



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

All Saints' Sunday  
&  
Totenfest

November 2, 2025

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!  
Thank you for joining us. We're happy you are here.

Please make sure to sign-in in the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

\*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

**Congregation reads text in bold print**

*In our liturgy, A: is all our voices. L: is the liturgist's voice P: is the Pastor's voice*

Pre-Service Music ~ 9:55 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

*Youth Acolyte and  
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

*Live stream begins*

Prelude

*Garrett Woods, Music Director*

Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse*

**\*Call to Worship**

Bob Hedspeth, Liturgist

L: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**A: We've been gathered from all directions, in all places, to declare the greatness of God.**

L: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**A: We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.**

L: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**A: Let the redeemed proclaim God's wondrous works.**

**Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised!**

\*Hymn

***"Come, Thou Almighty King"***

**No. 27**

**\*Invocation**

**A: Almighty God, you have knit together your faithful in one communion and fellowship through the Cross of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow You, that we may come to those everlasting joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in life everlasting. Amen.**

**\* Call to Confession**

L: Every day is a new opportunity to serve God. We do not always get it right. Thanks be to God; God is gracious and patient. Let us turn to God in confession and receive the assurance of God's mercy.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: Gracious God, we struggle to trust you in all aspects of our lives, and we seek validation from human and inadequate sources. We confess that we base our identity on human structures, plans, and schemes. We fail to be satisfied with the gifts and purpose you have given to us. We do not appreciate the ways in which we are uniquely and wonderfully made. Renew us; give us a right spirit of humility and peace we pray. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

P: Friends, you are God's magnificent handiwork. You were created in love, sustained this far in hope, therefore rest in faith. Know that God's love for you is assured and you are not alone in life or in death. God's grace finds you in your struggles, and God's plan for you is filled with hope. You are redeemed, recognized, and restored to the glory of God. Amen!

**\*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)**

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Through Song

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

***Young People's Message –***

*All young people are invited to come forward for their own special time with the Pastor.*

**First Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23***Matthew Westermeyer, Reader*

Paul writes, "<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:20-31**

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. <sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

<sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**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 live with respect in Creation,**  
**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.**

**\*\* ~ posted on The United Church of Canada website. <http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/creed>**

\*Hymn                      *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*                      No. 638

\*Invitation to the Offering

L: Let us reach in, reach out, and reach up with our gifts for the ministry and mission of our congregation, with a grateful heart and a cheerful outlook.

**\*Doxology (Praise) No. 46**  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**A: Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Totenfest/All Saints Remembrance**

P: Lord God, all glory be to you, Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**A: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses ~ patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, teachers and missionaries, disciples and evangelists, pray-ers and singers, martyrs and saints.**

P: We thank you for their lives of faith. For your saints now in heaven, O Lord, who strove to live in you, who followed, obeyed, and adored you ~ we gratefully honor them.

**A: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are ~ your precious children in this community of believers, called St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ.**

P: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith, for all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward ~ accept our thankful cry.

**A: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses ~ family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination, every age.**

P: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew, that we like them, may live and die in you.

**A: We celebrate the gift of life and remember those from St. Peter and St. Paul UCC that entered the Church Triumphant in the last 12 months.**

MEMBERS OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SHIRLEY CALDWELL-RAMSEY -- 12-21-2024  
WILLIAM DUNNETT -- 1-26-2025  
CHARLES RILEY -- 3-12-2025  
WILLIAM HIRSCH -- 4-2-2025  
DOLORES WALLINGFORD -- 7-2-2025



FRIENDS & FAMILY OF ST. PETER AND  
ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CAMERON BAUR - 12/31/2024  
(GRANDSON, LYNN AND MIKE SPARKS)  
SHIRLEY SMITH - 5/15/2025  
(SISTER, PATTI LOEW)  
PHILLIS CORBIN - 6/1/2025  
(SISTER, SUE LALOSH)  
STACY BELTZ - 6-25-2025  
(DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WENDY BAUER)  
MINNIE JEWEL BLASINGAME - 7-24-2025  
(MOTHER, MICHELLE SANCHEZ)  
CHARLES HUDSON - 9-10-2025  
(UNCLE, KAREN WILLIAMS)



**The Tolling of the Bell will take place after each name.  
The Lighting of Candles in Memory of Loved Ones and Friends  
*Please come forward now and light a candle for your loved one.***

Reflection and Remembrance – A Litany based on “We Remember Them”  
by Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

L: In the rising of the sun and in it's going down, we remember them.

**A: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter,  
we remember them.**

L: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of Spring, we  
remember them.

**A: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of Summer,  
we remember them.**

L: In the rustling of Autumn, we remember them.

**A: In the beginning of the year, and when it ends,  
we remember them.**

L: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

**A: So long as we shall live, they too shall live, for they are now a part  
of us as we remember them.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**\*Communion Prayer**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, ... with all your people in the presence of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**\*Seraphic Hymn**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and Earth are full,  
Are full of the majesty of Thy glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

*Please be seated.*



### **Invitation to Communion**

P: We are made one through the Word and through these simple elements, every time we come to the Table to share them. May we become closer in our faith and broader in our serving, as we share in our faith in the way that Jesus taught us. Amen.

### **Communion Anthem:**

***“How Beautiful”***

**by Twila Paris**

### **Distribution of Communion**

P: Come. All things are ready. The gifts of God, for the people of God.

*All may come forward for the bread (Gluten Free is available) and wine (outer ring of cups) or grape juice (center of tray). If you are not able to come forward, raise your hand and we will bring Communion to you.*

### **Prayer of Gratitude**

**A: Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and hope to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as Christ’s presence between us, and in all of us. May this bread and wine be sent to the world through our actions in the community. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn**

***“For All the Saints”***

**No. 637**

### **\*Benediction**

P: May the Spirit of the Living God go with you into the world with power and compassion to lift the lowly. May Creator be glorified through the lives we live as witnesses to the greatness of God. May we reach in, reach out, and reach up to find the company of God. May Jesus the Christ be our Companion and Guide on the path to humility and greatness.  
**A: Amen.**

### **\*Benediction Response**

**God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. Amen**

### **Postlude**

**Garrett Woods**

*If you like, you may be seated to listen to the Postlude reflection in music.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!*

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**Free Food  
Distribution**

**NOVEMBER 4TH**

**12:00PM - 2:00PM**  
(1st Tuesday of every month)

Our free food pick-up is open to all.  
No documentation needed, no questions asked.






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|-------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 11/03 | Nancy Dornette | 11/15 | Andrew Hitz     |
| 11/07 | Jo Ann Iames   | 11/16 | Glenn Frank     |
| 11/13 | Jerry Krailler | 11/20 | Jennifer Miller |
| 11/14 | Mike Miller    | 11/22 | Sue Lalosh      |
| 11/15 | Carol Klare    | 11/25 | Eric Murphy     |

We don't have any Anniversaries for November

# NOVEMBER 2024

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>2</b><br>Totenfest Service<br><br>Communion | <b>3</b><br>Church & Ministry -<br>11:30 am F.H. | <b>4</b><br>Food Pick-up - 12-2<br>pm.   | <b>5</b><br>Ladies Bible Study -<br>3-5 pm - Annex<br>Choir 7 - 8:30 pm -<br>Sanctuary  | <b>6</b><br>Mens Bible Study -<br>6-8 pm - Annex   | <b>7</b><br>Bits n Pieces 2.0 -<br>9 am - 11 pm -<br>Annex  | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>Property - 7pm -<br>Par.    | <b>12</b><br>Ladies Bible Study -<br>3-5 pm - Annex<br>Choir 7 - 8:30 pm -<br>Sanctuary | <b>13</b><br>Mens Bible Study -<br>6-8 pm - Annex  | <b>14</b><br>Bits n Pieces 2.0 -<br>9 am - 11 pm -<br>Annex | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>                                | <b>19</b><br>Ladies Bible Study -<br>3-5 pm - Annex<br>Choir 7 - 8:30 pm -<br>Sanctuary | <b>20</b><br>Mens Bible Study -<br>6-8 pm - Annex  | <b>21</b><br>Bits n Pieces 2.0 -<br>9 am - 11 pm -<br>Annex | <b>15</b><br>Community Meal<br>10:30 - 12 - F.H. |
| <b>23/30</b><br>23 - Communion<br>30 - Advent<br>Luncheon   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>Council - 7 pm - Rm.<br>107 | <b>26</b><br>Ladies Bible Study -<br>3-5 pm - Annex<br>Choir 7 - 8:30 pm -<br>Sanctuary | <b>27</b><br> | <b>28</b><br>Bits n Pieces 2.0 -<br>9 am - 11 pm -<br>Annex | <b>29</b>  |