

First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth, Ohio

November 2, 2025 11 o'clock Worship Service ALL Saints' Sunday and Communion

Guest Minister of Word and Sacrament Re. Allison T. Bauer, Second Presbyterian Church Elder Betty Kennedy, Liturgist Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician

We are glad you came...



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church GATHERING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY

Elder Betty Kennedy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE TO BEGIN WORSHIP

Dr. Phillip Roberts

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God together. Amen. (Based on Hebrews 12:1)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

L. For the everyday saints of the church in every age who have taught the faith, shared the sacraments, and cared for the vulnerable,

P. We give you thanks, O God.

L. For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together:

P. We give you thanks, O God.

L. For the variety of expressions of faith in the global church and for the spirit of freedom that allows the church to continually renew itself:

P. We give you thanks, O God.

L. For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and selfpreservation prevail over the will of God:

P. O God, we ask forgiveness.

L. For us, when we promote our differences above our oneness as children of God:

P. O God, we ask forgiveness.

ALL: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

GTG

Hymn found on next page.

Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Kennedy

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make **Thanks be to God.**it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Praise be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:32-39 Rev. Bauer

³² But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to insults and afflictions and sometimes becoming partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. ³⁵ Do not, therefore, abandon that boldness of yours; it brings a great reward. ³⁶ For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what was promised. ³⁷ For yet "in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay, ³⁸ but my

righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back." ³⁹ But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost but among those who have faith and so preserve our souls.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE Rev. Allison Bauer

ALL SAINTS' DAY LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Holy God, all the saints sing your praise, bow down in worship, and pray without ceasing before your throne...

(The prayer continues.)

On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe.

And we also remember the everyday saints of this church who have died in the last year.

We remember those who taught us the faith through their words and their actions.

We remember those who left their fingerprints of love on our lives:

A moment of silence ...

2025- Roy Noel, Prudence West 2023- Jhan Aeh, Ralph Wisniewski, George Mosley 2022- Bob Cook, Peg Campbell, George Erwin

The prayer continues ...

And now hear us as we pray the way the saints of your church have prayed for generation after generation:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Ms. Kennedy

OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL

Dr. Roberts

*THE DOXOLOGY (SUNG IN UNISON)
PRAISE GOD,
FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
PRAISE HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST;
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ms. Kennedy

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Bauer

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L. The Lord be with you.
- P. And also with you.
- L. Lift up your hearts.

P. We lift them up to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues.)

Great is the mystery of faith:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues.)

We join our voices with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup
Closing Prayer

CALL TO MISSION

*Closing Hymn #326 "For All the Saints" GTG

*Pastoral Benediction Rev. Bauer

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

*SENDING SONG #541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" GTG

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide uphold you.
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE Dr. Roberts

*The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit, as we are able in body

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The prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the education annex

Please pray for your ability to be faithful disciples, family, and friends; our church, pastor, the session, deacons, committees, lay leadership, our ministry, outreach, and stewardship, the Boney Fiddle community and its churches, public schools, city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those incarcerated.

Our Church and Community Calendar – November 2025

The FPC Food Pantry will be closed until further notice due to Sanctuary Restoration.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Nov. 2: We welcome our guest minister, Rev. Allison Bauer, from 2nd Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Ohio Nov. 5: Mission and Congregational Life (MCL) meets 4P Nov. 5: ASLC Meeting 5:30P Zoom

Nov. 8: Presbyterian Women of PSV meet in Lancaster, 10A Nov. 9: We welcome our guest minister, Rev. Dudley Bolser

Nov. 12: Board of Session meets, 1P Nov. 30: First day of Advent

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE	
SCRIPTURE VERSES	
WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS?	

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

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