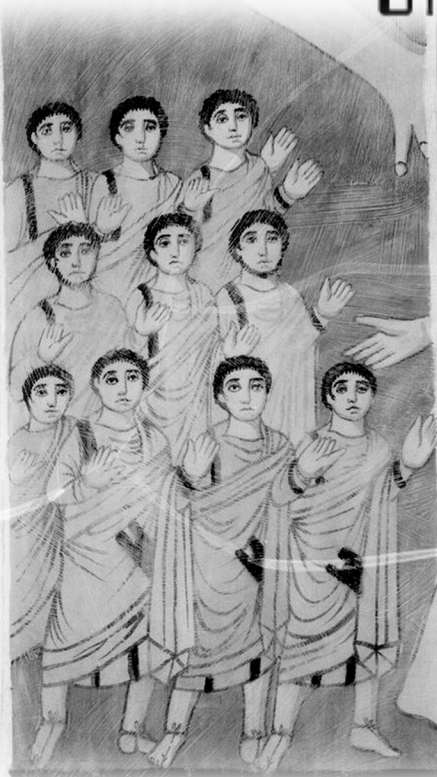


Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



November 2, 2025 All Saints Sunday Communion

10:30 am



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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's.
If you are new to the family, please know that
you are always welcome here.

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Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand in body or spirit

Gathering Music: Cortège et Litanie
Chris Fischer (they/them), organ

Marcel Dupré

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

One: God is with us,
ALL: all the time,
One: and all the time,
ALL: God is with us.

Outreach Moment:

Jan Hendry

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Candles

Candle Lighting Music: TLUS #154 Since We Are Surrounded arr. Alan Wiseman
See next page - sung once in unison, then 3 times in a 2-part round

Since we are surrounded

Canon at one bar

♩ = 120

The musical score is for a canon in 4/4 time, with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the canon, with lyrics 'Since we are sur-round-ed by a great cloud of wit-ness-es,'. The second system contains the next two lines, with lyrics 'we will not lose heart! heart!'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, and chord symbols (C, F/C, Gm7, Gm, Bbmaj7, Gm/Bb, Dm, Csus4). There are also repeat signs and a 'Last time' section.

Chord symbols: C, F/C, Gm7, Gm, Bbmaj7, Gm/Bb, Dm, Csus4, C.

Lyrics: Since we are sur-round-ed by a great cloud of wit-ness-es, we will not lose heart! heart!

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

- One: We gather in the company of the saints—those who walked before us and those who walk beside us.
- ALL: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the ordinary faithful who chose love over fear.**
- One: We remember the prophets who spoke truth to power, the martyrs who refused to bow to empire.
- ALL: We remember the quiet saints: the grandmother who prayed without ceasing, the friend who showed up again and again.**
- One: God is still creating, still calling, still becoming with us.
- ALL: And we are a part of this sacred movement, joining the chorus that sings freedom.**

Opening Prayer:

Holy One, Companion of all Creation, we come before you on this All Saints Sunday, aware that we stand on holy ground, ground made holy by the countless feet that have walked this path of faith before us. We remember these saints: not those made perfect but those made faithful; not the powerful but the persistent. We remember those who chose the hard path of justice when silence was easier, who crossed boundaries that others built, who fed the hungry and freed the captive. We give thanks for Dorothy and Oscar, for Martin and Fannie Lou, for Sojourner and Harvey, for all the named and unnamed who taught us that faith demands action. Breathe into us the same Spirit that animated them. Help us to see that we are saints-in-the-making, that your work is not finished. Neither is ours. May our gratitude for the work of those who have gone before us show up in our actions. For we are a part of that great communion—past, present, and future bound together in your endless love. In the name of all that is holy, the community that binds us, and the Spirit that moves us forward. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

*Children & Youth come forward, receive a candle from Pastor Joshua,
then go to Worship and Wonder*

Scripture: Isaiah 25: 1, 4a, 6-10a

Paul Cooper (he/him)

Musical Reflection: We Are Not Alone
Choir

Pepper Choplin

We are not alone, we are not alone,
we are not alone, God is with us.
We are not alone, we are not alone,
we are not alone, God is with us.

We are never alone, for God is with us.
We are never alone, for God is with us.
Now through all our days, always.
Forever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us.
We will press on, for God is with us.
Now through all our days, always.
Forever and ever, we are never alone.

Our God is with us now.

***Scripture:** Matthew 27: 50-56

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Great Expectations"

***Hymn:** VU #706 Give Thanks for Life

SINE NOMINE

Prayers of the People:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Creator of Life,
ALL: hear our prayer.

Sung Prayer of Jesus: TLUS #70 Our Creator in Heaven
See insert

Jason Locke

Communion

Eucharistic Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: God be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them to the Holy One.
One: Let us give thanks to the God of all creation.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sung Acclamation: TLUS #13 Santo, santo, santo
Choir on verses, **all on refrain**

David-Roger Gagnon

(sung in Spanish & French)

Unison *Refrain*
♩ = 160

Chords: Cm Bb/D Eb Cm Bb/D G

¡San - to, san - to, san - to! ¡San-to e - res tú, Dios!

Chords: Ab Bb Eb Cm G7 Cm

¡San - to, san - to, san - to! ¡San-to e - res tú, Dios!

Fine
aux Couplets

Refrain: ¡Santo, santo, santo! ¡Santo eres tú, Dios!
¡Santo, santo, santo! ¡Santo eres tú, Dios!
(Holy, holy, holy! Holy are you God!)
(Holy, holy, holy! Holy are you God!)

1. Le ciel et la terre sont remplis de ta gloire!
Hosanna d'âge en âge!
(Heaven and earth are full of your glory!)
(Hosanna from age to age!)
2. Béni soit celui, béni soit celle qui vient apporter ta justice!
Hosanna d'âge en âge!
(Blessed be the one who comes to bring your justice!)
(Hosanna from age to age!)

Remembering the Meal:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: In remembrance of the liberation given to us, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as living testimonies, in union with Christ's offering for us.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Prayer for Transformation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

At FSA we receive Communion by Intinction.
You will be invited up the centre aisle to one of the stations at the front. When you receive the bread, dip it lightly into the cup and partake. You may then return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you prefer, there will be pre-packaged elements available. For those wishing to have Communion served in their pew, please signal the roving server and they will bring Communion to you.
Today's Communion elements are gluten free.

Communion Reflection: The Lord Is My Shepherd
Choir; Soloist: Joanna Li (she/her), soprano

Will Todd

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,

Though I walk through the valley of death,
I will fear not; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me.
You are my shepherd.

Surely your goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.
Though I walk through the valley of death,
I will fear not; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me.
You are my shepherd,
You are my shepherd.

Prayer after Communion:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #424 May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

Blessing:

**The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!**

Sending Music: For All the Saints
Chris Fischer, organ

David Cameron

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: David & Marilyn Beach and Ardath Finnbogason- Hill
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Marvel Okiemute, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood
Coffee & Conversation: Membership & Nurture Committee
Gift Card Table: Pauline Schlegel Shank and Heather Vouvalidis

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

