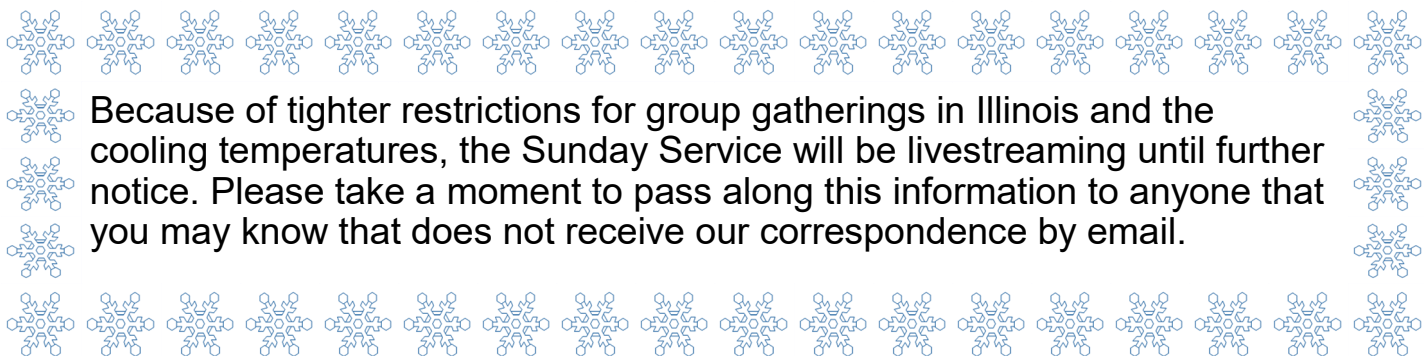


# The Saturday Bulletin for October 25th



Because of tighter restrictions for group gatherings in Illinois and the cooling temperatures, the Sunday Service will be livestreaming until further notice. Please take a moment to pass along this information to anyone that you may know that does not receive our correspondence by email.

## This Week's Calendar October 25, 2020

### Sunday 10/25

7:00am **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(usingzoom)

9:00am **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** (streaming live)  
**NO PARKING LOT SERVICE**

### Monday 10/26

National  
Pumpkin Day



### Tuesday 10/27

National Black  
Cat Day



### Wednesday 10/28

National  
Chocolate Day



### Thursday 10/29

10:00am **STUDY GROUP**  
6:30pm **STUDY GROUP**  
(both via Zoom)

### Friday 10/30

National Candy  
Corn Day



### Saturday 10/31

Happy Halloween



## LET US PRAY FOR...



Charlie Cunningham	Darin Davis
Derek Polzin	Melinda Croisant
David Dach	Ron Zoeller
Jim Stamm	Tom Hilgeman
Jerry Hubble	Marcia Blean
Cindy Alms (Greg Leden's sister)	

**The family of:** Karen Pond  
Debi Wilson (Lisa Schultz's sister)

*Please email your prayer requests to Howie by Saturday if possible. We will be able to include those names on the prayer list for Sunday's service.*

## November Rocktonian Articles Due

If you are a committee chair, this is the time to update the congregation on any activities/Zoom meetings you have planned for the month of November. Since there is not much happening right now, this edition will be dedicated to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Please read the instructions on page two of this bulletin and take the time to participate in this event. Articles are due by Thursday and should be emailed to

[johnsong755@gmail.com](mailto:johnsong755@gmail.com)

## Just a few notes about the church building...

- The repairs are completed and the building is safe to occupy!
- New carpeting is ordered and will be arriving the first week in November.
- Electrical wiring is completed for a possible update to our visual system on Sunday morning
- The carpeting in the Fellowship Hall is being shampooed



## ***Thoughts of Thanksgiving***

The Health Department has once again recommended that we refrain from gathering with a large group of family for the upcoming holiday season since COVID-19 is spreading at an alarming rate. For many, the thought of not being with family and friends will mean that some family traditions and treasured recipes will not be shared and enjoyed as usual. Well we are going to help remedy that!

In the coming week, I would like you to take a few minutes to share your recipes and family traditions with your church family. It could be the special salad that Aunt Sally always brings or the trick to making gravy with no lumps. You could share a story of a special Thanksgiving you will never forget or maybe a mishap you wish everyone would forget! As your church family, we will be the ones remembering with you as you write "I remember the time..."

One of the special things about every holiday is the food. Instead of making that Thanksgiving dish for your family crowd, share the recipe for this Rocktonian and let some of us choose to make it in our home. Aunt Sally may not be bringing her salad to your family gathering, but it could be on my table and we'll know why it was special to you.

If you are hesitating about writing a story yourself, then give me a call (815-624-7759). I will take your details, write it for you, and then send it back for your approval. If you don't want to copy a recipe, take a picture of it and send it that way. This isn't meant to be a task that you view as "work" but rather a time to remember with joy the times your family has enjoyed Thanksgiving together.

**I will need your stories and/or recipes to reach me by next Thursday, October 29th. You may email them to me at [johnsong755@gmail.com](mailto:johnsong755@gmail.com) or... if you are not familiar with emailing, you may drop them through the mail slot at church or... write them ASAP and mail them to me at:**

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# Order of Worship

## October 25, 2020

**Prelude** – via CD

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (based on Revelation 1: 4-8)

Grace to you and peace,  
from the Alpha and Omega, the A and the Z,  
who is, and who was, and who is to come;  
**from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead,**

To Christ who loves us and liberates us by his blood,  
and makes us priests of his God and Father,  
**Be glory, and dominion, forever and ever!**  
**Amen!**

written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Homepage**. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

### **Passing the Peace with Sign Language**

**Worship in Song**                    *All Creatures of Our God and King*    (UMH #62)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day, unfoldest blessings on our way,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Alleluia! O Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Ai-le-luia  
O Alleluia! Alleluia! O Alleluia! Ai-le-luia  
Alleluia! O Alleluia! Alleluia Ai-le-luia

## Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

#### The 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, for ever. Amen.

**Scripture**      1 Chronicles 16:23-34    Psalm 150      Luke 10:25-28    Revelation 5:9-14

**Sermon**          The Practice of Passionate Worship          *Pastor Howie Snyder*

#### Offertory Prayer

Lord of all we see and all that we cannot see: Give us this day a glimpse of the complexities of the world and the simplicity of living our lives centered in you; loving you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors well. Bless the gifts we offer you; but in our giving, help us focus on these other more basic gifts. May the love we show you and others be a testimony of whom we follow and who is worthy of our devotion. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

#### Benediction

Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

**God's Sovereignty goes with us!**

Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbor.

**God's Presence goes with us!**

Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

**God's Love goes with us!**