Welcome
Call to Worship
One: Throughout life, we are blessed by God.
All: When trouble overwhelms us and sorrow overtakes us, we are blessed by God.
One: When death comes to us, God overcomes death and raises us to new life.
All: God promises joy everlasting and glad hope to fill our hearts.
One: Even now, we are blessed with glimpses of God's kingdom.
All: We are God's beloved children. We are blessed by God.

Hymn Come, Let Us Join… #383

Prayer of Confession
Loving God, you have shown us what is good and which path to follow, yet we often choose our own way. Forgive us when we lay burdens on others but refuse to offer hope. Forgive us when we seek our glory rather than give glory to you. Forgive us when we are slow to show mercy despite the grace we have received. Put our feet firmly on your path that we may be blessed. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness
Sung Response
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Responsive Psalm 1:1-3
One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
& on God's law they meditate day and night.
One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
All: In all that they do, they prosper.

Matthew 23:1-12
Sermon

Hymn For All the Saints #299

Celebration of Communion
Prayer after Communion
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of love. Amen.

Celebration of Saints

Joys and Concerns
Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Song
All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, the Chosen One,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
Loving God, your still small voice is calling us to humbly choose the path to your kingdom. May our gifts bring hope to the world and demonstrate your love for all. Bless our offerings that they may be a blessing to others and give glory to your name. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn Forward Through the Ages #377
Blessing

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Keep in Prayer

Rollie Homan, Jane Sanders & Bill Sanders (sister & brother of Jean King),
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Linda

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Penny Sparks

Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, Monday at Noon

Ally Support Group Meeting, Tuesday, 6:30pm

November 8, Stewardship Celebration Sunday
Congregational Meeting after worship
followed by a soup luncheon

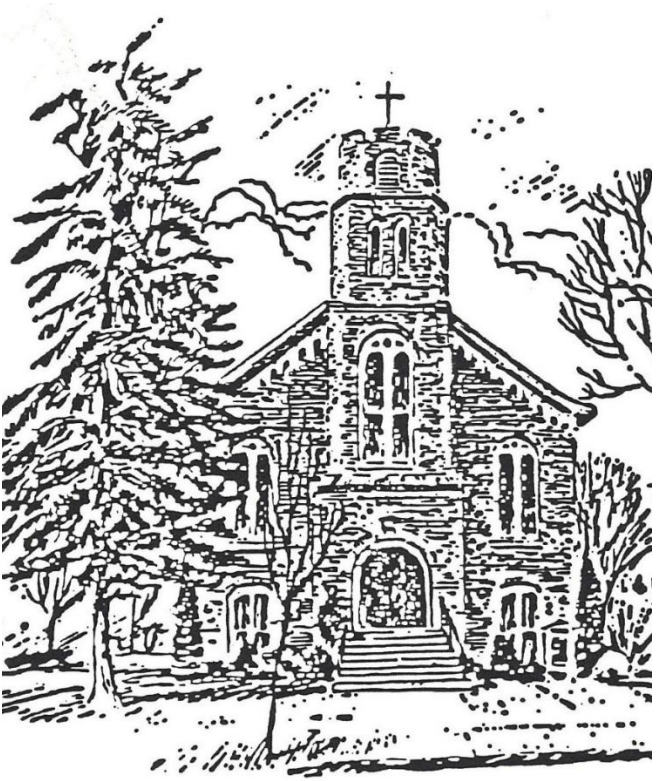
Council Meeting, Monday, November 9, 7pm

Mission Focus, Items for Veteran's Home

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