will meet this Wednesday, November 4, 2026. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM followed by the study at 6:00 PM. A Zoom link will be available.

The Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Virginia Thomas will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM, followed by a reception in the Westminster Room.

CHECK-IN → Let us know you came to Worship today!



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Glory Be to the Father 581

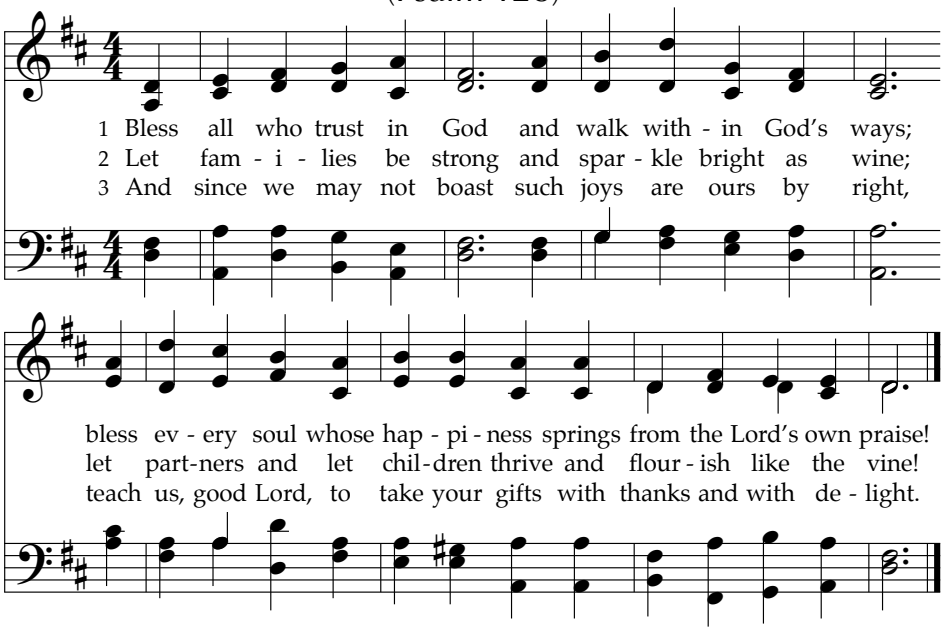


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MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Bless All Who Trust in God 47

(Psalm 128)

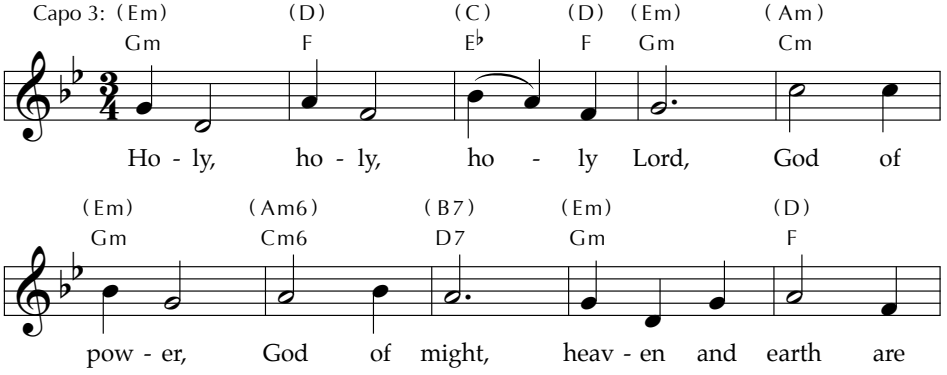


This paraphrase of Psalm 128 effectively communicates the central theme of this short psalm that would have been sung by pilgrims while making their way to Jerusalem: trusting in God's sovereignty is the only true source of blessing, both for ourselves and for those we love.

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MUSIC: Johann B. König, 1738; arr. William Henry Havergal, 1847
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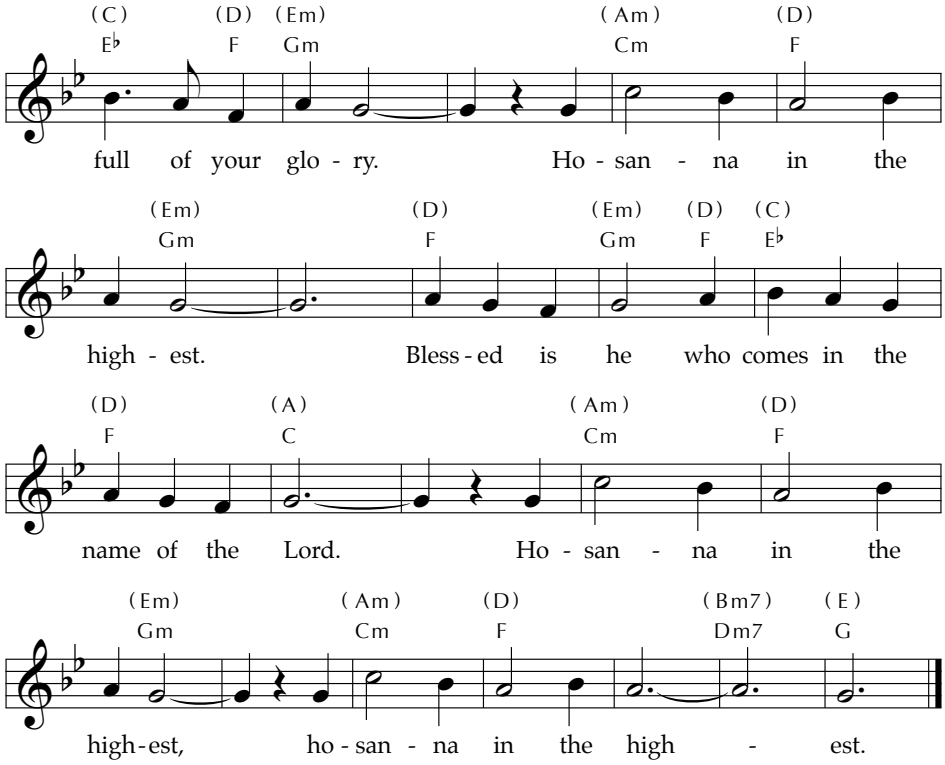
FRANCONIA
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565 Holy, Holy, Holy

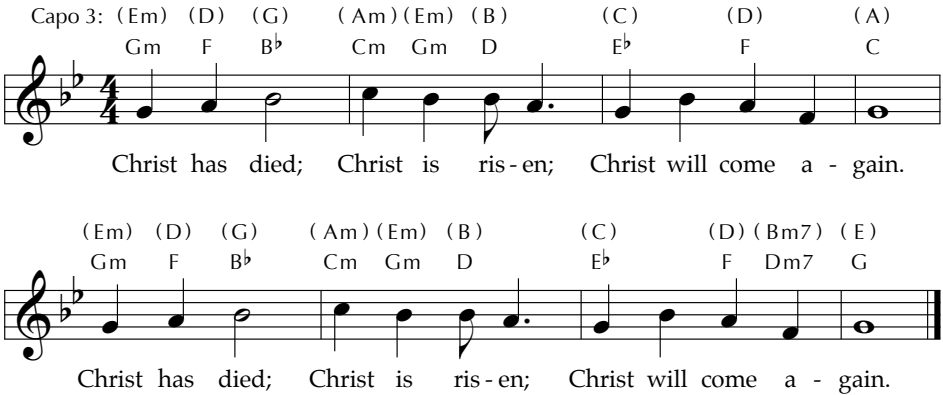


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SANCTUS (Haugen)


(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
E♭ F Gm Cm F
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
Gm F Gm F E♭
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
(D) (A) (Am) (D)
F C Cm F
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
Gm Cm F Dm7 G
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

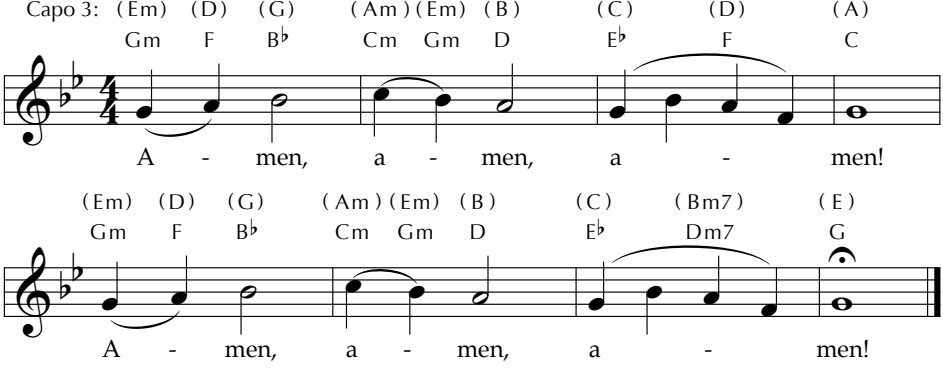
Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen 566



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION 1 (Haugen)

568 Amen



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AMEN (Haugen)

516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken



The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924, alt.
MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959

KINGDOM
8.7.8.7

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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GRAND ISLE
Irregular

326 For All the Saints



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

Harmony, stanza 3

