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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BINGHAMTON

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Sunday, November 1, 2026 • 10:00am

The Feast of All Saints

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One of our cherished traditions at United Pres is the Bouquet of Remembrance, which we will build together this morning to remember and honor the cloud of witnesses that surround us in the communion of saints. Pastor Becky will place a flower in the bowl for each of the people in our community who have died since the Feast of All Saints last year, as Pastor Kimberly says their names aloud. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, you are invited to place a flower for loved ones from years past before you pick up the communion elements.

We Gather as a Community of Faith

Opening Bell *The bell tolls to center our hearts and minds for worship.*

Gathering Music "Chaconne (Two in One upon a Ground)"
Nancy McNamara, *organ*; Lana Ogden and Peggy Sniezek, *alto recorders*

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Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

One: Today we give thanks to God for those who have departed this life in faith and love — many of whom remain especially dear to our hearts.

All: Thanks be to God, for those whom we have loved dearly but are out of our reach for a short while.

One: "After this I saw a vast crowd, which no one could count;
people from every nation, of all tribes, cultures and languages.
They were in their white baptismal robes, and had palms in their hands,
and they shouted:

All: "'The final victory belongs to God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

One: "They shall never again feel hunger or thirst,
the sun shall not beat on them or any scorching heat,
because the Lamb of God will be their Shepherd
and will guide them to springs of the water of life;
and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

All: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

***** = *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*together*)

They are gathered around you, God of Forever and Ever. Some are well known, like Martin Luther, Kateri Tekakwitha, Howard Thurman, Dorothy Day, and so many more. Some have been forgotten, while others have days named after them.

But many are ordinary folk, such as the teacher from second grade who guided our fingers under the words; the nurse in the hospital who held our hand while blood was taken; the coach who trusted us with the ball, not the end of the bench.

There is an old man who left retirement behind, and a barren woman who laughed at your promise; there are popes, princes, and power-brokers who are taught heaven's hymns by the paupers and pretenders; there are those who moved mountains and those who murmured in the wilderness; there are those who founded the church, and those who floundered on the waves of Galilee.

All saints, just like us, and we join in their anthem as we gather at your table, singing your praise forever and ever. Amen!

***SONG OF PRAISE** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (see page 4)

We Hear and Reflect on God's Word

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Revelation 21:1–4,* CEB

[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. [3] I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

LITANY OF SAINTS (*responsive*)

One: Let us celebrate the lives of those whom we remember in our hearts by speaking their names in this congregation.

All: For those who lit our lives with joy, for those who have touched us with tenderness, for those whose loss fills us with longing, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

One: We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves, looking with acceptance on all that we are, and cherishing us without condition or constraint.

All: Holy God, within and amongst us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

One: We celebrate those who have stood alongside us, holding us in the depths of joy or despair where words fall silent.

All: Holy God, within and amongst us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

One: We celebrate those who have challenged us to grow, perceiving all that we have in us to become and daring us to dream beyond our imagining.

All: Holy God, within and amongst us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

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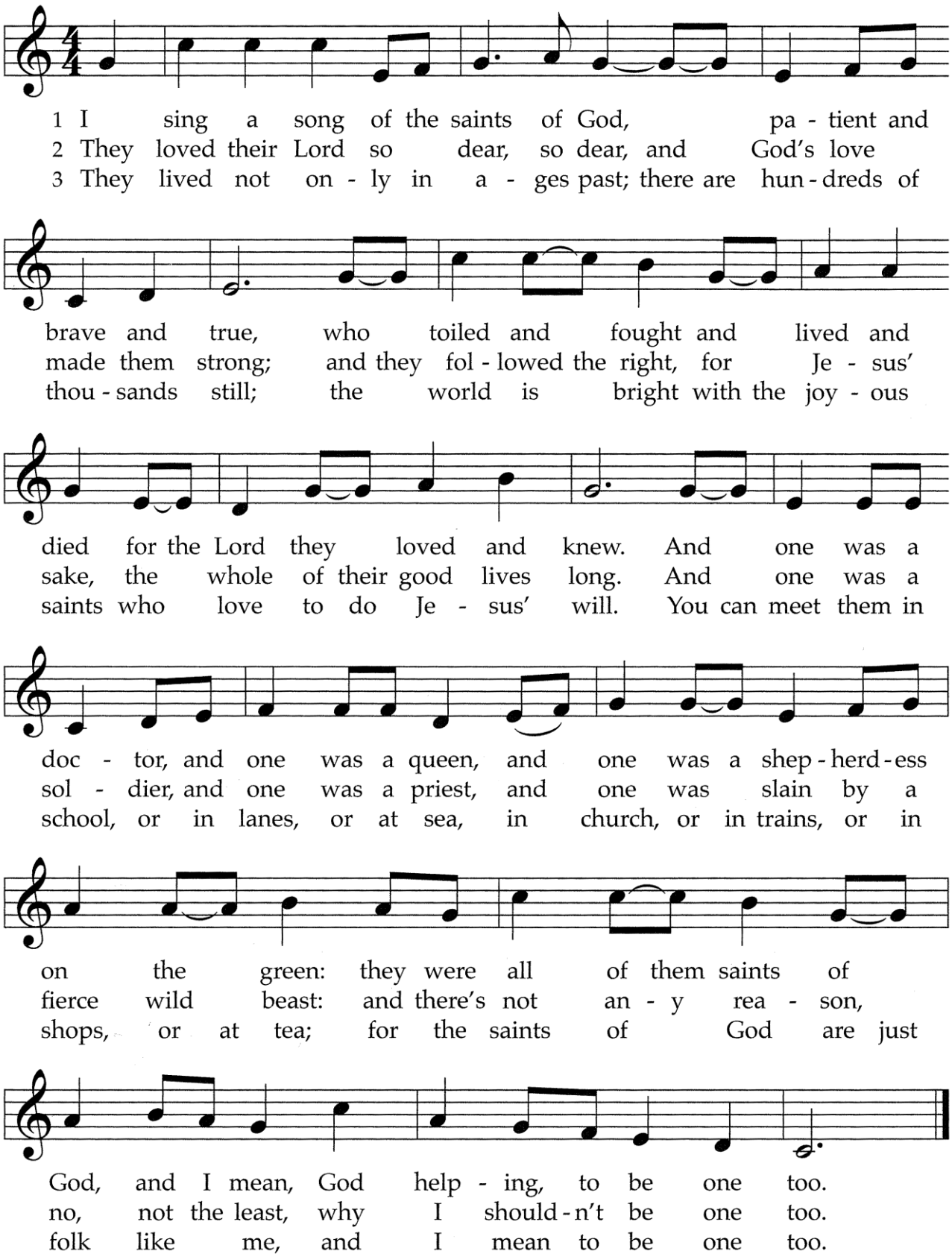

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One: We celebrate those who have traveled before us, showing us in their persistent courage and tenderness how to live in love, and die in faith and hope.

All: Holy God, within and amongst us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.
For those who lit our lives with joy, for those who have touched us with tenderness, for those whose loss fills us with longing, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We Gather to Remember and to Celebrate

We remember those whose memory is ever dear to us. In speaking their names with our voices and in our hearts, we memorialize them in Christ's presence. Thus, we remember the saints of our own history who now serve God in glory. (*Names are read and flowers are placed*.)

These members of our church family have entered life beyond life since All Saints' Day 2025:

Cyndy Filetto
Linda Griffith
Janet Leet Rice
Marian Timson

We remember others who have died in faith since All Saints' Day 2025:

Sister Kathleen al-Jallad
Blanche Baransky
Kate Bartholomew
Freakii Belcher
Pete Bennedum
Lois Calvert
Sue McKeage Craig
Lee Foreman
Dave Gulden
Rev. Doug Hatch
Eslam Hegazy
Rev. Dr. Scott Hendrix
Tyshawn Hickman
Rev. Dr. Jerry McKinney
Rev. Dr. Dan Migliore
Jennifer Richards
Augustan Rowley
Jim Rudack
Win Shaeffer
Judy Stine
Rev. Al Sunderwirth

***Song of Preparation** "As We Gather at Your Table" (see page 6)

Invitation to the Table *by Maren Tirabassi*

Some came alone.
Some were part of a crowd.
They were fearful, timid, hopeful, imperfect,
and Jesus welcomed them all.
He quieted their fears.
He healed their infirmities.
He affirmed their faith.
He blessed their journey.
And so, today we come,
our lives, like theirs, marred by events,
some the results of our action or inaction
and others beyond our control.
We come in trust that in the meal prepared in his memory
Jesus will touch and heal us just as he blessed them.
So come. Come everyone. Be fed. Be made whole.

As We Gather at Your Table

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,
to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace.
Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.
You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,
whose hands touched the bread, whose lips tasted the cup,
we worship you. We glorify you.

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here,
in this sacred moment, may know your presence.
As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints,
and with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
Help us...
to know you,
to be guided by the Holy Spirit,
and to live Christ.
Now and forever. Amen!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*responsive*)

One: As we gather for this meal, we remember a meal Jesus shared with his friends on the night before his death. We remember that he took some bread, blessed it, broke it, and passed it to them, saying:

All: "This is my body broken by and for the world. Eat it and remember me."

One: Then later he took a cup of wine, blessed it, and passed it to them saying:

All: "This is the Cup of the New Covenant. Drink it and remember me."

One: And so, even all these years later, we continue to eat and drink and remember, sharing in the meal of faith,

All: and pledging, as we remember, to follow with all the saints before us in the Way that Jesus laid out for us.

If your elements of Communion are with you at home, rest your hands lightly upon them. If you are here in person and they are in the front of the sanctuary, open your hands to be sacramental, filled with the power to change your heart and the world. We ask God's grace on us and on all those who are in our prayers this morning, and God's blessing on our elements and our hands.

One: We are welcome to this gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

All: We are Christ's family in the Bread we share.

One: We are welcome to this gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

All: We are Christ's family in the Cup we share.

THE SHARING OF THE FEAST

As we come to the table of the Lord, we also remember those who have died in other years, or are gone from our lives for other reasons, whom we name as we bring our flowers for the bouquet.

Everyone is invited to share in the feast at this time. Sanctuary worshipers should come forward using the aisle that approaches the lectern and place your flower in the bouquet, then continue across the front of the sanctuary to receive the gift of communion, and then return to your seat.

If you prefer to be served in your seat, please remain where you are and we will bring the elements to you before the worship leaders are served. If you cannot bring your flower forward, we will bring it for you.

We remember loved ones from years past:

Betsy Aswad
Gary Ayres
Barb Bartholomew
Ann Cobb
Paul Fitch
Marie Hepworth
Bobbi Hickling
Marilyn Myers
Marianne Ogden
Kristie Palmer
Marian Palmer
Elise Hampton Parsons
Maida Thomas
Robert Ward

And beloved pets that touched our lives:

Kallie Landon (dog)
Charlie Livingston (cat)
Dharma Transue (dog)

REMEMBRANCE MUSIC Rinaldo (HWV 7b), Aria: Lascia ch'io pianga, Larghetto

Lana Ogden, *tenor recorder*; Peggy Sniezek, *bass recorder*

Music: G.F. Handel; arr. M. Olschweski

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL (*together*)

One: Surrounded by those whose memory we hold dear, let us pray:

All: Gracious God, by your love for all your children,
you have knit us together in one communion and fellowship
through the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ.
We thank you for those departed friends and relatives
whom we remember today.
Grant us grace to follow your holy saints in all loving and living,
that we may come to those tremendous joys which you have prepared
for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*together*)

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!

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Call to Offering

You are invited to support the ministry of this congregation through online giving at **upcbgm.org/give**, *or by sending a check to the church office or putting an offering in the plates by the door.*

Offering of Music "Y'hiyu L'ratzon" Lana Ogden, *soprano recorder*; Peggy Sniezek, *alto recorder*

Music: Hollis Schachner.

We Go Forth in Gratitude to Serve

Announcements and Invitations

***Song of Sending** "For All the Saints" (see page 10)

Affirmation of Faith (*together*) *from "A Brief Statement of Faith," PC(USA), 1991*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and we serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Sharing of Christ's Peace

One: The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Sending Music Sonata in F major, Largo Lana Ogden and Peggy Sniezek, *alto recorders*

Music: Jean-Baptiste Loeillet de Gant.

(*Please exchange a greeting of peace with those around you as our worship concludes.*)

After the service, everyone is invited to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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Get Involved! Without any doubt, the ministry of our congregation depends largely on the dedication and selfless contributions of volunteers — the incredible individuals who give generously of their time, energy, and unique talents. Here are some ways you can help us do Christ's work in our community:

Community Meal & Pantry: Each Tuesday at 5pm, we offer a sit-down meal that is free for anybody, serving about 160 meals a week. Volunteers are needed during the day on Monday and Tuesday to help with food prep, and on Tuesday evening to serve the meal and clean up afterwards.

On Wednesdays from noon to 5pm, we run a free food pantry that also offers personal care & hygiene items when they're available. Volunteers help staff the pantry, and donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are always welcome.

Contact Kitchen Coordinator Sherry Conklin for more info: **meal@upcbgm.org**.

Overnight Center at UPC: We operate the Overnight Center in partnership with the Broome County Urban League. The Overnight Center is open 7 nights a week from 5:00pm to 9:00am with dinner and breakfast provided every day, and can house up to 50 adults nightly. Volunteers are needed most nights each week to help prepare and serve dinner (4–7:30pm). There is also an ongoing need for donations of personal care items, new socks and underwear (men's and women's, any size), and continental breakfast foods. Learn more on our website **upcbgm.org/overnight**, or email **deacons@upcbgm.org**.

Worship services: You may not have noticed how many people are involved in our Sunday morning worship services, but most weeks there are at least a dozen of us, and often there are more than 20: folks who read prayers and scripture, greet visitors, share musical talents, operate technology, set up refreshments, help serve communion, or contribute their ideas and support behind the scenes. If you'd like to take part, contact Worship Team chair Suzie Raboy: **sraboy54@stny.rr.com**.

Music at UPC: Music is an important part of our coming together at United Pres. We are excited to make music with every resource that we have, and to use a variety of styles, not all at once but intermingled. What emerges is a vibrant worship service with music that includes everyone who wishes to participate.

UPC Choir: ***Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30pm*** *in the Music Room*. The vocal choir provides music for worship most every Sunday. We welcome new members at any time, and we would love to have your participation. It would be good to have you with us!

United Ringers handbell choir: ***Sundays, 11:30am–12:30pm*** *in the Sanctuary.* Our handbell choir plays 2–4 octaves of Malmark handbells and handchimes, providing music for worship about once a month. If you're interested in learning how to play handbells, please inquire. New members are always welcome! No previous experience needed. No auditions to start. If you can count to 4, you can learn to play!

We also invite instrumentalists and vocalists who'd like to share their gifts to talk with any of our music leaders about providing special music for worship — you can call the church office, email **music@upcbgm.org**, or speak with them in person after worship.

Other ministries: Our ministry teams are always welcoming new team members. If you'd like to help with or learn more about the workings of the church, talk to one of the pastors or the elders on Session: **Campus Ministry,** Pastor Becky **bkindig@upcbgm.org**; **Card Committee,** Margaret Davis **mdavis.margaret@gmail.com**; **Community Outreach,** Pastor Kimberly **pastor@upcbgm.org** or Sherry Conklin **daisyiscrazy7623@gmail.com**; **Deacons,** Matt Johnson, **mdjphd@gmail.com**; **Finance,** Lou McKeage **lmckeage@stny.rr.com**; **Hospitality,** Sally Hunt **shunt1@stny.rr.com** or Sherry Conklin **daisyiscrazy7623@gmail.com**; **Personnel,** Cindy Burger **csburger@frontiernet.net**; **Property,** Pastor Becky **bkindig@upcbgm.org**; **Sewing Group,** Cindy Burger **csburger@frontiernet.net**; **Special Offerings,** Judy Girdwood Westcott **girdwoodwestcott@hotmail.com**.

***Gathering at the Lord's Table* — Our Communion Elements:**

We are celebrating communion during today's worship service. Our communion bread is gluten-free, and our shared cup is cherry juice, so that all may partake of the same elements during our communion. Please speak to one of the technicians at the back of the sanctuary if this creates any difficulties for you.

Children in Worship: "*Let the little children come to me...*" —Matthew 19:14

We are glad that your children are here today, and we hope that you know that they are welcome and encouraged to be in worship with you. We truly believe that a community of faith is made up of people of ALL ages. There is a PrayGround space with coloring sheets and quiet toys in the front of the sanctuary to use there or can be taken to another pew, if that suits your family's needs.

Nursery space for infants and children through age 4: There is a nursery staffed with two nursery attendants, if that is a better choice for your family. The nursery is at the end of the hall past the bathrooms. Nursery staff are on duty from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Parents are welcome to stay in the room and listen to the service over the speaker, or to return to the sanctuary to worship. Please let us know if you have questions.

Sunday School for Children and Youth, birth through 12th grade (11:15am–12:00pm, upstairs in Room 200): All kids are welcome, but children ages 0–2 will need to bring a grown-up. To find the Sunday School room, take the stairs by the Nursery up to the second floor and it is the second door on your left. If you take the elevator to the second floor, turn right off the elevator and go to the end of the hall, it is the second-to-last door on your right.

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Pastors Rev. Kimberly P Chastain and Rev. Becky Kindig

Musicians Aimée Backus, *Music Coordinator;* Nancy McNamara, *accompanist;* Austin Shadduck, *United Ringers director;* Taylor Hagquist, Robert Manners, Lana Ogden, Starletta Noll-Long, Peggy Sniezek

Technicians Andy Chadwick, Matt Johnson, Scott Kindig, Shawn Landon, Sara Lieberman