

The Window



November 3, 2025

Intentional Worship

Intentional Relationships

Intentional Service

Ah the internet, access to a world's worth of knowledge at our fingertips, but also a world's worth of ignorance and fear. In my first look at "church things" this week I want to look at All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day together these days make up All Hallowtide. We need to understand why they are important and meaningful days to be celebrated by Christians and the church as a whole.

Let's begin with All Hallows Eve or Halloween. This night was the night to kick off the season often accompanied by the ringing of European church bells. All Hallowtide is a three-day celebration of those Christians who have gone on before us, those on whose shoulders we stand. According to the Anglican Compass the 3 days bounced around the calendar eventually landing upon the same day as the Celtic pagan harvest festival of Samhain. The masks, lanterns, and bonfires were used to ward off evil spirits. In other words, just like Christ is the light that drives out darkness so are these images with the masks being like the armor of God. In the same way the Christmas tree and Easter bunny have been taken and repurposed so has Halloween's fun.

All Saints Day or the Day of the Dead is a day meant to honor those loved ones who have gone on, a day of remembrance to keep their memory alive. As we do not believe in purgatory, this is simply a day to give thanks for our loved ones and pray for the day of great reunion in the New Heaven and New Earth.

All Souls Day is the day we honor the saints of the past who have gone on. People who may not have been in our family but who have impacted our lives. It's also a day to remember those who have passed without family a day to keep their memory alive as well. Once again praying for the day of reunion.

Education is the great dispeller of ignorance. Jesus told us it is not what we put in our body that defiles but what comes out. The Psalmist reminds us that every day is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it. Don't let fear cloud your judgment and don't allow the opportunity for fellowship and prayer pass you by because you've given power and authority to the principalities of this world that they don't deserve.

Have a Fantastic week!

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Drew



MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING TUESDAY, 11/4

Tue 11/04 — 11:00 Bible Study
1:00 Chrismon Refurbish Class
6:00 Bible Study

Wed 11/05 — 5:30 FCC FUSE Youth
6:30 Praise Team Practice

Thu 11/06 — 10:30 Prayer Team
1:30 Women's Study

Sun 11/09 — 8:30 Elders Circle
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:15 Lunch/Gift Card Shower
For Sophie and Logan

Mon 11/10 — OFFICE CLOSED observing Veterans Day—No Newsletter

The Administrative Team Will meet

**Sunday, November 16
Immediately following
worship**

SERVING LISTS BEING PREPARED

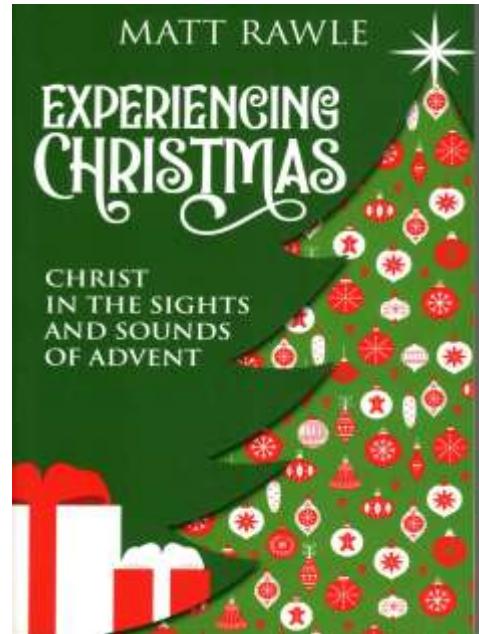
We are in need of people to help serve in various places.

GREETERS: stand in the narthex on Sundays before worship and Welcome those who come thru the door.

COMMUNION PREPARERS: Prepare the communion elements for the altar.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Hold the elements for the congregation as they come forward to receive communion.

These duties usually only require a one Sunday a month commitment. Please prayerfully consider where you might serve. Contact Gussie or Joann if you would like to participate.



ADVENT STUDY BOOKS

Now available for purchase in the church office.

The cost is @12.00
 The study will be held on Tuesdays this year at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.
 beginning Tuesday, December 2.

Monthly Budget Amount Needed: \$24,729.00 / General Fund Collection Nov. 2: \$1,756.00

November General Fund Collection thru November 2: \$1,756.00



Pray for Our Service Men and Women Who
Are Serving in Harm's Way Around the World (both foreign
and domestic), and for their families who are making the
sacrifice of separation from their loved ones.

Anthony Clay
Conner Gary
Noah Hardy
Gage Hartfield
Caleb Hougesen
Aiden Lewis

Justin Rice
Ethan Sanchez
Jack Shelton
Roy Stanley
Keaton Winberry



PRAYER CONCERNS for Healing, Peace and Guidance

Allen Beckert, Carol Joy Benoit, Robbie Best, Joseph Black, Geneva Boyer, Gideon Burns, Allen Burson, Jaxon Caillier, Clay Campbell, Dean Capps, Liz Capps, Susan Caver, Bob Charlie, Francine Charlie, Wendi Christian, Randy Claxton, Jeff Cooper, Roger Cowles, Laura Deggs, Dana Dekerlegand, Gerald Delino, Levy Delino, Kathy Dionne, Wayne Dionne, Kylee English, Patty Faulk, Johnny Flores, Jerry Fontenot, Nita Foret, Becky Fussell, Delmer Fussell, David Gough, Anthony Green, Rubin Guillory, Keith Gunn, Danelle Gurski, Pat Gurski, Billy Harris, Lynn Heartfield, Sophie Horne, Donna Jackson, Kyle Jackson, Phyllis Jackson, David Janise, Janice Kalbacher, Don Kirkham, Lynlee Kocurek, Karen Lampkin, Sue LeBer, Bonnie Leleaux, Lora Lollie, Marilyn Love, Richard Malone, Carol McDonald, Marvin McDonald, Rose Merriman, Sean Morris, Shannon Morvant, Julita Patriarca, Rolando Patriarca, Easton Phillips, Jaree Powell, Raymond Puazo, Rica Puazo, Marvin Reeves, Dudley Richerson, Jetta Rickard, Kristen Saunders, Steve Simmons, Sarah Sites, Jerry Smith, Jr., Nick Snell, Harvey Steely, Adrianne Stone, Dennis Strawn, Andrew Swedberg, June Pattison Swedberg, Kaylie Thibodeaux, Nathan Thibodeaux, Yolanda Thibodeaux, Sheila Tower, Lolly VanDevender, Lorelei VanDevender, Steve Williamson, Joe Worley, Gabe Young Family, Sheila Ziebold

PLEASE NOTE PRAYER LIST TIME LIMIT: Prayer needs will remain on the prayer list for **30 days**. They fall off automatically at that time unless we have received an **updated Prayer Card**. If you put a person on the list, it is your responsibility to keep us updated. You may resubmit an updated card anyone who falls off.



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**9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship**

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday:

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Fridays: Closed

Sunday, November 9:

Message: All In: "The Heart of New Testament Giving"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Elder at the Table: Drew McClellan

Hello Team: Frieda McDonald

Johnna Claxton

Communion Preparers: Janet and David Pound

Communion Servers: Gene Christian

Martin Blitch

Nancy Blitch

Margaret Blitch

Worship Attendance Sunday, November 2: 57

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