McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
November 1, 2026 10:30am

STEWARDSHIP SEASON OF THANKFULNESS

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION SUNDAY, DAY OF THE DEAD

Hietaniemi Cemetery on All Saints Day, Finland, 2012

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING TONES — *Sound that gathers us, quieting our hearts and turning our attention from the week behind us to the God who meets us here.*

WELCOME *(Please sign and share the Friendship Pads)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS, DAY OF THE DEAD – *Ofrenda, Candle lighting*

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CALL TO WORSHIP and LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Remember we are stardust, **and to stardust we return.**
Remember we are connected **and to connection we return.**
Remember we are part of the great mystery **and to the great mystery we return.**
Remember we are from the dust of eternity **and to eternity we return.**

From the McKinley Ash Wednesday Service

Earth brings us into life and nourishes us.
Earth takes us back again.
Birth and death are present in every moment. *Thich Nhat Hanh*

When I rise up, **let me rise up joyful, like a bird.**
When I fall, **let me fall without regret, like a leaf.** *Wendell Berry*

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." *Revelation 14:13*

OFRENDA AND CANDLELIGHTING

All are invited to come forward to place a photo, name card or object on the Ofrenda, then to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

VOLUNTARY *Fuga Contraria by Samuel Scheidt (1587 - 1654)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We bring our flawed lives to God, not to be made perfect, but to be made whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the one who weaves joy out of our despair *(brief moment of silent prayer).* Now, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Vulnerable God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We see ourselves as part of that greater whole, one generation among many who are trying to embody your ways of justice, freedom and peace. But we are tired and complacent. We confess we are too often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, and we are silent. You call us to do what is just, and we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, and 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 embody the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The first and last word with God is grace—grace to heal and make new, grace to propel us forward. This is the good news of the gospel—we are loved, forgiven and set free to transform the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, be with you!

May the peace of God be with us all!

(*You are invited to move about, or stay in place, and greet your neighbors with a handshake or sign of peace.)*

CHOIR ANTHEM *There is a Balm in Gilead*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

We open ourselves in heart, mind, and spirit to hear God's voice speaking to us in scripture and through our reflections.

Listen to the Word that God has Spoken
Listen to the One Who is Close at Hand
Listen to the Voice that Began Creation
Listen Even if You Don't Understand

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Ephesians 1:11-23 (NRSVUE)

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,[a] having been destined
according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his
counsel and will, **12** so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you had heard
the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were
marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; **14** this[b] is the pledge of our
inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

REFLECTION *How Great an Inheritance*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN #499 *"Pues si vivimos" ("In all our living, we belong to God")* SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

First verse: Spanish

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MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Margo Chaney

Thankfulness for our Legacy of Social Justice and Inclusion

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Please pass the offering plate down the pew. When it gets to the end, turn around and give it to the person immediately behind you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

With great thanksgiving and praise for the work of God throughout the world, let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY *Andante espressivo Opus 55 #33 by Flor Peeters (1903 - 1986)*

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Gracious God, we present these offerings with thankful hearts, mindful of the great cloud of witnesses who have shown us the way of faith. Just as you worked through them, work through us to bring hope, faith, and love to the world. Bless these gifts to lift burdens and transform lives, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The recipe for McKinley communion bread is adapted by Julie Birdwell from "Gluten-Free Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day", written by Hertzberg and Francois, and uses a gluten-free sourdough starter. For those who are curious, it contains Sorghum Flour, White Rice Flour, Brown Rice Flour, Oat Flour, Teff Flour, Tapioca Flour, Potato Starch, Water, Xantham Gum, Turbinado Sugar, Kosher Salt. The ceremonial loaf is a yeast-free, vegan loaf using gluten-free flour and oat milk. We are willing to further adapt the recipe if any of these ingredients are problematic for any allergy sufferer, just let Julie know. In addition to GF bread, McKinley uses only non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table as all saints come, as God's people always do,
with love, hope and questions…
Come to the table with your mourning –old or new or delayed –
and your celebration of memories, and your imagination of possibilities for times yet to come,
because here you are welcome,
in a weeping, laughing communion of saints,
in a weeping, laughing communion … of us.

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THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**
Let us open our hearts, **We open our hearts to God and one another.**
Let us give thanks. **We thank God with joy.**
As we gather around the feast where those who have gone before us have been fed,
we pray you will pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of the bread and the cup,
upon those whose hunger for justice seems to go unfilled for far too long, and upon those whose thirst for righteousness is not quenched.
We eat this bread, hoping to taste God's gentleness,
which fills us with compassion as we go into the world to care for all who are frightened in these times of unrest.
As we share the cup of grace, may we see God's hope,
heading out into the world as God's people,
to offer shelter to the forgotten,
to feed those whose hunger is still there,
to speak out for those who endure the great ordeal of oppression.
Bless us and bless these gifts.
May the Spirit rest upon this time and this table,
surrounded tenderly by our memories of saints in sacred times and tables long ago.
so that this loaf may be love that is broken open,
and this cup a deep well of blessing,
for we pray in the words of our ancestors that we claim as our own …

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz in Prayers of the Cosmos)

O Birther! Father- Mother of the Cosmos.
Focus your light within us - make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now-through our fiery hearts and willing hands.
Help us love beyond our ideals and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.
Animate the earth within us:
we then feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.
Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.
Don't let surface things delude us, But free us from what holds us back
From our true purpose. Out of you, the astonishing fire,
Returning light and sound to the cosmos. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS (Please come forward to one of the service teams at the front to receive the elements by Intinction. The elements will also be offered to anyone who wishes to remain seated.)

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. God, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your kingdom, in the one communion of saints. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *This Little Light of Mine* SPIRITUAL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lobe den Herren by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 - 1748)*

Assisting in Today's Service

Liturgist: Andrea Miller
Interim Pastor: Rev. Laura Sherwood
Guest Choir Director and Pianist: Brandon Young-Eleazar
Organist: Andrew Woodruff
Director of Faith Formation: Sara McHenry
Worship Techs: Lara Hebert and Kathie Spegal
Director of Music: Dr. Alonza Lawrence

How to Contact Church Staff

Interim Pastor: pastorlaura@mckinleycu.org

All church staff may also be contacted through the McKinley website at www.mckinleycu.org

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How to Give

Online contributions and pledges are accepted at tithe.ly/give?c=2133263 or by mailing your donations to: McKinley Presbyterian Church, 410 E. Daniel St., Champaign, IL 61820

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Season of Thankfulness

With our move to calendar-year giving, McKinley's stewardship season comes in the fall for the first time, centered on the theme of Thankfulness. In worship this Sunday, Margo Chaney will share the Minute for Stewardship on McKinley's legacy of social justice and inclusion.

Watch your mailbox for a letter from the Session, and plan to join us for **Giving Sunday** on **November 22** followed by our annual Thanksgiving lunch.

McKinley Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be held after worship on **Sunday**, **November 22**. Mark your calendar and watch for further details.

Food Pantry Needs Bags

McKinley Church runs a food pantry twice a month at Garden Hills School and distributes produce, meat, and diapers using plastic grocery store bags. After the food distribution this past Tuesday, we are all out. We are asking people to collect bags and donate them making sure they are clean and have no holes. You may place them in bins at the church on Sundays, drop them off at the main desk in the Foundation, or bring them to the pantry when you come to volunteer. This is a main service project of the church and we are grateful for all the support we get from volunteers and donors.

Church Women United (CWU) World Community Day

The theme this year for CWU World Community Day is "Shelter Me: See, Hear, Respect, Protect." Consider joining this very diverse group of church women (and some men) on **Friday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m.** They will gather at the Bethel AME Church located at 401 E. Park St. in Champaign for a short

fellowship time followed by a program focusing on respect with an emphasis on peace. Karen Pickard from the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen will be participating, and this celebration will include ways we can best help those in our community without stable housing while respecting one another and working toward peace within ourselves. Collections will be taken for Daily Bread and CWU.

For more information, contact Jane Cain at jgcain48@gmail.com or 217-649-1082.

CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 1st	9:00 am	Intergenerational Bible Study
	10:30am	Preschool/Elementary Sunday School
	10:30am	Sunday Worship-All Saints Communion, Day of the Dead
	11:45am	Youth Group
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd	11:00am	Building and Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 4th	7:00pm	McKinley Church Choir
Friday, Nov. 6th	5:30pm	Ramp Student Association Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 8th	10:30am	Preschool/Elementary Sunday School
	10:30am	Sunday Worship
	2:00pm	Session Meeting

McKinley Presbyterian Church is a Community of faith
Offering genuine welcome,
Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.

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