Sunday's Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers, **True Morse (steward), John Bold, Maro Slaughter, and Pam Rogalski.** Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Lauren Rhein.**

REMINDER - All children in **grades 3 and below** are welcome to join us in **Children's Church** after the anthem.

A training for **Reading Buddies** at WD Williams Elementary in Swannanoa is **Tuesday, November 3rd at 11 am** at WD Williams. Start date is the following Monday November 9th. For more information contact **Gerald Davis**.

The Youth will be hosting a **spaghetti luncheon** on **Nov 15** after the worship service. The meal will be by donation and benefit our Youth Ministry.

Stewardship Campaign— This year will focus on a theme of **"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."** It will culminate with **Consecration Sunday** on **November 8**, when we will declare our tithing commitments and turn in our pledge cards.

Contribution Statements are available in the back hallway, please remember to pick yours up.

Advent Poinsettias— Will be available for purchase starting **today**! Order forms will be available at the back of the Sanctuary. Plants will be **$8 each.**

Miriam Circle will be collecting donations of deodorant for Community School. Any type is appreciated. Place your donation in the box outside the office.

We have almost reached our goal of 45 **Choir Chairs.** See **Becky** to donate yours soon!

Church Calendar: November 1-7

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:00: Sunday School **10:30:** Worship **3:00** Animal Blessing **5:00** Youth **6:00** HCCA Chili Cookoff	**11:00:** Prayer Group **1:00** Canasta **3:00** Handbells **7:00** Beekeepers	**10:00** Parkinsons **10:30:** Crafters **1:45:** Tai Chi **7:00** SMBB	**11:30** Table of 16 **4:00** Nurture **5:30** Men's Chorus **6:00** Choir **6:00:** AA Mtg	**10:30:** Isaac Group **1:45:** Tai Chi **3:00** Beginner Tai Chi **5:00:** Welcome Table **6:00** UMM	**3:00** Tailgate Market	

November 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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Sunday Worship Celebration

November 1, 2026

* Where indicated, stand if you are able.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE **“Nostalgia”** *Krug*
Ringing God’s Praise Bell Choir

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Prince

Leader: Today we gather to remember and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us—those who lived faithfully, loved generously, and showed us the way of Christ.

People: We give thanks to God for their lives, their love, and their witness.

Leader: We remember those whose voices we can no longer hear, whose hands we can no longer hold, but whose love remains forever in our hearts.

People: We give thanks for the gift of their lives and the memories we treasure.

Leader: We come with both gratitude and grief, trusting in the promise that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God.

People: We rejoice in the hope of resurrection and the promise of everlasting life.

Leader: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship the God who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: With grateful hearts and renewed hope, let us worship the Lord!

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious and Eternal God, Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us—those who shared Your love, strengthened our faith, and helped shape our lives. As we remember those we love and miss, comfort our hearts with the promise of resurrection and eternal life. Remind us that even in our grief, we are never separated from Your love. May their faithful witness inspire us to live with kindness, courage, and compassion, sharing Your light with those who come after us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #711 **“For All the Saints”**
BANNER PROCESSIONAL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ANTHEM **“Precious Memories”** *Wright*

SCRIPTURE **Revelation 21:3-4** *NT pg. 259*

MESSAGE “Lifted by Jesus”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY **“We Shall Behold Him”** *arr. Tornquist*

*DOXOLOGY

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Steve Lewis 11/26/25	Kris Alrdich 12/18/25	Win Williamson 3/10/26
Roy Anthony 4/9/26	Mary Lou Edmonston 7/4/26	Stan Carroll 8/14/26
Betty Swarthout 8/16/26	Jo Ann Squibb 8/29/26	Bernice Clark 9/24/26

PRAYER:

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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***CLOSING HYMN #431 **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE **“When We All Get to Heaven”** *Wilson*

Our worship service has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.

Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar have been given by **Gary & Linda Lankton** in honor of **Tiffaney and Lilliana Bieda,** their daughter and granddaughter. Also their son **Jason Lankton**