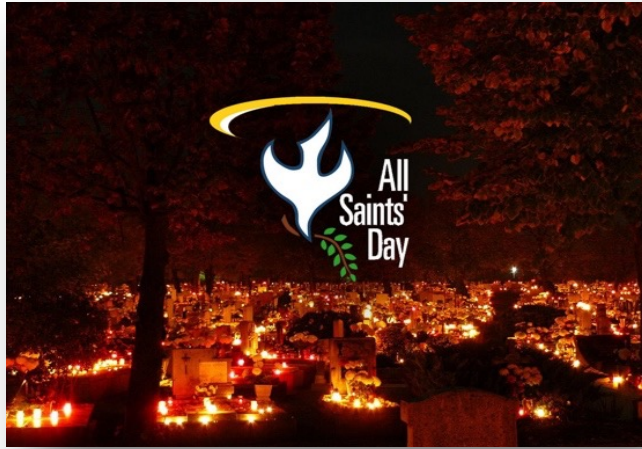




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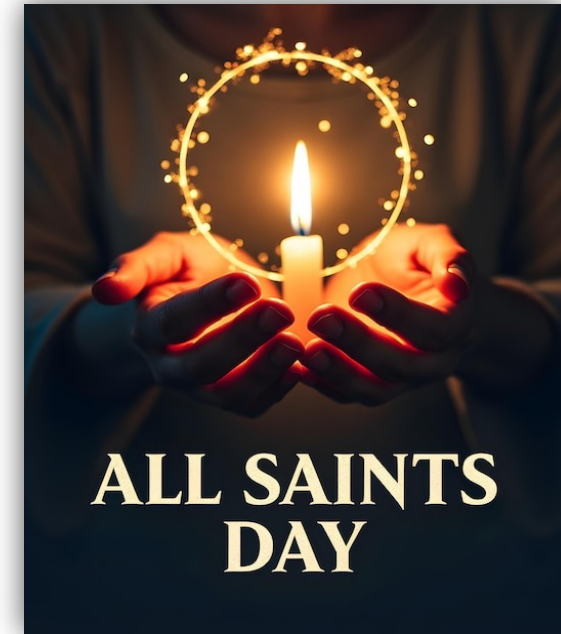
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The Rev. Edward H. Blank, Transitional Pastor

Sunday worship begins at 10:30 AM





The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church
November 2, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 26



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Litany for the Feast of All Saints
by F. Schubert

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing praise in the assembly of the faithful. So that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. **Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.** For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; **Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.** The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess it forever, forever and ever. **Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

***OPENING HYMN GTG#730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

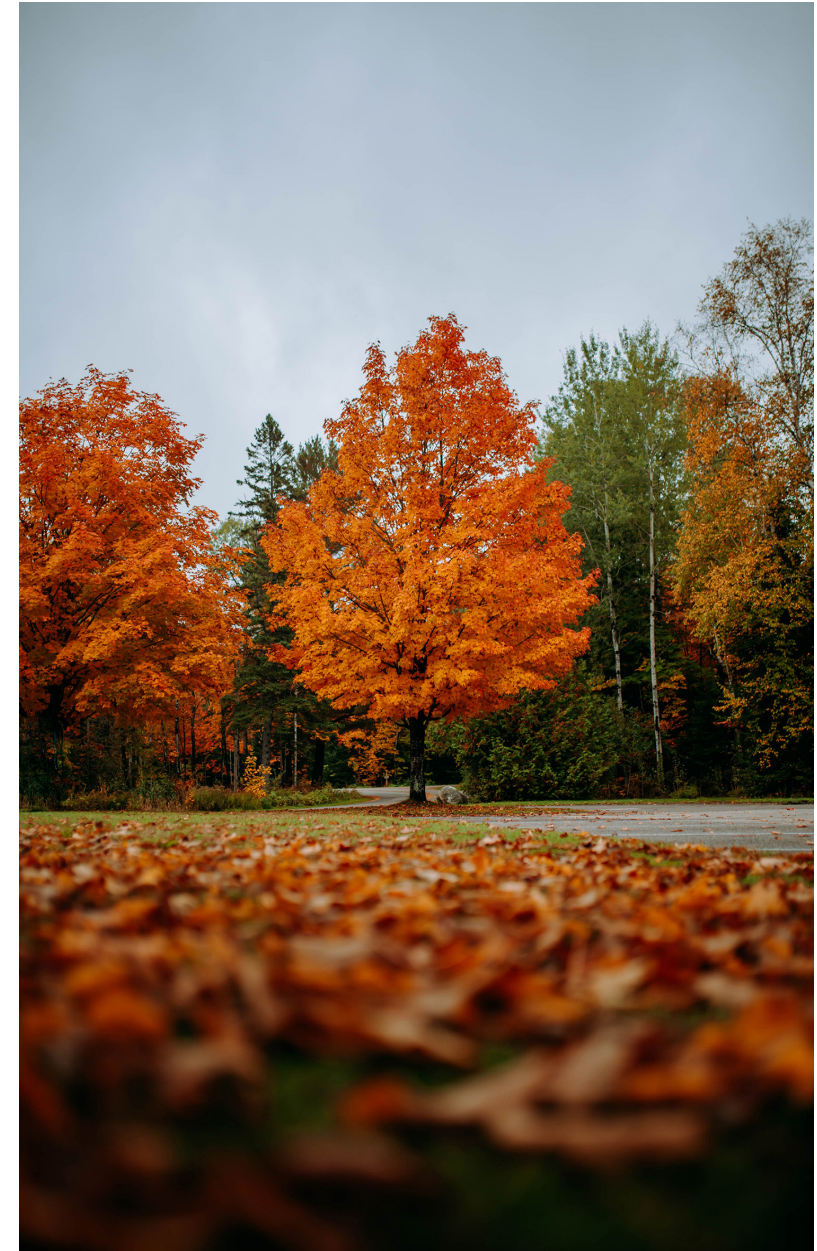
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ extends from generation to generation, keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have marked well the path of faith, following in that way is hard for us. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven, and saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust in that grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





Christmas 2025 Poinsettia Orders

Sign-up sheets to order poinsettias are located in the narthex and CE entry table. The deadline to place an order is November 16. If you have any questions, see Judy Heberlig.





Greeters are needed for December!

Please consider acting as a greeter for one or more services.





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TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The hope to which we are called is the glorious inheritance of all the saints, the immeasurable greatness of God’s power for us who believe. This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***HYMN GTG#581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Maasai Creed**

We believe in the one High God of love who created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in darkness, and we now know God in the light. God promised in his book the Bible that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good on his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari, doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live by the rules of love and share the bread together, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

ANTHEM *Built on the Rock - MSP Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ILLUMINATION HYMN GTG#459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

GOD’S WRITTEN WORD - REVELATION 21:1-4, 22:1-5

Chapter 21

The New Heaven and Earth

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,
- 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

Chapter 22

The River and the Tree of Life

- 1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,
- 2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;
- 4 they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.
- 5 And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED – Inspiration from Heaven

HYMN GtG#321

The Church’s One Foundation

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

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Matins by Lani Smith

This week’s Homebound person to be showered with cards of love and prayers is:



~~~~~Church Calendar~~~~~

Sunday, November 2	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship in person and online
Sunday, November 9	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship in person and online

Pastor is **Rev. Ed Blank**

Liturgist is **Kemper Dyson**

Acolyte is **Evan Mosher**

Elder of the Week is **Greg McMullen**

Ushers are **Nelson & Judy Heberlig, Ray Staver & Jessie Smith**

Greeter is **Jeanette Chamberlin**

Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**

Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**

Handbell Choir Director is **Jan Ile**

Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**

Deacon of the Month is **Jan Mooney**



The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to present the Session-approved 2026 Budget, elect new officers, auditor, and nomination committee, present the Session-approved COA for Pastor Ed, and adopt the revised Wedding/Funeral policy.



College Students have been working very hard this semester. We will be collecting items for the College Care Boxes in November. The last day to contribute is **Sunday, November 30**, to get them to the students in time for their final exams. Put your items in the tub in the narthex marked “College Boxes”. The sign-up sheet for items we are collecting is in the narthex.



This month our special offering will be the PW Thank Offering

DOXOLOGY GtG#606

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

OFFERING PRAYER

ALL SAINTS’ DAY CEREMONY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN GtG#326**

For All the Saints

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints by Lani Smith



Put these words of mine in your heart & soul - Deuteronomy 11:18-19

~~~~~ Joys and Concerns ~~~~~

**This week's concerns:** Please continue to pray healing for Kim Bailey who recently had major surgery. Also remember in prayer Marcia Marchese who recently had surgery to have a brain tumor removed.

**Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:**

Deb Arnold's sister, Chuck Bailey, Kim Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Sally Boden, Thomas Bruce, Ed Chamberlin, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Doe Davis, Ladonna Davis Darhower, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Pat Frey, Ted Glenn, Lizzy Glenn, Deb Taylor Golden, Bob and Betty Harper, Douglas Kriever, Julia Lent, Pat Mogan, Dorothy Nye, Dylan O'Brien, Deb Ocker, Larry & Vickie Ocker, Susan Petrina, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Alfreda Reed, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Emily Smith, Shirley Smith, Austin Taylor, Suzanne Turner, George & Paula Yasenchack, Dick Weaver and Mark Zimmerman.

This week we pray for **Mt. Olivet Presbyterian** in Hancock, MD in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **South Mountain Chapel Brethren in Christ Church** in local churches; and **Jehova Mi Pastor, El Sute**, Comayagua, Honduras.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are given by **Warren & Kyla Jones** in honor of **our children**. The yellow rose is in memory of **Elizabeth H. Jones**.



Join the Choir for this year's Christmas Cantata! Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!



The Presbyterian Women's Association will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, November 1 @ 10:30 AM**. We'll begin by enjoying a brunch with everyone bringing a dish to share. Following our meal, we will held a meeting to discuss how the money raised throughout the year will be distributed. All the funds are allocated locally. All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to come and help make the decisions to which charities these funds go to. We hope to see there!



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