Christ Community CHURCH
AN AFFILIATE OF THE E.C. CHURCH

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day • All Saints Day

Organ Voluntary	***1. Chorale and Variation*** *– W. Hutson* ***2. For All the Saints*** *– W. Held*	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	***Hebrews 12:1-2***	Pastor Tim Valentino Kaye Focht
Hymn	***519: For All the Saints***	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The First Reading	***Revelation 7:9-17***	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller
The Response	***Psalm 34:1-11, 22***	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller / Kaye Focht
The Epistle Reading	***1 John 3:1-3***	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller
The Gospel Reading	***Matthew 5:1-12***	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller
Worship in Giving	***Revelation 14:13***	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	***179: Breath on Me, Breath of God*** *(vs.1)*	Congregation
Memorial Roll		Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	***Draw Me Close / Hymn of Heaven***	Congregation
Sermon	***Activated, Part 2: Activated Growth—Shaped by the Spirit*** *(Ephesians 2:18-22; 4:3-4, 22-32)*	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	***209: Blest Be the Tie that Binds***	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** *– Luther / Young*	Pat Shroff

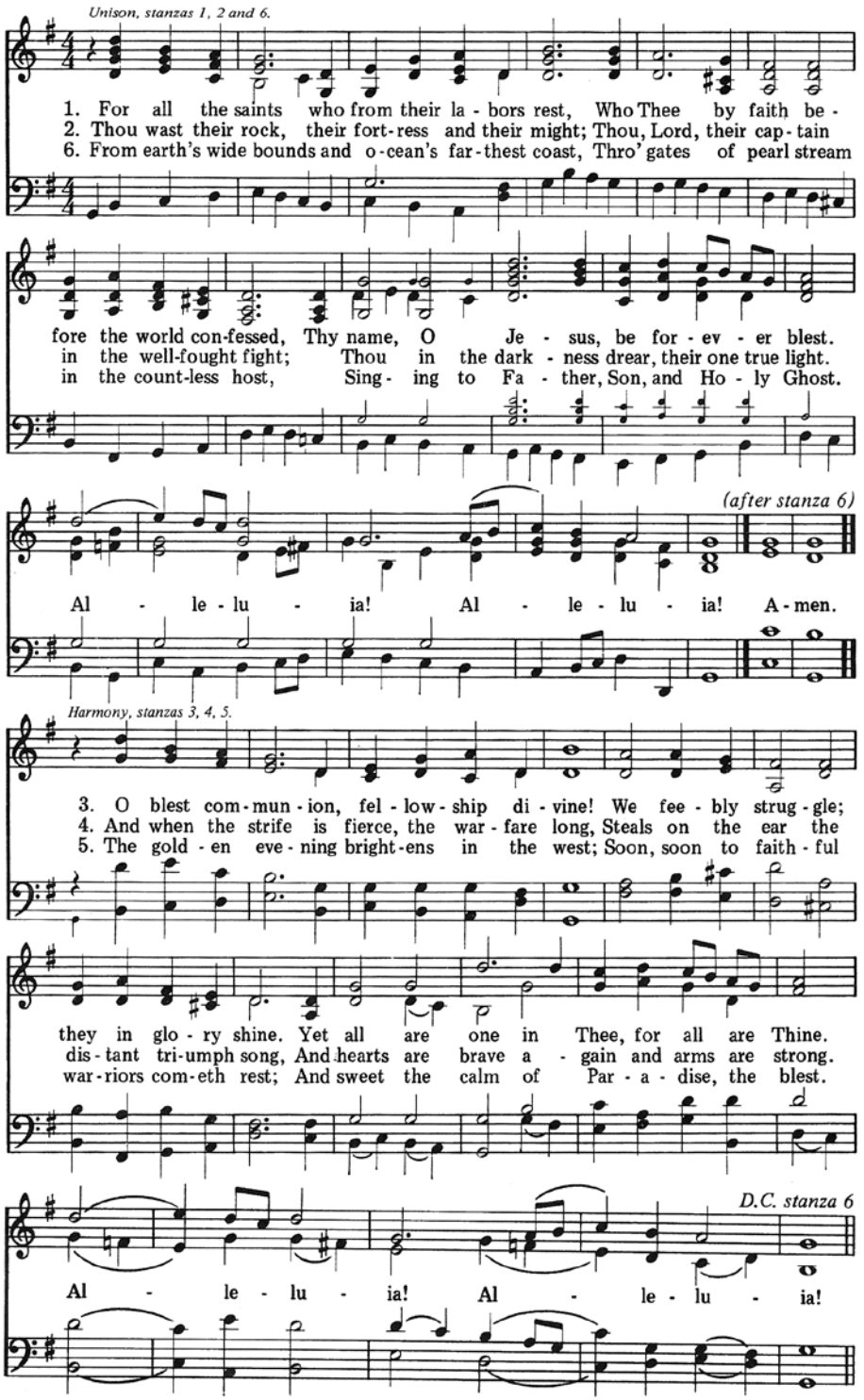
Hospital Visitor This Week: Rhea Nowacki, 610-743-0314

Lector	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller	**Children's Church Leader**	Deb Smith, Jen Danielson
Responder	Kaye Focht	**Nursery**	Jim & Lori Danielson
Organist	Pat Shroff	**Narthex Greeters**	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	**Sound Technician**	Bob Long
Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist	Sonya Valentino, Marcy Garman	**Video Technician**	Dawn Sharp
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	**Lead Pastor**	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	**Visitation Minister**	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	**Counters (Novmber)**	Kaye Focht, Vivian Hardy
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	**Director of Buildings & Grounds**	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	**My PALS Preschool Ministry Director**	Sharon Wenger

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519 For All the Saints



Call to Worship: **Hebrews 12:1-2**

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The First Reading: **Revelation 7:9-17**

9 After this I looked, and there before
me was a great multitude that no one
could count, from every nation, tribe,
people and language, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb. They were
wearing white robes and were holding
palm branches in their hands. 10 And they
cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."
11 All the angels were standing around the
throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures. They fell down on their
faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 saying:
"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"
13 Then one of the elders asked me,
"These in white robes—who are they, and
where did they come from?"
14 I answered, "Sir, you know."
And he said, "These are they who
have come out of the great tribulation;
they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,
"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
16 'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,'
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes.'"

The Response: Psalm 34:1-11, 22 (Responsive))

1 I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
2 I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
3 Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
6 This poor man called, and the
LORD heard him; he saved him
out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is
good; blessed is the one who
takes refuge in him.
9 Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The lions may grow weak and
hungry, but those who seek the
LORD lack no good thing.
11 Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
22 The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in
him will be condemned.

The Epistle Reading: **1 John 3:1-3**

1 See what great love the Father has
lavished on us, that we should be called
children of God! And that is what we are!
The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends,
now we are children of God, and what
we will be has not yet been made known.
But we know that when Christ appears,
we shall be like him, for we shall see him
as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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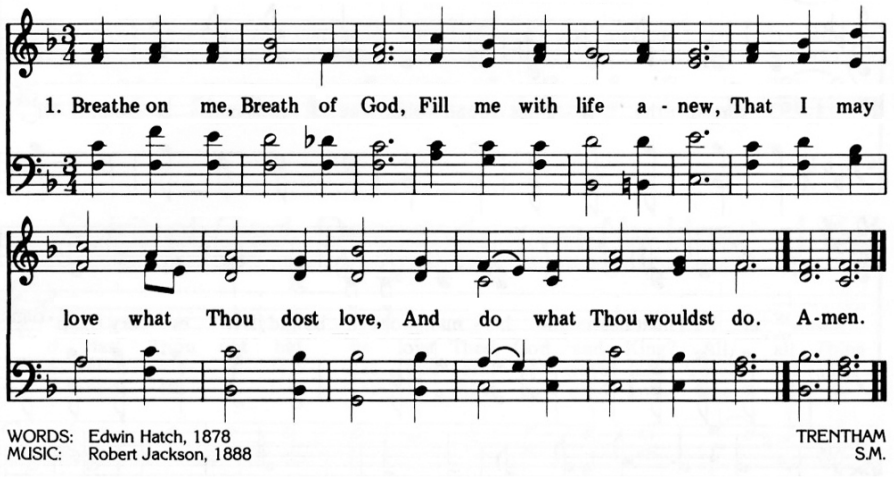
The Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5:1-12**

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he
went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, 2 and he began
to teach them. He said:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of me.
12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.

Worship in Giving: **Revelation 14:13**

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven
say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who
die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest
from their labor, for their deeds will
follow them."

179 Breathe on Me, Breath of God



Draw Me Close to You

Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend
You are my desire
No one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place
To feel the warmth of your embrace
Help me find the way
Bring me back to you

[CHORUS]

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know you are near

Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend
You are my desire
No one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place
To feel the warmth of your embrace
Help me find the way
Bring me back to you

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone
and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day
when all will bow before Him
There will be a day
when death will be no more
Standing face to face
with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang
through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Oh, there will be a day
when all will bow before Him
There will be a day
when death will be no more
Standing face to face
with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day,
we join the resurrection
And stand beside
the heroes of the faith
With one voice,
a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain"

And on that day,
we join the resurrection
And stand beside
the heroes of the faith
With one voice,
a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain"
"Forever He shall reign"

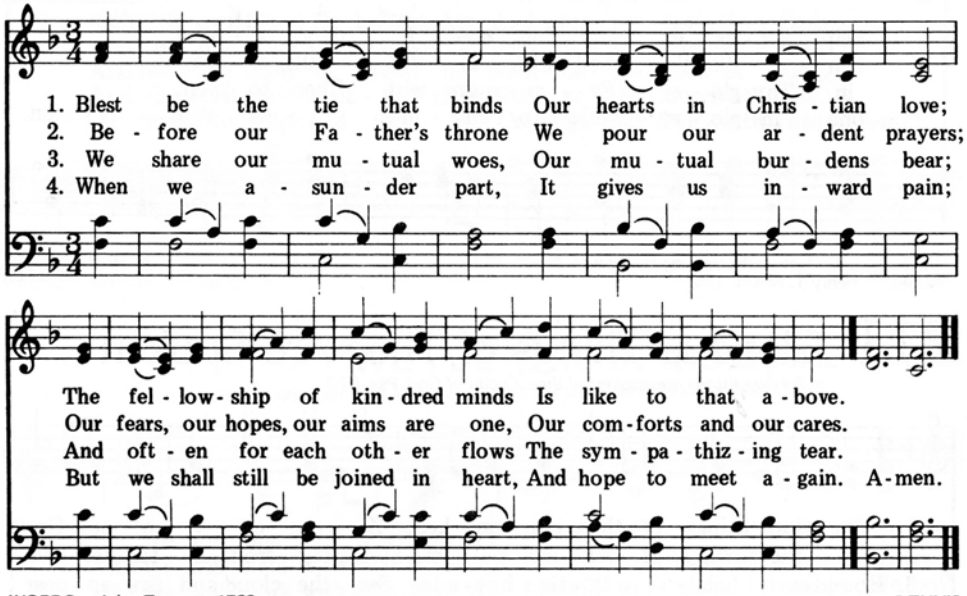
So let it be today
we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints,
we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord

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209 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782
MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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TODAY @ 9:00 a.m. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES COMBINED • Zinn Commons

TODAY @ 12:00 p.m. ANNA'S CIRCLE MTG • Zinn Commons

Monday, November 2 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE MTG • Zinn Commons

Wednesday, November 4 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • Zinn Commons & Zoom

Saturday, November 7 9-11:00 a.m. FAITH & SCIENCE BREAKFAST • Country Fare Cottage

Sunday, November 8 @ 12:00 p.m. NURSERY WORKERS MTG • Zinn Commons

Monday, November 9 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MTG • Zinn Commons

Thursday, November 12 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge
MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller

Monday, November 16 @ 6:30 p.m. FAMILY CARE MTG • Zinn Commons, Luncheon side

Monday, November 16 @ 6:30 p.m. MY PALS SCHOOL BOARD MTG
Zinn Commons, Classroom side

LOOKING AHEAD

* *SIGN UP in narthex and/or on line*

Wednesday, November 18 @ 7:00 p.m. THANKSGIVING PRAYER & PRAISE
• Church Sanctuary

Sunday, November 22 • Boxes due today OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **GOAL:75 BOXES**

Sunday, November 22 @ 12:00 p.m. CHURCH LUNCHEON • Zinn Commons*

Friday, November 27 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
Operating the hot chocolate stand • Corner of Main and Locust Streets
See Lisa Dreibelbis for more info • Please sign-up to participate!*

Saturday, November 28 MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE
Forming at 2:30 p.m. • Walking at 4:00 p.m. • Please sign-up to participate!*

Monday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY MTG

December 22 @ 12:00 p.m. CHURCH DINNER • Zinn Commons.*

CORN MAZE OPPORTUNITIES

Children & Youth Ministry Director Tracy Farmer would like to remind families of the corn maze opportunities over the coming weeks at **SEYFERT'S CORN MAZE** in Lebanon. If you're looking for a wholesome seasonal activity for the children, check them out at:

SEYFERT'S CORN MAZE 1800 East King Street, Lebanon, PA 17042
Ages 6 & Up, $12 • Ages 5 & Under FREE • HOURS: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1 • Friday, Nov. 6 • Saturday, Nov. 7 • Sunday, Nov. 8

SHARING CUPBOARD NEEDS

• Spaghetti Sauce • Canned Fruit • Soup • Cereal
• Snack Foods • Peanut Butter • Corn • Chips & Pretzels
• Cookies & Crackers • Spaghetti • Liquid & Bar Soap
• Toothpaste • Women's Care Items

PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

HELP NEEDED: INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS to pray on Sunday during the worship service. For more information talk to **Francy Lindenmuth • 717.866.3367.**

HELP NEEDED IN NURSERY DURING WORSHIP We are in need of a volunteer to assist in nursery two Sundays each month. Please talk to **Pat Shroff** if you could help with one of these Sundays. **Help is needed on the 4th and 5th Sunday each month.**