

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 2, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Roll Call of the Saints



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: “What makes a saint? Extravagance. Excessive love, flagrant mercy, radical affection, exorbitant charity, immoderate faith, intemperate hope, inordinate love. None of which is an achievement, a badge to be earned or a trophy to be sought; all are secondary by-products of the one thing that truly makes a saint, which is the love of God, which is membership in the body of Christ, which is what all of us have in common.” —Barbara Brown Taylor, “The Embers of Faith,” *The Wondrous Mystery: An Upper Room*

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Prelude on Sine Nomine
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Denis Bédard

Setting the Table

Choral Introit

With You, O Lord
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Taizé

*** Call to Worship**

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying, “Let there be light!”

All: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying, “I am the Light of the world.”

One: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints, the ones in whom God’s light shines.

All: So let us give thanks for the saints this day, and let us worship God.

One: We gather this morning to remember our call: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

All: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives, trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

One: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

All: With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God.

*** Hymn #326**

For All the Saints, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5
[Sine Nomine]

Prayer of Confession

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God’s forgiveness and grace.

All: Beloved God, who was known to our parents and grandparents, to our ancestors and to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us. Comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don’t share with anyone but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Silent prayer. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: Hear the good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

All: Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

One: It is as a forgiven people that we extend the peace of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to your Word that we would hear what you would say to us today. May we know your truth and follow you with new resolve to serve you in all that we do. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Children’s Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

James 1:22-25

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:5-10

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Belong to God: Service to a World that Needs God

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

O Love
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

- George Matheson

Responding to the Word

Minute for Stewardship

Service: Global Institute of Lansing

Paula Frantz

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Theodore Beck

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

Communion Prayer

All Saints Day Litany

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe. We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

All: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you. Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

One: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime. We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, siblings, husbands, wives, and partners, and parents whose lives ended too soon:

All: Family of our faith, we remember you. Those close in our heart, we remember you.

One: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost from our lives, knowing that they are with your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life. *Reading of the names.*

One: We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

All: We remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

One: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

Sent Out As a People of God

* Hymn #516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken, vs. 1-4
[Kingdom]

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Finale on Sine Nomine
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Alfred Fedak

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thanks to Vickie Marcus and Jane Dettore for supplying refreshments, to Tom Schaberg for making coffee and to Mitch Marcus for washing the dishes.

Education Hour:

Elementary Education in Room 116

Middle School Education in Room 107

Intergenerational Bible Study (High School and Adults): Colaborate New Testament Series with Roy Meland in the Board Room

Adults : Dialogues on Science and Faith. Your Brain on God: The Intersection of Faith and Neural Processing. Discussion led by Pastor Lisa

Next Week: November 9, 2025

Scripture: Job 3: 7-13 & Philemon 1:1-21

Congregational Meeting following worship. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship to hear a report from the Nominating Committee, who will present a slate of candidates to serve on the Session, Board of Deacons and the Endowment Committee.

The Call to Worship this morning is adapted from words by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good.” <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/all-saints-liturgy/>. The Prayer of Confession and Promise of the Gospel are adapted from words by Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink. At <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>. The All Saints Litany was written by Rev. Mindi as is available through re:Worship <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/litany-for-all-saints-worship.html>

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Pamela Bellamy	Colleague and friend of Kent Workman
Martha "Marty" Bennett	Friend of David & Sandy Detrisac
Richard Boyer Sr.	Father of Jim Boyer
Cherie Brittain	Long-time member of PCO
Mackenzie "Mack" Davis	Husband of Elaine Davis, long-time member of PCO
Daniel Czaplicki	Cousin of Bruce Timmons
Fred Derksen	Colleague of Ron Dorr & Jan Krehbiel at MSU
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Connie Grant	Sister of Edward Ennen
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Dan Herndon	Roommate of Ron Dorr at Grinnell College
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Don LeDuc	College classmate of Bruce Timmons
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Barbara Reese	Friend of Barbara Dorr
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