

First Presbyterian Church of Alton

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All Saints Day

10 AM Sunday, November 2, 2025

GATHERING

PRELUDE:

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Be gracious to us, deliver your people.

Hear us, Oh God.

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise

You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Hear us O God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

✦ **Hymn:** *"For All the Saints"*No. 526

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

✦ **Gloria Patri**.....No. 579

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
(Pg. 828)

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalm 149
(insert)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:11-23
(Pg. 192)

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:20-31
(Pg 64)

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Message.....Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer (Debts, Debtors)

✦ Hymn: " *God of our Life*"No 275

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Nicene Creed
(Ecumenical Version pg 15)

SENDING

OFFERING

Anthem "Come, Come Ye Saints"arr Andrew Hawryluk
(text insert)

✦ DOXOLOGY.....No. 592 (*Lyrics only*)

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

✦ Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God".....No. 260

✦ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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#### PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Message.....Pastor Ian Edward Caveny  
Liturgist.....Carrie Schildroth  
Music Director.....Mark Brooks  
Audio/Streaming Technician.....Claudia Droste  
Ushers this Sunday will be.....Carolyn Bumbacher & Sue Sinclair

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## Announcements:

We will be having the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday November 22nd at 2pm in the sanctuary. We will be decorating the Christmas tree as well as the church for the holiday season and we will even have a hot meal served afterwards. Please join us for this festive event!

First Presbyterian Church is proud to begin our Music on the Riverbend Concert Series. The first concert is An Autumn Serenade and will occur on Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00 PM. It will include performances by musicians from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra as well as the First Presbyterian Church Choir. For more information about future concerts in the series, please reach out to Mark Brooks or contact the church office.

There will be a Disney- themed Trivia Night on Saturday November 8th at St Mark Presbyterian Church in Ballwin, MO to benefit Mound Ridge Retreat & Mission Center. Doors open at 3pm, Trivia starts at 4pm. Tickets are \$30 or \$200 for a table of 8. Any questions please contact Rebecca Harper.

Once again this Holiday Season, we would like to participate in a Christmas Adopt-A-Family program by helping with our school's initiative. Contributions can include monetary donations, gift cards, or sponsorship of an entire family. Contact person is Klaudia Taul at Region III - email address is : ktaul@region3sec.org and flyers are available in the narthex.

The First Presbyterian Bell Choir continues to extend an invitation to the congregation to individuals of varying skill levels and experience to join their ranks. If you are interested, please reach out to Mark after service.

Pastor Ian hosts Bible Study on Sundays at 9a in the Library and Wednesdays at 10a in the Flota Conference Room. All are welcomed to join!

November Birthdays: Greg Gates (08), Ruth Wimp (10), Rik Stabell (16), Nancy Matis (30)

November 2: Session Meeting today after worship

November 30 : Deacons Meeting

Every 3rd Sunday cash in the offering plate goes to the Simpson fund that supports the Good Neighbor bags at Saturday Café.

**Outreach:** Saturday Café and Tuesday's Soup's On; Lunch served at 11:30, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are welcome.

**Prayer List:** Friends and family of Christina Perez, Pearl Kantar, Jennifer Allman, Tony Grillo, Ann Wangelin, Barb Harner, Forrest Bayer, John Thompson, Denny & Trebe Bradfish, World Peace. All are invited to share prayer requests during the Prayers of the People, to drop a Prayer Card in the plate during the Offering, or to request prayers by calling the church.

Members (and spouses) at home or living elsewhere: Donna McCoy, Linda and Gary Smith, Judy and Lyndal Colburn, Gladys Butler, Kathleen Stice, Jim Wigger