

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day

During the greeting, the Pastor will ask if any visitors would like to be introduced; this is optional. Children are welcome, but not required, to come forward during the "Time for Children," and may either return to their seats or join us for Kids Church. Nursery is available for children three and under. Ask an usher.

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*This service is being livestreamed and will be available on YouTube at [portlandsscucc2521](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCportlandsscucc2521).*

Prelude

Arioso

David Maxwell

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place (Verse 2)

Sing! #33

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

A Moment of Centering Silence

\*Opening Hymn #295

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

\*Call to Worship

Larry Reilly

One: We gather with gratitude for the saints who have shaped our lives.

Many: **Their love still strengthens us; their witness lights our way.**

One: Jesus calls blessed those who mourn, those who show mercy, and those who make peace.

Many: **We bring our grief, our longing for justice, and our hope for the world.**

One: With the great multitude, from every nation, people, and language, we turn toward God.

Many: **In this company of faith, may we find courage to love and strength to serve.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**One:** Come, let us worship the God who gathers us and gives us hope.

**Many:** In this company of faith, may we find courage to love and strength to serve.  
Come, let us worship the God who gathers us and wipes away our tears.

**\*Invocation (in unison)**

Loving God, we bring you the people we miss, the memories we treasure, and the concerns that weigh upon us. We give thanks for those whose faithfulness has helped us trust your love. In the coming week, meet us in our anxiety and steady us for the responsibilities before us. Give us courage to protect our neighbors, humility to listen, and persistence in seeking justice and peace. Through scripture, silence, bread, and cup, nourish us for the days ahead. Help us be a community in which grief finds tenderness, fear finds companionship, and hope takes root in acts of love. Amen.

**A Time for Children**

**Scripture**

Christian Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

pew Bible, p. 271

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

pew Bible, p. 4

**This Morning's Sermon**

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Call to Confession (unison)**

Merciful God, as we come to your table, we confess that we have not always lived the love we have received. We remember the saints who taught us generosity and courage, yet we hesitate to share and turn away when compassion asks something of us. Anxiety narrows our concern; anger hardens our judgments. We overlook our neighbors' pain and leave the work of peace to others. Forgive us. Make room in our hearts for grief, for one another, and for the stranger. Nourish us with your grace, that we may rise from this table ready to practice mercy, seek justice, and love with courage. Amen.

**God's Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

Hymn #330

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, Mother, Parent, 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**

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Elements

*You are invited to come up the center aisle as directed by the ushers, starting from the back. Return by the side aisle. We take the bread individually to symbolize our unique relationship with God. We take the cup together to symbolize our unity as the body of Christ. Bread is gluten-free and "wine" is grape juice. If you need the elements brought to you, simply raise your hand when the deacons look to the congregation.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all who share your love. We remember with gratitude those who once sat beside us, whose lives continue to shape our own. Joined with your people across generations and around the world, we receive strength for the days ahead. When we are anxious, help us sustain one another. When our neighbors are threatened, give us courage to stand beside them. Send us from this table to feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and make peace wherever we can. May the love we have received become love we freely give. Amen.**

Offering

*We are aware that some give online or by other means, and some are unable to give. When the usher comes to your pew, you should feel comfortable looking at the usher, smiling, and nodding so the usher knows to move to the next person.*

Invitation

Offertory

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn #299

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Little" Prelude in D minor

attr. J.S. Bach

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At the end of the service everyone is welcome to a time of fellowship and refreshment in Chapel Hall (through the door at the front left of the sanctuary) following the start of the Postlude. Those who wish to listen to the Postlude are welcome to remain in their pews.

Meaningful worship requires many people working together. Our thanks to:

Deacons: Steve Ouellette, Denny Barrantes, Nor Dale **Livestream:** Tori Bachman

Ushers: Peg Cushman, Devin Dukes **Liturgist:** Larry Reilly

Fellowship Hosts: Nita Dehais, Dominique Gabel **Greeter:** Ginger Raspiller

Many thanks to Davis Balestracci for serving as guest organist and to Eugene Long for serving as guest choir director.

Restrooms are located on both sides of the church entrance—ask an usher for assistance.



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Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director
John Ross, Building and Office Manager
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider



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Time to bring in your stuff!

Donations accepted during church office hours:

Monday - Friday: 9 am to noon & 1 pm to 4 pm. See John in the office.

JEWELRY, GOLD & SILVER: deposit in the red, secure mailbox in the hallway by the office.

BOOKS, GAMES, PUZZLES: Put in the balcony.

- ☒ Current fiction, nonfiction & classics.
- ☒ Books in condition
- ☐ NO writing, highlighting, mold or water damage.
- ☐ NO textbooks, religious books, reference books.

GAMES & PUZZLES should have all pieces & parts. Put in the balcony.

TAG SALE ITEMS: Put in Fireside Room.

Volunteers spend hundreds of hours setting up & don't have time to clean donated items so **PLEASE**, all donated items must be "CLEAN & READY TO SELL".

ATTIC TREASURES & VINTAGE PIECES: Antiques of all kinds, vintage clothing, unique pieces & collectibles.

SIGN-UP SHEETS in Chapel Hall:

- ◆ "Setup Saturday" 11/7 from 9 am to noon (Ginger Raspiller leader)
- ◆ Tag Sale work schedule for the week leading up to the fair 11/9 - 11/13 (Margy Soule leader)
- ◆ Fair day 11/14 (Joyce Long is master scheduler).