MUSICAL SELECTION — *In the Palm of His Hand* — Patricia Mock / John Paige
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Revelation 7:9-17 — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
Leader – The Word of the Lord.
People – Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE — *Travis Tritt is Right!* — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Excerpts from the *Brief Statement of Faith,* PCUSA — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called *Abba*, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS — Please see insert. — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

INVITATION TO OFFERING — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

OFFERTORY HYMN #326 — *For All the Saints*
(Please remain seated during the Offertory Hymn.)

*DOXOLOGY #606 — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
For the gifts offered this day and every day we give thanks, O God. May these gifts be used to serve your beloved creation, to sustain your children in all they say and do; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

COMMUNION HYMN #525 — *Let Us Break Bread Together,* Verses 1 & 2

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
…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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE — Rev. Rodney E. Norris & Elders

COMMUNION HYMN #525 — *Let Us Break Bread Together,* Verse 3

PRAYER — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

*HYMN #516 — *For the Bread Which We Have Broken*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

POSTLUDE — *Allegro Vivace* (from Suite I of *Water Music*) — G. F. Handel
(Please remain seated during the Postlude.)

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Welcome!

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Sunday, November 1, 2026

23rd Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints' Day

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE — *O Waly, Waly* — Sue Mitchell-Wallace

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Elder Jim Taylor
Leader – We gather to worship with a cloud of witnesses.
People – To praise God with the saints of generations past and present.
Leader – Praise the Lord, all you faithful people!
People – With all the saints, we sing God's praises.
Leader – By the grace of Christ, we are God's own.
People – With all the blessed ones, we rejoice.
Leader – Let us worship God.

*HYMN #15 — *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION — Elder Jim Taylor

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Elder Jim Taylor
Eternal God, in every age, you have raised men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION — Elder Jim Taylor
…in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Elder Jim Taylor
Leader - Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People - Praise and thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #581 — *Glory Be to the Father*

CHILDREN'S CORNER
We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to go to the Children's Corner at this time. A designated adult will be sitting with the children, and age-appropriate activities will be provided that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 34:1-11, 22 — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
Leader – The Word of the Lord.
People – Thanks be to God!

*Please stand in body or spirit. **When items are in bold, you are invited to join aloud.**

Music Notes:

O Waly, Waly is the tune name for a traditional English folk ballad, which also became very popular in Appalachia. It has been adapted by composers like Benjamin Brittena and John Rutter. The great hymn writer Isaac Watts used the tune as a setting for "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". The words of the closing hymn were inspired by a hymn by Horatius Bonar: *For the bread and for the wine; For the pledge that seals Him mine. For the words of love divine; We give Thee thanks, O Lord.*

Worship Assistants

<u>Sunday, November 1</u>:
Liturgist: Jim Taylor
Counters: Mark Dillard; Sharon Watkins
Head Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
Announcement Slides: Ash Shuler
Communion Preparation: Elizabeth Taylor
Communion Servers: Betty Cheung-Shuler; Mark & Mary Johnson; Mark Wishart

<u>Sunday, November 8</u>:
Liturgist: Frank Sheppard
Counters: Mary Johnson; Frank Sheppard
Head Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: Carol Griffith; Janice Reiser
Children's Corner: Mary Johnson
Announcement Slides: Ash Shuler

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<u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Amy Schwartz

Monday – Thursday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

<u>Sunday, November 1</u>: All Saints' Day; Holy Communion; Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am – The Well Church
- 11:00 am - Worship
- 1:00 pm – Mision Cristiana
- 2:00 pm - ShowerUp & Clothing Closet Open
- 3:30 pm – Love Revolution

<u>Monday, November 2</u>: Karl Off
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:00 am – Church History Bible Study
- 7:00 pm – Troop 91
- 7:30 pm – NANA
- 8:00 pm – Mision Cristiana

<u>Tuesday, November 3</u>: Election Day; Karl Off
- We are a polling place for the election.
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am – Live Oak Counseling
- 11:00 am – Bible Talk with Pastor Rodney
- 12:00 pm – Trinity Meditation & Qi Gong
- 2:30 pm – Christian Education Ministry Meeting
- 4:00 pm – PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Yoga
- 6:30 pm – Missions Ministry Meeting
- 7:30 pm – NANA
- 8:00 pm – Mision Cristiana

<u>Wednesday, November 4</u>:
- Small Town Adventures Group to Hartsville, SC
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:00 am – Staff Meeting
- 7:30 pm – NANA

<u>Thursday, November 5</u>:
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am – Live Oak Counseling
- 12:00 pm – *The Artist's Way*
- Delta Kappa Gamma Event in FH

<u>Friday, November 6</u>:
- 6:45 am – Lanterns Men's Prayer Group
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 7:30 pm – Mision Cristiana

<u>Saturday, November 7</u>:
- Troop 91 Merit Badge Invitational (Campus-Wide)

Our Church Family in Care Communities:

Dave, Rich, & Sam Allen; Edith Blanchett; Barbara Fowler; Barry Shatzer; Charlaine Pilkington; Virginia Martinez; Jim Wilhide; Ira Leon; Willie Hale

Cherished guests, we invite you to stop by the welcome table in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of the gift of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School & Worship for children ages 0 - 4. Parents with children staying with you during worship, please feel free to grab a "Wiggle Bag" from the Narthex / lobby's coat rack before worship starts. You'll find crayons, activity pages, a clipboard, etc. inside. Remember that young ones (4k - 4th grade) go to the *Children's Corner* of the sanctuary after the *Gloria Patri* is sung during the service. If you have any questions, an usher or greeter will be happy to assist you.

There are ramps leading into all buildings on campus & wheelchair accessible restrooms. If you would benefit from: mobility assistance getting to your seat, or after worship getting out to your vehicle, a hearing assistance device, a large print hymnal, or a paper print out of the hymn lyrics rather than holding a hymnal, please notify an usher. When we partake in Holy Communion, if you would prefer a gluten-free option, please alert the Elders serving the elements. All are welcome in God's family and at SOPC!

(*indicates ministry chair):

<u>Clerk of Session</u>: Polly Robinson
<u>Session Class of 2027</u>:
- Jeanne LeBoeuf - Missions
- Kitsie Miller - Fellowship
- Frank Sheppard - Administration*
- Elizabeth Taylor - Administration*

<u>Session Class of 2028</u>:
- Mark Dillard - Buildings & Grounds
- Mary Johnson - Disciple Care*
- Tish Lowe - Missions*
- Sharon Watkins - Worship*

<u>Session Class of 2029</u>:
- Betty Cheung-Shuler - Fellowship
- Liz Harris - Fellowship*
- Sharon Staton - Christian Education*
- Mark Wishart - Buildings & Grounds*

<u>Trustees</u>: Molly Jackson, Robert Miller, Brenda Turner
<u>Treasurer</u>: Kathy Locklair
<u>Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW)</u>: Marion Wishart*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **<u>Today is All Saints' Day</u>**. During worship, we will pause to remember those who have gone before us in the faith and those whose examples inspire us today. Please see the front and back of the insert in this bulletin.
- If at all possible, please plan to be present in worship NEXT **<u>Sunday, November 8th. It is *Dedication Sunday*</u>** for our 2027 Stewardship efforts. If you have not returned your **<u>Time & Talent inventory form and your financial pledge</u>** to the church office, there will be a time in worship that Sunday for you to do so. Extras are available in the narthex and from the church office.
- We are taking orders **<u>for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary at Christmas and to glorify God by honoring and remembering our loved ones</u>**. Order forms are available in the narthex and from the church office. The plants are $14 each, and orders are due by Sunday, November 8th.
- **<u>Our youth and advisors</u>** will meet at 5:30 pm in the SOPC Youth Room today for a meal, worship, Lesson #2 of our *Unlabeled* series, games, and a fall service project.
- **<u>Our Small-Town Adventure group will travel to Hartsville, SC this Wednesday, November 4th</u>**. Contact Marion Wishart for more information or if you would like to join them!
- **<u>There will not be a churchwide Fellowship meal in November,</u>** but never fear! Our annual **<u>Prime Rib Christmas Fellowship meal is set for Sunday, December 13th</u>** (the 2nd Sunday of the month this time rather than the 3rd.) It's a **<u>LUNCHEON</u>** after worship this year. We will take reservations closer to the date.
- **<u>The Christian Education Ministry is providing each family in the church with a copy of *Name of Above All Names*, an Advent Devotional book from Christianity Today. The books will be available in the narthex starting Sunday, November 15th</u>** and have devotions for you and your family to read together every day in Advent: November 29th – December 25th.
- **<u>November is Emphasis Month for Thornwell</u>**. For 150 years, with the help of Presbyterian churches and others throughout the state, Thornwell has helped at-risk children and families in SC thrive. Please visit www.thornwell.org for more information. Tish Lowe will share a Minute for Mission with us on Sunday, 11/15/26, and we will **<u>collect our annual Thornwell offering on Sunday, 11/22/26</u>**. If there is a young person or special adult in your life who would enjoy collecting quarters for the effort on a "turkey card," the church office has some!
- **<u>Siblings in faith at our sister church in Nueva Paz, Cuba are unable to buy much needed over-the-counter medicines and vitamins</u>**. We are collecting items in a marked basket located in the narthex.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Jeanne LeBoeuf; Myrna Gause; Sue Kesterson; Aletha Robinson; Scott Wishart; Asher Mellitz; Janet & Nealy Jordan; John Carter; Monroe Swearingen; Al & Margaret Charles; Fran & Jeffrey Brannon; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, missionaries in Madagascar; Nueva Paz, our partner church in Cuba