

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Kenzie & Devin Vercera, Marti Herring, Elizabeth Young, Bernice Motal & family,
Bonnie Lout, & Rex Templeton.

PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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THOSE IN NURSING HOME/CARE FACILITIES

Lynne Bigelow, Stuart Hill, Gladys Leyendecker, Jean Redus, Delores Stancik, Dolores Odstreil,
Doug Lilie, Jesse Armstrong, Dolly Ladokas, and Bob & Nancy Stiles.

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey
District Superintendent Rev. Tracey Beadle
Pastor Sunshine Reyes

PRAYERS:

Ken Coffman's wife, Sandy B. is in a nursing facility.
Tom Schultz passed last Sunday. Prayers for Brenda Buehler and family.

PRAISE:

Emmaus Walk #4

NOTE:

Names on the prayer list in the bulletin will be printed for 2 weeks. After 2 weeks, the names will be removed from the bulletin unless the church office has been notified to keep them.

Columbus Food Pantry

"HEB Turkey Vouchers" will be presented to clients on a first-come-first-served basis at the November distribution.

If you would like to participate by mailing a donation, please mark "Turkey" or "holiday vouchers" on the memo line of your check. Please make check out to the Columbus Food Pantry. Alternatively, you may donate on their website on the home page: www.columbusfoodpantry.org

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Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

Friday: Closed

Pastoral Emergency

Pastor Sunshine Reyes 512-308-2616

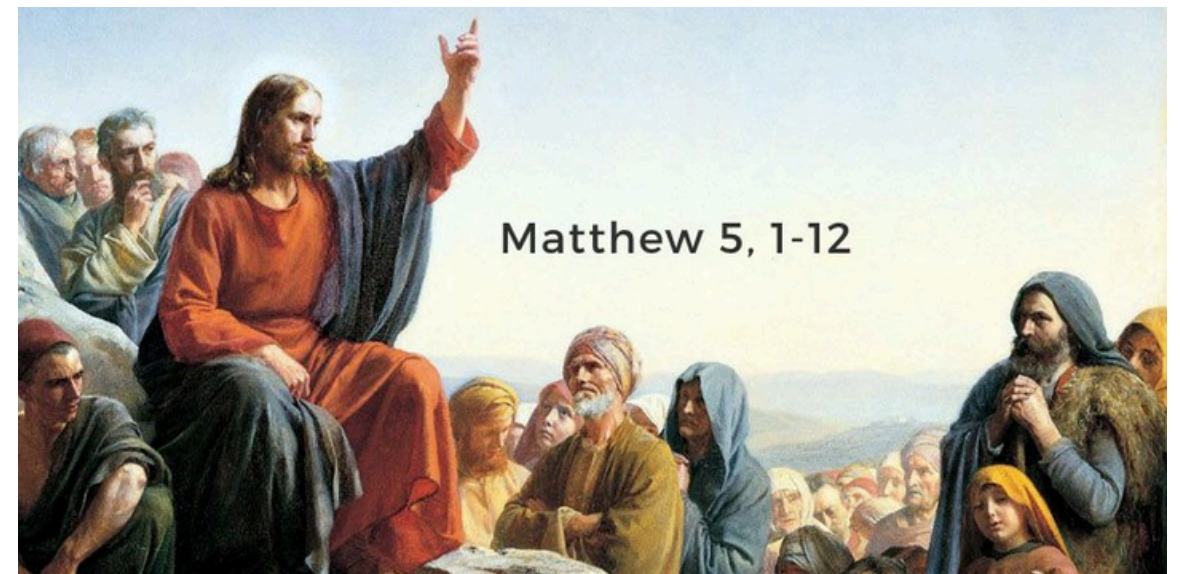
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"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



SUNDAY, November 1, 2026

10:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP		
November 1, 2026		All Saints Day
<i>Reminder: As we enter into a sacred time and space, a friendly reminder to please set your cell phone to silent.</i>		
Welcome/Announcements		
†Prelude	Let us be in an attitude of prayer as they bring in the Light of Christ.	
†Call to Worship		
†Song of Worship	Shall We Gather at the River	UMH 723 vs 1
Young Disciples	Jesus Loves Me	UMH 191
Offertory Prayer		
Offering	Holy Ground	
†Doxology		
Joys & Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		
Prayer of Illumination		
First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	Sara O'Connor
Music	Faith of Our Fathers	UMH 710 vs 1
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3	Sara O'Connor
Centering Song	Sweet, Sweet Spirit	UMH 334
†Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	Pastor Sunshine Reyes
Sermon		
Communion		
†Hymn of Invitation	Victory in Jesus	UMH 370 vs 1
<i>(Those wishing to join our church family, please come forward during Hymn of Invitation)</i>		
†Benediction		
†Shalom	Shalom to You	UMH 666
<i>Please turn and face the center aisle and sing. Please wait until the Light of Christ passes before leaving your pew.</i>		
†(Please stand as you are able.)		

Worship Servers

Accompanist – Patsy Sobel

Guitar – Bob Stiles

TODAY Sunday, November 1, 2026

Liturgist – Sara O'Connor

Ushers – Clayton Watz & Gary Chandler

Communion – Marti Herring, Frank & Evelyn Howell

NEXT Sunday, November 8, 2026

Liturgist – Robert Turk

Ushers – Blake Schulte & Sara O'Connor

Happy Birthday!

11-03 GLADYS LEYENDECKER

11-04 LAURA TANECKA

11-06 DALTON NOSKA

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Phone: +1 713-437-2341

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Thank you for your contribution!

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2026

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Honoring Those Who Served



The Week At a Glance

Sunday, Nov. 1

10:00am - Worship & Communion w/Fishes & Loaves collection.

11:05am-12:00pm - Adult Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Fellowship Hall.

11:05am-12:05pm - Children's Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Room 18.

Monday, Nov. 2

6:00pm-8:30pm - Community Choir practice, FLC.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

11:00am-12:00pm - Women's Enrichment Study, Ed. Bldg., Room 6.

3:30pm-5:30pm - Children's Choir practice, Choir Room & Fellowship Hall in Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

12:00pm-1:00pm - Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church of Columbus

2:00pm-3:00pm - Lectionary Class with Pastor, Ed. Bldg., Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Nov. 5

11:30am-12:30pm - Columbus Christian Women meeting, Glidden Baptist Church

Friday, Nov. 6

Office closed

Saturday, Nov. 7

12:00pm-10:00pm - FLC reserved for Masons event.

Sunday, Nov. 8

10:00am - Worship.

11:05am-12:00pm - Adult Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Fellowship Hall.

11:05am-12:05pm - Children's Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Room 18.

FRIENDSGIVING DRIVE-THRU MEAL

Volunteers are needed for this year's meal on November 18. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex or you may call the church office at 979-732-2643.

REVELATION 7:9-17

On this Feast Day of All Saints, we Christians around the world gather to celebrate the lives of those saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for those saints who still live today, and we ponder how all of us — you and me — are called to live lives of sanctity. This passage reminds us that being a faithful witness — like the great multitude — is the baptismal vocation of all of us. It also reminds us that when we live out our Christian vocation, we find freedom in the Lamb of God who sustains all of us. Most importantly, this passage reminds us that the vision for sainthood is all-encompassing. It is all-inclusive. The “great multitude” might include those who “washed their robes by living lives worthy of standing around the throne of God, but never named the name of Jesus.” Herein, this apocalyptic text, along with All Saints, reminds us that Christianity and sainthood can’t always be reduced to a theological formula. Indeed, it was Jesus who said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” Sanctity doesn’t come from us; it comes from the Lamb in whose name, person, and earthly vocation we are made free to approach the throne with boldness. Imagine what a stirring vision might do to our lives before God and each other, here and now, if, for example, God someday eliminated all hunger and thirst. How can God’s beloved people live in anticipation of that day? What does it mean to serve our neighbors whose tears God promises to wipe away someday?

1 JOHN 3:1-3

If 1 John had a social media footprint, this week’s status update would read, “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.” These are words of encouragement written to a community troubled by schism. Whatever the details of the split, and since we have a response from only one side, we have to read between the lines and in mirror image to figure it out; the disagreement has been serious enough that some folks have packed up and left the church. Anyone who has experienced the trauma of a congregational (or denominational) split can imagine how devastating this development would have been for parties on both sides of the divide. This community was unable to remain in fellowship due to significant differences in their beliefs about Jesus. At the heart of the matter, according to the author, is that the people who have left are denying that Jesus is the Christ and that he is the incarnate Son of God. They still understand themselves to be followers of Jesus, but what they believe and confess about him differs from those who remain. The glue that holds the church together is God’s love, which has bound them into one family as children of God. Those who have chosen to depart claim fellowship with Jesus and also claim that they have no sin, claims the author refutes. The specific details of their sin are not spelled out; that is, there is no enumerated list of behaviors or actions, except that they chose to leave the group. From the perspective of 1 John, their departure violates the community’s identity as a community that “love one another.”

Although they claim to have the light of Christ, their actions do not show it; they “hate brother or sister.” In other words, the opponents talk the talk but do not walk the walk. At issue, then, is the importance of living in community in such a way that it reflects their walk with Jesus. In the midst of separation and disagreement, it is not uncommon for a community (or individuals within it) to lose confidence in its ability to move faithfully into an unknown future. It is too easy to get bogged down in questions of what if and fears about what might be. On this day of All Saints, what can the congregation learn from the testimony of the saints of this place who have walked before them? How did those local ancestors of the faith live into their identity as children of God? The church need not gaze wistfully for a “someday” to come in order to possess the fullness of its identity. There is no need to wait until there are more members, more resources, or more of whatever we might believe is necessary to be a good, faithful, or missional church (choose your favorite adjective!). Like the readers of 1 John, perhaps the people gathered for worship in today’s churches could benefit from an occasional reminder that God has already bestowed upon them what is most important for being the people they are called to be. They are children of God. Already. Today. Now.

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Throughout Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus is critical of the Pharisees. However, he is not critical because they keep the law. In this passage, Jesus criticizes the Pharisees’ actions, but only because they do not practice what they teach. The Pharisees’ teachings are not a problem. But in their practice, the observance of the law becomes a burden that falls on the shoulders of others while the Pharisees reap public acclaim. Matthew characterizes Jesus as an excellent teacher because he interprets the law with an eye to God’s larger vision and love for humanity. The Pharisees serve as a literary foil, against which Jesus’ interpretation of the law stands out. In particular, Jesus teaches others to keep the law in a way that also meets the demands of God’s justice and God’s mercy. Living according to God’s word means living as a servant. “The greatest among you will be your servant.” Jesus’ interpretation of the law underscores that humans are on a level playing field. God extends mercy to all, including the tax collector and the sinner. The one who seeks attention and status through God’s law misinterprets it. The attitude of a servant is more appropriate, for the servant shapes their actions according to the master’s will. Jesus shows us a master whose expectations are high, but they are guided first and foremost by mercy. Jesus ultimately says, look at me and you will not only hear the law of God, you will see how to live it in a way that is easy and light. Those who understand and learn this truly do become great like God is great, which is to be truthful, loving, kind, and a servant to others along the way. People like this see someone who is weighed down by the law, and they walk beside them and help to unburden them from the lies that have tied them to seeing the will of God as unattainable demands. They don’t turn their backs after naming what’s wrong, but instead help others journey towards wholeness and truly living as image bearers. They walk in humility together and God finds them beautiful.



Readings for Next Sunday, November 8, 2026

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13