

WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2, 2025 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
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First UCC's Mission Statement
"To grow in faith, love and fellowship as we serve God and all of our community."

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

† Please stand in body or spirit.

†Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You are the ancient and eternal Lord,
reigning in glory over all the earth

**All: You call the faithful to dwell with you in the Kingdom of light. Your
name is praiseworthy and glorious for all ages.**

Leader: We join with the great cloud of witnesses who have declared you Lord!

Leader: God of creation and God of redemption, you are the God of our past, our
present, and our future.

**All: We rejoice with the saints who have run the race with endurance,
keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
Glory be to God!**

†Hymn: *For All the Saints*
New Century Hymnal No. 299

†Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen**

~The Book of Common Prayer

†Silent Reflections

(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent reflections)

†Kyrie (Responsive): The Hymnal No. 518

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

†Our Assurance of God's Pardon

Rev. Anne Tambling

†The Gloria Patri: The Hymnal No. 493

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

Children's Message

Rev. Anne Tambling

Scripture Lessons

Lay Reader

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4
Luke 19: 1-10

Leader: This is a word of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

†Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

New Century Hymnal No. 459

Sermon

Rev. Anne Tambling

†Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

All Saints Litany

One: In the beginning was the Word
All: **and the Word was with God**
One: and God was the Word
All: **God spoke in visions and voices**
One: in images, ideas and dreams to our ancestors in faith.
All: **Inviting the people of God into relationship with one another, with God and with all of creation.**

One: To Abraham and Sarah it was a sign in the stars and sand that they had been chosen
All: **To Moses it was a bush on fire that was not consumed**
One: To Esther it came as courage to speak, to act, to imagine and risk
All: **To Mary it came in the form of angels, an amazing promise and the gift of a Son**

One: God's word spoke through Jesus to the disciples
All: **and many others**
One: To the women at the tomb it was a gift and a story to share
All: **On Pentecost the Word blazed brightly**
One: For God is still speaking
All: **in visions and voices, in images, ideas and dreams all over the earth**
One: To people like Irenaeus, St. Francis, Aquinas, Hildegard of Bingen, Theresa of Avila and St. Bridget
Through prophets and priests many whose names are long forgotten
All: **But whose faith endures in the hearts of those they have taught**
One: To reformers like Luther, Calvin and Alexander Campbell, to John Robinson who believed indeed that there was more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word.

All: **To Susan B. Anthony and Rosa Parks**
One: To people like JC Leonard, Howard Omake, Donald Dearborn, Rev. Dr. Richard Cheek,
All: **And the Spirit is still speaking to us today**
One: Through people like *Sarah Shuping, Rev. Lary Diehl, Ann Scott, Karen Alexander, Pat Norris, Betty Rambo Burner Diehl, Romas Shuping, Marianne Orr, Sara Jean Arey Propst and Stacy Erb.*

All: Whose lives touched so many others, and whose love and presence are still felt among us.

One: May God's still speaking voice continue to speak, guiding and leading us forward into the future.

All: May the Saints of the past continue to teach us today.

One: May the still speaking God continue to inspire us to reach out and make a difference in our community and our world.

A Moment of Silence

Recognition of Those We've Lost

Prayers of the People

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(debts, debtors)

Prayer Response: The Hymnal No. 501

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord,

And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Lay People

Leader: Let us now receive our morning offering.

Offertory Anthem

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Composed by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

†Doxology: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

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†Blessing

Lay Reader

Leader: Almighty and loving God, you flood our lives with your many blessings of food, shelter and love. Use these our gifts and our lives to enrich the lives of others, bringing your Kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

†Communion Hymn: *The Gifts of God*

The gifts of God for the people of God!

Come now, for all is prepared.

The gifts of God for the people of God!

The Gospel is among us!

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Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table and Blessing

Rev. Anne Tambling

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sharing the Elements

Rev. Anne Tambling

All are invited to come forward for communion this morning. There are gluten free crackers or bread offered. Please dispose of your cup before returning to your pew.

†Prayer of Thanksgiving (please stand)

Lay Reader and Congregation

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

†Hymn: *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

New Century Hymnal No. 476

†Benediction

Rev. Anne Tambling

Postlude

Assisting in Today's Worship

Rev. Anne Tambling

Intentional Interim Minister

Nathan Bowman, Choir Director

Phillip Burgess, Organist/Accompanist

Phyllis Little, Lay Reader



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We now have offering envelopes. If you are new to Worship, please fill out the contact information on one of the envelopes.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Rev. David Crook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Maggie Derby (great granddaughter of Jim Weaver), John Drye (Ann Teague's cousin), Emily Faust, Emily Hauze (Linda Hauze's daughter-in-law), Jim & Bettie Lysterly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Evan Moreno, Dan Morgan, Patsy Paxton, Paul Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Don Whitfield, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know.***

Announcements

Monday, November 3

6:00 p.m..... Circle 7 Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

6:30 p.m..... Circle 6 Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

5:30 p.m.....WOW Bible Study

7:00 p.m..... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 9

11:00 a.m..... Foundation Sunday, Worship at Catawba Chapel

4:00 p.m..... Property Committee Meeting

Please let Larry Bolick (828-612-8146) know if you would like to provide a ***One Church One Child Star Gift*** for a foster child/youth or teenager with a \$30 gift or \$30 Walmart gift card by TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 3. Teenagers prefer Gift Cards. The deadline for gifts is December 7.

Join us for ***WOW Bible Study*** on Wednesday, November 5, 5:30-6 pm in Catawba Lilly Center Coffee House, followed by study Chapter 2, "What God Does?" Video Series in Women's Robing Room. Bring food to share, food items for the Blessing Pantry and invite a friend to join in the mid-week fellowship and study time.

Primetimers will meet at First UCC on Thursday, November 13 at 11:30 am –1 pm for soup, sandwiches and desserts prepared by Primetimers members. The Joy Club members of Mt. Zion UCC, China Grove have been invited to join us for lunch and a program from their Pastor, Rev. Jim Simmonds, who will share his story of becoming a pastor within the UCC. There is no cost for the meal, but a love offering will be received. Please let Larry Bolick or the Church Office know if you plan to attend.

Please continue to bring food items for Rowan Helping Ministries Food for Thought Backpack Program to Church services on Sundays at Catawba Chapel. There is a bin in the vestibule for these food items which will be collected weekly. Items may also be brought to the First UCC office during office hours.

Food items for the Blessing Pantry may be brought to the Church office during office hours or placed directly in the pantry on Church Street. The pantry is restocked twice a week. Rebecca Wrights will restock it during the month of November.

Talking Points about the Pilot Program this fall

Have a hard time answering questions about the Pilot Program? Wondering how to explain the move to Catawba for the fall? We've put together a list of "talking points" about the program and the plans for the next couple of months. Feel free to reach out to the Transition Team if you have any questions!

- **First Church is re-envisioning the future!**

- A Transition Team has been working together since May.
- Rev Anne Tambling, our intentional interim pastor, joined us in August to help us consider who we've been, who we are, and where we're going.

- **The big idea that's emerged: What if First Church moved to Catawba?!?**

- Sharing chapel space, musicians, and resources for serving the community could open new opportunities for both the college and the church!
- We can imagine engaging with faculty, staff, and students in rich ways!
- To test the idea, we'll worship in Catawba's Chapel Oct 26 - Dec 7.

- **Join us!**

- We'll continue to meet in Catawba's Chapel each Sunday at 11:00am through Dec 7.
- We'll return to Horah St for the rest of Advent, Christmas, and New Year's and ponder together whether "First Church at Catawba" is a compelling vision for the future.

If you have questions or suggestions for the Transition Team, we invite you to contact one of the members. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Greg Alcorn

Don Whitfield

Phyllis Little

Ken Clapp

Carolyn Cline

Lynn Bernhardt

Robert Propst

Dan Mikkelson

Mark Schiemann

Larry Bolick

Kimberly Nelson

Rev. Anne Tambling

Larry Walser



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EACH SUNDAY
THROUGH DECEMBER 7
AT 11:00AM

OUR MISSION
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