Second
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Worship Service for the
All Saints Day
November 1, 2026

God Gathers His People

Prelude "For All the Saints" arr. R. Farlee
Choral Introit "We are One with the Lord" N. Price & D. Besig

The Greeting

The LORD be with you.
The LORD bless you. Ruth 2:4

***The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD! Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10

***The Opening Hymn** "For All the Saints" LUYH 254 vs 1-3,5

***The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you watch over the sojourner and uphold the widow and the fatherless, and you brought Ruth the Moabite, a stranger to your covenant, to take refuge under your wings. Gather us also, with all your saints, into the people you have made your own, that we may say to you with her, "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Keep us by your grace through every famine and every grief, and bring us home at last to the city you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen. Psalm 146:9; Hebrews 11:16

God Pardons and Renews Us

The Call to Confession

"In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land." Those were days when "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." We know such days, and we know such hearts. Let us confess our sin together. Isaiah 55:2, 6-7

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not trusted you to provide for us. When times are lean, we look for life and security in places where you have not promised to give them, and we spend ourselves on what cannot satisfy. When loss empties our hands, we harden our hearts and blame you, and we forget that you are the God who keeps faith forever.

We have not loved others with the steadfast love you have shown to us. We have kept strangers at a distance and left the grieving to grieve alone. Forgive us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored, and bring us home. Amen.

Lamentations 5:21

The Kyrie "Kyrie Eleison Iona Community

The Words of Assurance

Hear the promise of God: “For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you… with everlasting love I will have compassion on you… For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you. No one who comes home to God empty is sent away empty. In Jesus Christ he has come to redeem you. Your sins are forgiven.
Blessed be the LORD,
who has not left us this day without a redeemer. Isaiah 54:7-8, 10

The Rule of Gratitude

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Matthew 22:37-40

***The Song of Praise** “His Mercy is More” Papa/Boswell

God Speaks His Word

***The Prayer for Illumination and Blessing of the Children**

Gracious God, your kindness goes before us, even when we cannot see it. You have taught us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of your law, and by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word and give us grace to receive Christ our Redeemer as he is offered to us in the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. Psalm 119:18, Deuteronomy 8:3

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen Psalm 121:7-8

The Reading of Ruth Ruth 1 p 222

The New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:11-19 p 976

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon "Full and Empty"

***The Hymn of the Day** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" LUYH 534

We Respond in Faith

The Offering *World Renew – World Hunger Sunday*

"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow."
Deuteronomy 24:19

The Offertory Sanctuary Choir "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" T. Dorsey/arr. J. Schrader

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

In a time of famine, word came to a widow in a far country that "the LORD had visited his people and given them food." So she rose and went home to Bethlehem, the house of bread. Today the LORD has visited his people again, in the true Bread from heaven, born in Bethlehem. Whoever you are, however empty you have come, come home and eat.
Ruth 1:6; John 6:35

***The Sursum Corda**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, it is right to give you thanks and praise. You are the God who keeps faith forever. When your people were hungry, you visited them and gave them bread. When Naomi came home empty, you did not leave her without a

redeemer. When Ruth the Moabite, a stranger and a widow, sought refuge under your wings, you gathered her into your people and wrote her name in the line of your Son.

We thank you above all for Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, the house of bread, our Kinsman and Redeemer, who took on our flesh, bore our sin on the cross, and was raised to give us life. On this All Saints' Day we thank you for all your servants who have died in the faith and now rest from their labors: *Carolyn Sturrus, Ione Hoekenga, Dave Klaassen, Claudia Alphenaar and Dee Wolffis.*

Keep us in the communion of all your saints, and bring us with them to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, that as we receive this bread and this cup, we who are joined to Christ by faith may truly feed on his body and blood, given for us, and be nourished, strengthened, and united to him and to one another. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world. Faithful God, you gathered Ruth into your people. Strengthen your church throughout the world, and make Second Church a household where strangers find a home.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, grant wisdom and justice to all who govern, here and in every land.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You watch over the sojourners. Protect refugees and immigrants, all who have left home to find bread, and all who are far from family.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You uphold the widow and the fatherless. Comfort all who grieve, especially those who remember loved ones on this All Saints' Day. Be a father to children without fathers, and a home to the lonely.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give food to the hungry. Provide for all who lack daily bread, and make us generous with what you have given us.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You know those who, like Naomi, feel that the Almighty has dealt bitterly with them. Visit the bitter, the empty, and the discouraged, and bring them home to you.

Silence, or spoken prayers.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Psalm 146:7-9

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

***The Sung Lord's Prayer** Williamson

The Words of Institution

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. I Corinthians 10:16-17

The Communion Music "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say" LUYH 665
"Come as You Are" Crowder
"Agnus Dei" Smith

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and gracious God, we thank you that you have fed us at this Table with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and have assured us once again of your favor and goodness toward us.

We thank you that we are members of his body, joined with all your saints in heaven and on earth. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, to show mercy to our neighbors and welcome to the stranger, until we feast with all your saints at the marriage supper of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn** "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" LUYH 43 vs 1,3

***The Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Postlude "Trumpet Tune" R. Brummer

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes
Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon
Flute: Karen Katje
Organ & Choral Director: Jean Schuitman
Piano: Julie Hordyk
Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Joslyn Wagenmaker

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: *World Renew* invites us to help families around the world plant hope and end hunger through our World Hunger Campaign. With your support, people will experience God's compassion by receiving the training and tools needed to grow enough food. To learn more, go to worldrenew.org.

Worship Center I & II: Today our children will participate in liturgy and singing before joining their families for Communion.

Afterword: *Next Generation Conversation* Join us after the Worship Service at 11:30. Pastor Tim, Annie Hoekzema, and Rob Wagenmaker will host a conversation about our recent Rooted: Discovering the Gospel Together series.

Next Sunday:

FOCUS: All high schoolers are invited to join the High School Youth Group at 6:30pm in the lower level for a time of fellowship and learning.

New Members Classes: Our two-session New Member Class will be held beginning Sunday following the Worship Service in the lower level. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet and a select a time for a New Member Pastoral Meeting. Both sign-ups are at the Visitors Information Desk.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Ken Terpstra underwent emergency heart surgery this week and had stents placed. Please keep Ken and Mary in your prayers as he recovers.

Ron Retsema is in the hospital at Mercy for observation after a fall. Please pray for his healing and comfort.

"Thank you for your prayers for my recent jaw surgery. The jaw material that was removed was found to be cancer free. Please continue to pray for my recovery." ~ Garrison Koch

"We really appreciate the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the passing of our mother and grandmother Dee." ~ The Diephouse and Wolffis Family

"We want to express our deep gratitude to our church family for the outpouring of love, prayers, and sympathy cards following the passing of my father, Scott Presley, his faith is now sight. Hebrews 11:1 *Now Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*" ~ Bob and Deb Wagenmaker

Church Announcements:

Address Updates:
Jim Mulder is moving back home, 18078 Trudy Drive, Spring Lake, 49456.
Jamie & Amy Goorman are now at 1890 N Atlantic Ave Unit A107, Cocoa Beach, Fla, 32931.

Atrium Art Gallery: “Making the Unseen, Seen” is the new exhibit in our Atrium Art Gallery, featuring the paintings of Deborah Hoover. Please take a few moments to view her work, which she describes as “our amazing and wonderful creation and the narrative of redemption,” which showcases the complicated and beautiful world in which God reveals himself to us, where what is “unseen is eternal.” Mark your calendars for a reception with the artist on Sunday, November 15th following the Worship Service & Coffee Time.

Book Club: The Great Gatsby is next up for discussion. Join us Monday, November 9th at 1:30pm in the parlor. All are welcome!

Cadets: It’s not too late to sign up for Cadets! We will meet three Mondays in November - 2nd, 16th, and 30th. Meetings take place at First CRC from 6:45-8:30pm. Need more information, contact Pete at pmalek413@gmail.com.

SWANs: The SWANs are excited to sponsor a fall event for ALL LADIES of our church. Mark your calendars for Monday, November 16 at 11am. The faith-based movie, “The Little Drummer Boy" will be airing at the Grand Haven 9. We hope you come and enjoy a ladies day out with the SWANs! We are also planning to go to Russ’s for lunch afterward. If you would like to attend, please call Carole at 616-502-2015.

Volunteer Schedule

November 1, 2026
Projection: Paul Marotti
Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge
Sound: Rick Clapp
Ushers: Team 10 - Dennis Schaaf, Mike Katje, Dan Holtrop, Bob Wagenmaker
Coffee Hosts: Doug & Jan Zuidema; Maelyn Wagenmaker; Candy Van Wieren
Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Ruth Marotti
Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Alice Hendricks
Walk Out: Carla Byma, Ian Clapp
Greeters: Anne Zuidema; Chuck & Jeanne Schuch
Council in Parlor: Brian Bierma, Hank Byma
Offering: World Renew – World Hunger Sunday

November 8, 2026
Projection: Eric Wolffis
Video: Dan Wagenmaker, Paul Marotti, Dan Meindertsma, Jason Zuidema
Sound: Jim Warners
Ushers: Team 11- John Rycenga, Jon Mulder, Carl Vertregt, Jim Sacks
Coffee Hosts: Bob & Manette deJonge; Agnes DeBoer; Bobbi Erdmann
Nursery: Kim VanStratt, Kari DeLange
Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Evie Hoekzema
Walk Out I: Sheri Van Duyn, Vivienne McCarthy
Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf
Greeters: Ken Terpstra; Brian & Barb Sikkenga
Council in Parlor: Hank Byma, Dan Wagenmaker
Offering: Calvin Theological Seminary

Calendar

Sunday, November 1
10:00AM – Worship Service
11:30AM – Bell Rehearsal

Monday, November 2
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
1:30PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, November 3
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
7PM – Leadership Board

Wednesday, November 4
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
1PM – Knitting/Craft Group
6:30PM – CHAOS

Thursday, November 5
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 6
Office Closed

Saturday, November 7
8:00AM – Tool Time

Sunday, November 8
10:00AM – Worship Service
6:30PM – FOCUS

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