Grace Devotion



Week of November 1, 2026

3 [1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.— 1 John 3:1-3 (NRSVUE)

Dear friends,

As we get ready to celebrate All Saints' Sunday, I've been thinking about the people who have helped to shape our lives. Some might have been family members. Others might have been friends, teachers, or people from church. They may have taught us about faith through their words, but just as often, they showed us what faith looks like through the way they lived. Sometimes that faith looked like simple kindness, or a listening ear. It might have looked like a helping hand or the way someone made us feel seen, heard, and respected. We might not have realized it at the time, but those little things can stay with us for an entire lifetime.

In 1 John 3:1, we read "***See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.***" What a beautiful reminder! We are loved by God, not because we get everything right, but simply because we belong to God.

Each day, we are still growing. No matter how old we are or how long we have been walking in faith, there is always room to learn, to love, and to become a little more like the people God calls us to be.

This week, take a few moments to remember someone who has made a difference in your life. Give thanks for what that person taught you and think about how you might pass that love along to someone else. You may never know how much a small act of kindness means to another person.

We are blessed. We are beloved. We are still becoming.

Prayer:

Loving God, thank You for the people who have touched our lives and helped us along the way. Thank You for loving us just as we are, while continuing to help us grow. Show us how to share that love with others in the simple, everyday things we do. Amen.

With Peace and Love,

Pastor Amy

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November 1, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

Westminster Chimes and Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

+"Hymn of Heaven" **#14

** Call to Worship
Lector: We come today as people who are loved by God, just as we are.

Congregation: We are God's children and we are thankful for that love.

Lector: Today, we remember those who have touched our lives, taught us about faith, and helped us to become who we are.

Congregation: We give thanks for those who have gone before us and for the love they leave behind.

Lector: Jesus reminds us that the blessed aren't always the ones the world expects. God sees those who mourn, those who show mercy, and those who work for peace.

Congregation: Help us live that kind of faith, love one another, and keep growing in God's love.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)
Loving God, We give thanks for those who have gone before us and for the love and faith they shared with us. Help us to remember them with grateful hearts and to care for one another as we continue our own journeys of faith. Remind us that we are blessed, we are beloved, and we are still becoming who You call us to be. May our lives reflect Your love in all that we do. Amen

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

Joys and Concerns
Praying for Others
Lord's Prayer

All Saints' Sunday Reflection
~Each name is read aloud and a candle lit.
~After the names are read, you are invited to light a candle(s) in memory of loved ones.

° Hymn: "For All the Saints" **#546

Celebration of Our Gifts
** Offertory Response: "Doxology" **#625**
** Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

° Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" **#277

Scripture Reading:
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: "Blessed, Beloved, and Becoming"

+"And All the People Said Amen" **#8
** Final Blessing
** "A Choral Benediction"
Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.
+ Black contemporary folder ° Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Please consider sharing your talents by hosting snacks in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings or acting as Lector. Both sign-up sheets can be found in the Gathering Place on the bulletin board.
- October 4th - November 22nd at Grace, we're beginning our Harvest Home collection. We'll be collecting donations to create "Meals That Stretch" kits—simple meals that can feed a family for more than one meal. Stay tuned for items to donate!
- Do you want to order Grace logo wear? Contact the church office or pick up an order form at the church. The sale will run Oct. 18th-Nov 8th!

Upcoming Events

- November 8th – 1st Annual Gettysburg Assoc. Music Fest @ St Davids UCC @ 2:00 PM
- November 11th – Bible Study Group @ 12:30 PM & Movie at 3:00 PM
- November 13th – Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM
- November 21st – PAL – Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM
- November 22nd - Joint Thanksgiving at Trinity Hanover 3:00 PM
- November 29th – 5th Sundays are Special – 1st Sunday of Advent

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Upcoming Meetings

- November 9th – Consistory Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- November 16th – Faith Formation Committee Meeting @ 5:00 PM
- November 23rd – Worship & Music Committee Meeting @ 3:30 PM



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Len Bankert

Music Director – Grace Neilson

Head Usher – Craig Bixler & Rebecca Boyer

All Saints' Sunday

Please join us in remembering those we have lost over this past year.

Francis Bolin – November 9, 2025

Charlotte Bolin – November 11, 2025

Tina Hagarman – November 20, 2025

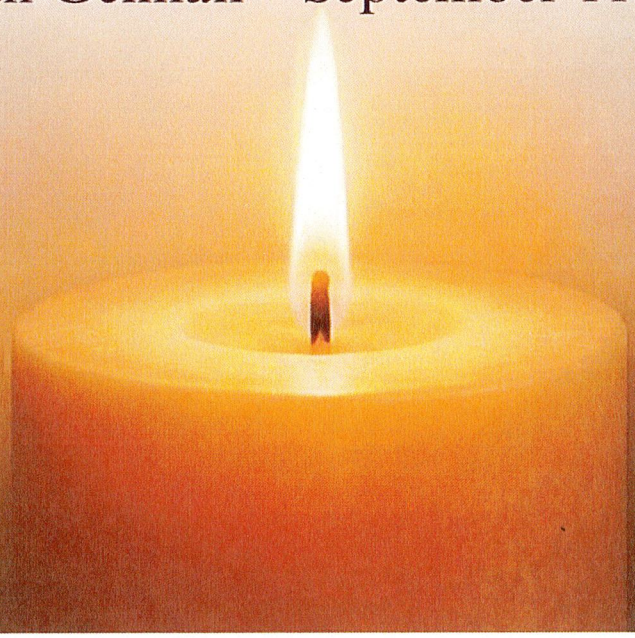
Mary Jane Fuhrman - December 8, 2025

Larry Eisenberger – December 16, 2025

Ronald Rummel – January 27, 2026

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Ruth Geiman – September 11, 2026



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

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- HUNGER AND THIRST
- PURE IN HEART
- PEACEMAKERS
- CHILDREN
- SEE GOD
- MERCY
- KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
- RIGHTEOUSNESS
- PERSECUTED
- MERCIFUL
- BLESSED
- MOURN
- POOR IN SPIRIT
- INHERIT EARTH
- COMFORTED
- MOUNTAIN
- FILLED
- MEEK