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Sunday, November 6, 2022 – 10 A.M.

All Saints Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion



## WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE	"Arioso"	Bach
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Joyce Reed
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Sanctuary		Judi Pavisich
INTROIT	"Sanctuary"	Thompson/Scruggs

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this All Saints' Sunday, we pause to remember the tender touch of loved ones, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

**People: We remember and give thanks, O God.** (pause)

Leader: For the loyalty of friends; the kindness of strangers; the gentle strength of grandmothers; the sacrifice of parents; the joy of children.

**People: We remember and give thanks, O God.** (pause)

Leader: For the supreme, unconditional love of Jesus; for the gift of his Spirit that shines brightly in the lives of all his disciples, throughout the ages and still today.

**People: We remember in every time and in every place the**

**saints of God who reveal God's heart to us.** (pause)

**All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**

## † HYMN "Come to the Table of Grace"

**Come to the table of grace\*; Come to the table of grace\*.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of grace\*.**

\*Verse 2: **peace**, Verse 3: **love**, Verse 4: **joy**, Verse 5: **hope**

## A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 149:1-5 (New International Version)

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

Praise the Lord!

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## TIME OF REMEMBRANCE / TOLLING OF THE BELL

Our family of faith has gathered this morning to worship, to praise, to remember and to pray. We know and believe that we are joined in spirit by those whom we have loved and lost in this life, joined in ways we do not yet understand but in which we hope. On this All Saints Sunday, we remember those who have been a part of this church, related in important ways to the life of this church who have gone on to meet their Lord this past year.

Mildred Pavlik\* 3/16/2021

Louis Szabo\* 11/14/2021

Margaret McKinney\* 12/24/2021

Deborah Dickson (sister-in-law of Greg & Ingrid Dickson) 12/31/2021

David Deering (father of Myron Costin) 1/4/2022

Danny Pavisich (brother of George Pavisich) 1/23/2022

Kenneth Carroll (great-grandfather of Elliott Joyce) 1/25/2022

Joyce Solderitsch (mother of Adria Bond) 1/26/2022

Margaret (Peg) Weakley\* 1/25/2022

John Stayrook\* 2/6/2022

Robert Wentz (Father of Larry) 2/13/2022

Sally Vetovitz\* 2/15/2022

Alan Plain (former husband of Linda) 3/2/2022

Pat Robusto (sister of Judy Maur) 3/5/2022

Lou Côté (partner of Diana Creecy) 3/10/2022

Robert Zimmerman\* 3/15/2022

Gary Fischer (husband of Kristine) 4/2/2022

Marlene Willham (sister of Ken Mehalko) 4/12/2022

Ramona Glaze\* 4/25/2022

John Struhar\* 5/20/2022

Robert Craig\* 6/22/2022

Albert Papes (brother of Nancy Taylor) 6/29/2022

Janet Kato\* 7/21/2022

John Hattery, Sr. (father of John) 7/25/2022

Steven Herzog\* 7/29/2022

Ben Herrebrugh (brother of Irene Jannsohn) 8/15/2022

Mary Gapas (mother of Brigitte Matchett) 8/27/2022

Rita Cooper (sister of Carol Merkle) 8/31/2022

Edward (Eddy) Bond\* 9/3/2022

Robert Heddleson\* 9/21/2022

Louis Gigliotti, Sr. (father of Lou) 9/26/2022

Charles (Chuck) McDougall\* 10/17/2022

Mildred Lafave\* 10/19/2022

Charlotte (Char) Mickovic (sister of Roz Fotos) 10/31/2022

\*indicates church member/attendee or former church member/attendee

## PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "When We Worship God Through Music" Butler

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS** Greg Dickson

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" Traditional tune

## † DOXOLOGY 815 Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## † DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

## A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 6: 20-31 (New International Version)

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man."

**SERMON** "Blessed Are You"

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor: We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray:

## UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**All: We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Holy One, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow that we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering "what if?" we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us. So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (silent prayer)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us whole. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

**All: With kindness and with justice, God creates us anew. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! Amen.**

## A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** "Creation Sings" Getty arr. Larson  
Sarah Keenen, vocalist

## 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.**

† HYMN 767 "For All the Saints" (vv 1,2, 4, & 6)

## † BENEDICTION

You're blessed when you've lost it all. God's kingdom is there for the finding. You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry. Then you're ready for the Messianic meal. You're blessed when the tears flow freely. Joy comes with the morning. Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—skip like a lamb, if you like!—for even though they don't like it, I do... and all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company; my preachers and witnesses have always been treated like this. **Amen.**



† RESPONSE “Father, Give Thy Benediction” Moore

† POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In" Spiritual

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to [strongsvilleucc.com](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

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SERVING	
TODAY – NOVEMBER 6	NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 13
Roger & Judy Davis	<b>Greeters</b> Cathy & Dale Hawk
Elaine Coffey	<b>Liturgist</b> Mary Ellen Zimmerman
J. Pavisich, B. Schneider, the Winrods	<b>Ushers</b> Bobbie Krisak
Oliver & Matilda Sekorky	<b>Acolytes</b> Luke Giuliano/Aidan Hurtig
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b> Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b> Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Organist</b> Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Sound</b> Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir, Ken Mehalko	<b>Special Music</b> Bell Choir

## A NOTE OF THANKS—

Today we thank the **Chancel Choir**, and extend special thanks to **Ken Mehalko, Sarah Keenen, Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich**, and **Mike Elkins** for sharing their music with us today and we also welcome back to **Pastor Heidi!**

The altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of William A. Fraunfelder  
Love, Barb Fraunfelder*



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Remembering Karen & Chris Morgan's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
this week—the Zielinski family*



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Please pray for Marianne Grega-Knotek, our florist. She is experiencing health issues and is unable to provide fresh flowers for a while. We will be using silk arrangements in the meantime. If you have already paid for flowers, please contact the church office. Also, dedications in the weekly bulletins are still welcome.

## The Mitten Tree...

We will collect hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. From **November 6<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>**, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 4<sup>th</sup>, the items will be given to the homeless shelter and the tree will become the **Family of Faith tree**. If you have not donated an ornament for yourself/your family, you may bring it to the church office and your ornament will join the others on our tree!



## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- meeting
- Mission Outreach will meet today after worship in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall.
  - The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
  - The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **November 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
  - The Official Board will meet on the fifth Tuesday of the month, **November 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. (Please note date change.)

## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.

**Many thanks to our hard-working volunteers, who make the lunch ministry possible!**



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Sue Hawk, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozeleski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Autumn Schneider, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Maggie Struhar, Sharon Wilson, Dave Williams, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Rachel Zielinski, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by severe weather

**OPT-IN:** Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. [h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37  
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,760.00  
Difference -(\$1,889.37)

**Thank you very much for your support.**



## COMING SOON...

### LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE:

For this year's Open House on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, we will offer an event similar to last year's and celebrate outside with the community. Once again, we will not be offering indoor hospitality but we will have our Live Nativity, complete with animals, including Charlie the Camel! We need volunteers to participate in the Live Nativity (in shifts). Easy to wear costumes are provided and all ages are encouraged to be a part of this wonderful tradition. Please see **Dale Hawk** or **Rachel Zielinski** if you would like to help.



## GIFT CARDS

### GET YOUR GIFT GIVING AND PERSONAL SHOPPING DONE AND BENEFIT THE CHURCH!

You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings. ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!**



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR!** Immediately following Sunday School classes, students are to report upstairs for a brief rehearsal with Mr. Foley. (Choir is part of the Sunday School curriculum.)



### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY!

The Pageant will take place during worship on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### PENNY SUNDAY—Thank You!

Last week, we collected \$246.35 for **UCC Disaster Relief Ministries** for hurricane assistance. The next Penny Sunday (and last one for the year) will be on November 27<sup>th</sup>.



## NOW COLLECTING...Thanksgiving “Basket”

**project** We will not be collecting actual food items for those in need, but we still want to provide food assistance to those who may require it, so we will be accepting monetary donations or donations of food gift cards for the families on our list. If you would like to contribute, please give the gift cards to the church office or place a check in the offering plate, labeled “THANKSGIVING.” **Also, if you know of someone in need, please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office.**



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP--UPCOMING EVENTS



The Women's Fellowship will be making candy in November and selling it to members of the congregation in December. We will make dark and light chocolate candies – chocolate with peanuts or raisins or coconut, pretzel bark,

and pecan bark. **If you are interested in helping, we will be making candy on two dates:**

- Friday, 11/18, 10 am – 2 pm (bring your own lunch if you wish)
- Monday, 11/21, 7 pm - ?

**We will then package candy:**

- Monday, 11/28, 10 am – 2 pm (bring your own lunch if you wish)

**We will sell candy after our worship services:**

- Sunday, 12/4/22
- Sunday, 12/11/22

**All women of the church are welcome to join the fun and fellowship!**

Please contact **Barb Fraunfelder** with any questions – [bfraunfelder@gmail.com](mailto:bfraunfelder@gmail.com) or 440-227-9051

**Sat., December 3 at 2 p.m. – Christmas Tea (Please note change in date.) All ladies are welcome to attend all our events.**

## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with freshly stocked fall/winter merchandise. We are once again accepting donations, but please make sure you are able to carry your items downstairs when you donate.



WOULD YOU LIKE A WAY TO SERVE GOD AND SERVE  
YOUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME?  
How about volunteering to serve on a  
church board or committee?



The Nominating Committee, through the Official Board, will be looking for church members to fill the many open positions on our boards. Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include: **Diaconate**, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

**Board of Trustees**, which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning and Memorial/Endowment.

**Mission & Outreach**, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

**Stewardship**, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

**Christian Education**, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

**Music Committee**, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work*. Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.



2022

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: S.O.C.K.S.**

**Service, Offering, Community, Kindness,**

**Sanctuary**

Estimate of Giving (Pledge) cards will be collected next week.

Strongsville United Church of Christ  
2023 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2023:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ each

☐ week   ☐ month   ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking account.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory

Betty and Donald Babics  
Edward “Eddy” Bond  
Betty and Don Bushea

Lou Coté

Michael E. Dickson

William A. Fraunfelder, Jr.

Ramona Glaze

Steve Herzog

Aimée J. Jannsohn

Erik O. Jannsohn

Millie LaFave

Charles Angus McDougall II

John Stayrook

In Loving Honor

Virginia and Kenn Oerkfitz

2021-2022 Donors

Anonymous

John and Teri Brandenburger

Betty L. Craig

Diana Creecy

Judy and Dale Destro

John Farabaugh

Natalie Feagin

Susan and Louis Gigliotti

Anne Green

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Irene A. Jannsohn

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Mike LaFave

Susann and Bruce Lerch

John and Diana Maringer

Elizabeth and John McKeever, Jr.

Heather and Shaun Mills

John and Virginia Palumbo

Linda Plain

Greta L. Rich

Ginger Rothel

Laurel M. Schneider

Connie M. Sloan

Leonard and Judy Gault-Sorrel

Sandy O'Shea and Doug Thorn

Bruce and Becky Unger

Sharon Wilson

Daniel and Laura Winrod

Linda J. Ball

Kevin and Kathleen Burke

Bill and Pam Craig

Roger and Judy Davis

Greg and Ingrid Dickson

Mary Fargo

Barbara Fraunfelder

Robert H. Glaze

Andrew and Judith Guzy

Renne M. Herzog

Lois D. Idol

James and Irene Joyce

Bonnie Khavaran

Cynthia Lafave

John LaFave

Susan Levesque

Jim Francis and Jim McKeever

Michele and Allen Mhlack

Virginia and Kenn Oerkfitz

Judith Pavisich

Patricia Rogers

R. William Robinson

Bill and Deborah Schneider

David and Jennifer Sekorky

Cheryl and Ed Sobek

Jim Studer

Douglas I. Turnbull

Barbara White

Marty Winch

Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Dedicated to the Glory of God

Bell Choir Handbells

Outdoor Handrails

Sidewalk Extension

City Mision of Cleveland

Outdoor Nativity Scene (Charlie the Camel)

Sunday School Whiteboards

Church Window Treatments

Windows in the Church Building