November 1, 2026 (Yr A, All Saints / All Souls Day)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude My Lord, What a Morning Traditional Spiritual
Welcome
Introit I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Call to Worship

One: We are here in God's sanctuary,
Many: where tears are wiped away,
One: where a banquet table has been set,
Many: where death has been swallowed up forever.
One: We do not fully understand it.
Many: We may not fully believe it.
One: And yet here it is:
Many: the power of Christ's life within us and among us.
ALL: So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!

*** Passing the Peace**
*** Hymn** For All the Saints (vv.1,2,4) #767
*** Gathering Prayer**

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us, and release us from captivity, and, with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** #813

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.

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God | **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Blessed and Beloved" Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff
Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn** Great is Thy Faithfulness #139
Joys and Concerns
Sharing
Song Cares Chorus (seated) #627

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Pastoral Prayer
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (seated) #641

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Invitation

Offering
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Offertory Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Temple
Doxology #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication

The Work of the People (Announcements)
Stewardship Moment
Preparation Come, Share the Lord #462
Communion Believe (Soloist: Lori Albert) Sara Lyn Baril
At the Table of the Lord Althouse
*** Closing** The Lord's Prayer #631
*** Charge and Benediction**
+ Postlude Arietta W. A. Mozart

Welcoming Deacons: Chris Tessman and Corrine Sternberg
Reading Deacon: Jane DiMauro
Flowers: Given by Ruth Law in loving memory of her husband, Tom Law

* **Please rise in body or spirit.**
+ All are warmly invited to enjoy Coffee Hour after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayers

All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.

***Please pray for:**

Joy and Larry Cummings
Frank and Suzanne Czerwinski and family on the passing of Frank's Brother-in-Law
Patty Mailhot
Evelyn Mills
Johanna Tessman
Sue Clark
Austin - cousin's son of Corrine Sternberg
Ann - friend of Corrine Sternberg

WELCOME: Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace. We are also collecting cans of gravy for the Middletown Thanksgiving Project.

11/1	Endowment Workshop 11:30 am
	Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm
	Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 pm
11/4	Bible Study 10:00 am
	Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
	Flywheelers 7:30 pm
11/5	Choir Practice
	Small Group Ministries 6:30 pm
11/7	Bible Study 9:00 am

Congregational Care

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note.

If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Lori Albert.

Prayer shawls can be like hugs from God from all the prayers that go with them as they are knitted, with a blessing added by the pastor when completed. If you would like a shawl or know anyone who would like one, please reach out to a deacon or Pastor Daniel. Recipients need not be a member of Third Church to receive this token of love.

Remember our shut-ins with prayer:

Lynda Andrew, Janet Manthay, and Sue Clark

Third Congregational Church

Established 1773

You can always come home to Third Church!

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