

November 3, 2024



All Saints

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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All Saints Sunday Celebration

November 3, 2024

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Bill Ross—Trumpet

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Traditional

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Rhinehart

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

People: Praise be to God for God’s mercy and love.

Leader: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God’s presence is near.

People: When we don’t know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.

Leader: Open your hearts today to God’s gently leading.

People: We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully serve God all our days. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN 711

“For All The Saints” vs. 1-3

*BELL BANNER PROCESSION/RANDOM RING

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN 711

“For All The Saints” vs. 4-6

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and great God, we come to you through Jesus Christ who intercedes for us sinners. We confess our sins, seeking forgiveness not only that we may be at peace with you, but also that we may pray for others. We are ashamed that our prayers are often as self-centered as our lives. Excuse our disordered priorities as we seek to change and reorder our lives according to the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. AMEN.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jill Rhinehart

Friends, hear the good news! God has chosen you to be saved through sanctification by the Spirit. You are saved by the Spirit through belief in the truth of Jesus Christ. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

True Morse

ANTHEM
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE
 John 11: 32—44
(NRSV New Testament p. 105)

MESSAGE
 “Lifted by Jesus”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS
Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY
 “Spirit of the Living God”

“In Remembrance of Me”
Arr. Regan Courtney

*DOXOLOGY

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Sharon Harrell	Betty Morrison	John D’Amico
Nancy Clark	Oscar Clark	Doris Crisp
Sherie Steucher	Harvey Davis	Deane Yost
Isabel Brooker	Gavin Creel	Helene Victims

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
Bill Ross—Trumpet

“Lift High the Cross”
Traditional

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

Announcements

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

Sunday’s Ushers—Thank you to our Ushers! (10:00am) **Jane Williams, Loring McIntyre, Pam Rogalski, True Morse (steward)**

Meeting Reminders—

- **Nurture**—will meet this **Wednesday, November 6, at 5pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.
- **UMMen**—will meet this **Thursday, November 7, at 6:30pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.

Welcome Table Desserts—The weekly Welcome Table is in need of **two volunteers a week** to make desserts for their meal. If you are interested, please see the **signup sheet** located on the bulletin board outside the front office. **Two volunteers are still needed for Nov. 7.**

Youth Dinners—Help support our Youth by providing dinner on one of their scheduled Lesson nights! Anything from a homecooked meal to take-out pizza is welcome. Please provide enough food for at least 8 people. All dinners will need to be at the church (Asbury Hall) and ready by 4:30pm. **We still need one volunteer for November 17.** The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the front office.

Welcome Table—This free hot takeout meal will occur on **every Thursday from 5—6:30pm** unless stated otherwise by the Welcome Table Warriors.

Nursery Volunteers Wanted! - The children are back! As we continue to grow our ministry of God, our Nursery is once again in use. We are looking for **two, Safe Sanctuary Certified, volunteers** to be with our children during the 10 o’clock worship services. Anyone who is interested in becoming Safe Sanctuary Certified, please contact Veronica in the church office.

Offering Envelopes—If you would like to have a full booklet of offering envelopes with your membership number, please contact the church office. We have a limited number in stock so reserve yours today! Deadline to **RSVP is November 28.**

WNC Charge Conference—will be held in Black Mountain today, November 3 at 5pm. Contact Jill Rhinehart for more details.

Ring God’s Praise—The Handbell Choir will resume practices **tomorrow, November 4, at 5pm.**

Chancel Choir—will resume practices this **Wednesday, November 6, at 6pm.** All are welcome!

Youth Lunch Fundraiser—The Youth will be cooking and hosting a Lunch Fundraiser on Sunday November 10, after the 10am worship service.

There will not be a Walk-up Praise & Prayer session in the month of November.