

Grace Devotion

Week of November 2, 2025

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9 NRSVUE)

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Happy November!

This month we will focus on rejoicing in all that God is doing in our lives, in our church, and in the world around us—seeing grace in both the big and small moments. Often times, we get caught up in the day-to-day activities and we sometimes miss those moments to offer praise and prayer. In church this month, we will incorporate movement and community in our worship. Each week, I will send two or three activities for you to use to focus your prayer and praise. I hope you enjoy these activities and feel free to find a friend to join you. *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* (Matthew 18:20 NRSVUE)

## STATION #1

### Thanksgiving Cards

Take a Thanksgiving card and write a message to someone you haven't connected with in a while.

Let them know you're thinking of them and thankful for them. A few kind words can brighten someone's holiday season.

## STATION #6

### Philippians 4:6

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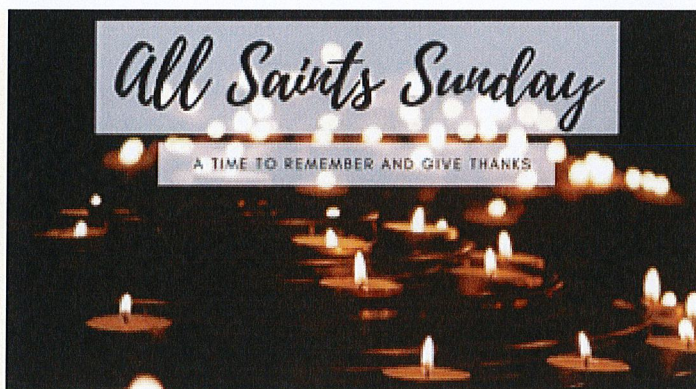
- Read the scripture above.
- What makes you anxious?
- Share a time when anxiety stopped you from living fully.



**Prayer: God of joy and peace, We come to You today and every day with grateful hearts. Help us notice Your presence in the small moments in our lives. May each experience we share, bring us closer to You. Fill us with Your Spirit as we offer our prayers, our thanks, and our open hearts. May we share Your grace with everyone we meet, bringing each person and ourselves, closer to You. Amen**

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy



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

**Sonya Harbold – December 22, 2024**

**Betty Slagle – December 24, 2024**

**Faye Myers – March 10, 2025**

**Mildred Hershey – April 22, 2025**

**Joan Leib – June 26, 2025**

**Harold Hartlaub – June 28, 2025**

**Marian "Sally" Powell – July 24, 2025**

**Sue Caler – September 5, 2025**

November 2, 2025  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\*+“Lift My Life Up” #64

\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice!

**Congregation: We will rejoice, and lift our hearts in gratitude and praise.**

Lector: Let your kindness flow from you to all you meet.

**Congregation: We gather full of peace and hope.**

Lector: Bring your worries, your joys, your prayers, and your thanks to God.

**Congregation: Let us celebrate God’s presence and share the joy and peace we have received.**

\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)  
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\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

All Saints’ Sunday Reflection

~Each name is read aloud and a candle lit.

° Hymn: “For All the Saints” *(remain seated)* #546

During the hymn, you are invited to light a candle(s) in memory of loved ones.

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” #620 (v1)

\*\* Prayer of Dedication

° Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” #277

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 119:137-144  
Luke 19:1-10

Message: “Rejoice”

~Time for the Young at Heart  
~One or two stations

\*\*+“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

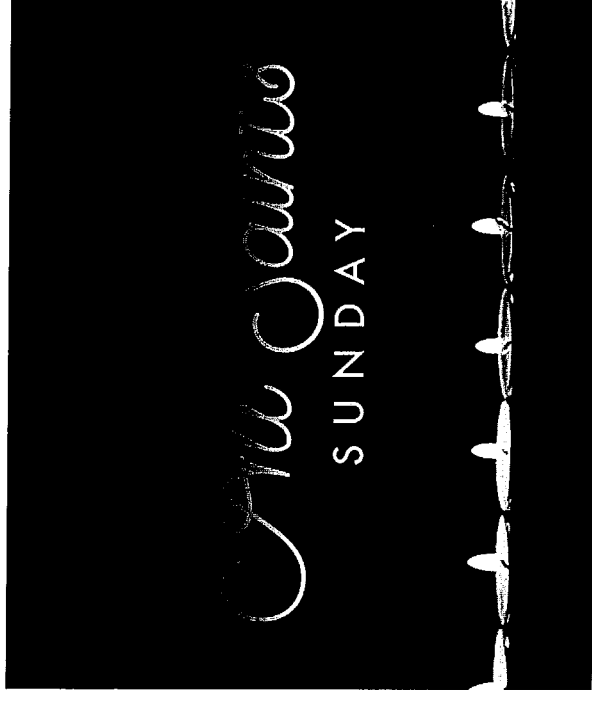
- Youth Sunday School Kick-off started September 21<sup>st</sup>
- Harvest Home collections – If you have any nonperishable items, please remember to bring them in. Donations are going to God's Meal Barrel
- There are over 800 families in need of Thanksgiving Dinner this year. We are collecting 800 cans (15 oz) of fruit cocktail for donation to New Hope Ministries

### Upcoming Events

- All Saints Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Bible Study Group & Movie, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 PM
- Women's Ministries Zoom on November 12<sup>th</sup> In Person Cancelled on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Monthly Movie, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm
- Annual Meeting, November 16<sup>th</sup>, following worship
- Thanksgiving Evening Service, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM with Trinity UCC Hanover & Trinity UCC Gettysburg

### Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Meeting, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 PM
- Personnel Meeting, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:45 PM
- Staff Meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30
- Consistory Meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Pastoral Relations, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM
- Worship & Music, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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**Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Linda Bixler

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Susan Dienes & Joleen Fennell



# Psalm 119

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# Luke 19

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