

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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All Saints' Day

**Indicates to rise as you are able in body and spirit.*

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather, with the company of the faithful;

People: Those who know the way to the kingdom and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.

Leader: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints;

People: Those whose life and compassion have been memorialized, and those who have no day named after them.

Leader: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith;

People: Those who showed us the pathways to heaven, and those who taught us to live joy-filled lives.

Leader: We gather, worshiping the Holy One who prepares a place for us all;

People: May we follow Christ toward the heavenly kingdom all the days of our life. Amen.

*HYMN

For All the Saints

#751

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: On this journey we call life, Holy God, we sometimes fail to live as your people. Too often, we do not shine in your glory, but are bogged down by life's troubles. We are too busy in our pursuits for more on this earth. We don't stop to rest in you, your communion, and your household of faith. Have mercy and

forgive us, Creator of life. While we are born of dust; we live by your grace. Help us share glimpses of your kingdom as it unfolds in our midst, tell stories of your wonder which wraps around us like a warm embrace, and sing of the One who has come to transform us in this life and beyond; Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Take a moment to look at the saints of God that surround you. Take a moment to think of the saints of God that have gone before you. They are all God's people - we are all the forgiven people of God!

People: We will go out and share our experience of God and God's holy community; for we are God's children, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message. Afterwards, kids of all ages can follow our Children's Church leaders to our Sunday School program in the Education Building for stories, games, crafts, and more. We also welcome families to remain in worship if that is what works best for you!

*HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

#562

RESPONSIVE READING (BASED ON PSALM 149)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Leader: Praise God among the communion of saints.

People: Let all people rejoice in their creator.

Leader: Let them praise God with dance.

People: Let them celebrate with musical instruments.

Leader: For our God delights in all people.

People: And provides those who despair with what they need.

Leader; Let all the saints jump for joy!

People: Let them cry out with gladness where they rest!

Leader: Let high praises of God be released from their mouths.

People: Saying words that overcome injustice and honor our faithful Lord!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 & John 12:35-46

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Hand of God Shall Hold You

Marty Haugen

SERMON

“Light in the Dark”

Pastor Kim

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF GOD & LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, all those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

People: Family of our faith, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, parents and friends, whose lives ended too soon:

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with you in heart forever. This year we remember:

Joyce Isamoyer	February 26, 1939-December 13, 2025
Andrew S. Toth, Jr.	July 20, 1955- January 14, 2026
Helena K. Lindquist	October 24, 1943- January 22, 2026
*Kerry A. Minnich	April 7, 1946- April 18, 2026
Barbara A. Weaknecht	August 8, 1937- May 2, 2026

* Indicates Non-member

A candle will be lit and a bell rung as we remember each member and friend of Longswamp UCC we lost in this past year. When your loved one’s name is called and Pastor Kim lights the candle, please come forward to receive a white flower in their memory. Then, Pastor Kim will light any extra candles family and friends added to the altar to remember other loved ones, as we honor all the saints who have gone before us.

Leader: We honor the lives of those we have named out loud, the ones we keep deep in our hearts, and those whose names we don’t even know.

People: We remember you, and we celebrate you. We know you are with us in spirit this day; you will not be forgotten.

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration you, God, are with us. Holy Creator, we ask for your wisdom to discern your ways and path as we move forward in this lifetime. We ask for

your wisdom on how to work with our neighbors day-in-and-day-out to end the injustices in our world. We ask for your wisdom on how to walk as Christ’s faithful followers, serving the needs of others. We ask for your wisdom to enlighten and transform us; to guide us when we mourn and experience grief and loss. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together saying...

All: 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING & MISSION MOMENT

*DOXOLOGY

#809

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above, you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: The saints who have gone before us have granted us an inheritance of grace, hope, peace, and light. May we share this inheritance with others through our offerings. Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts to you. Take what we offer in this moment and bless all who are seeking your gifts and your presence in their lives. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

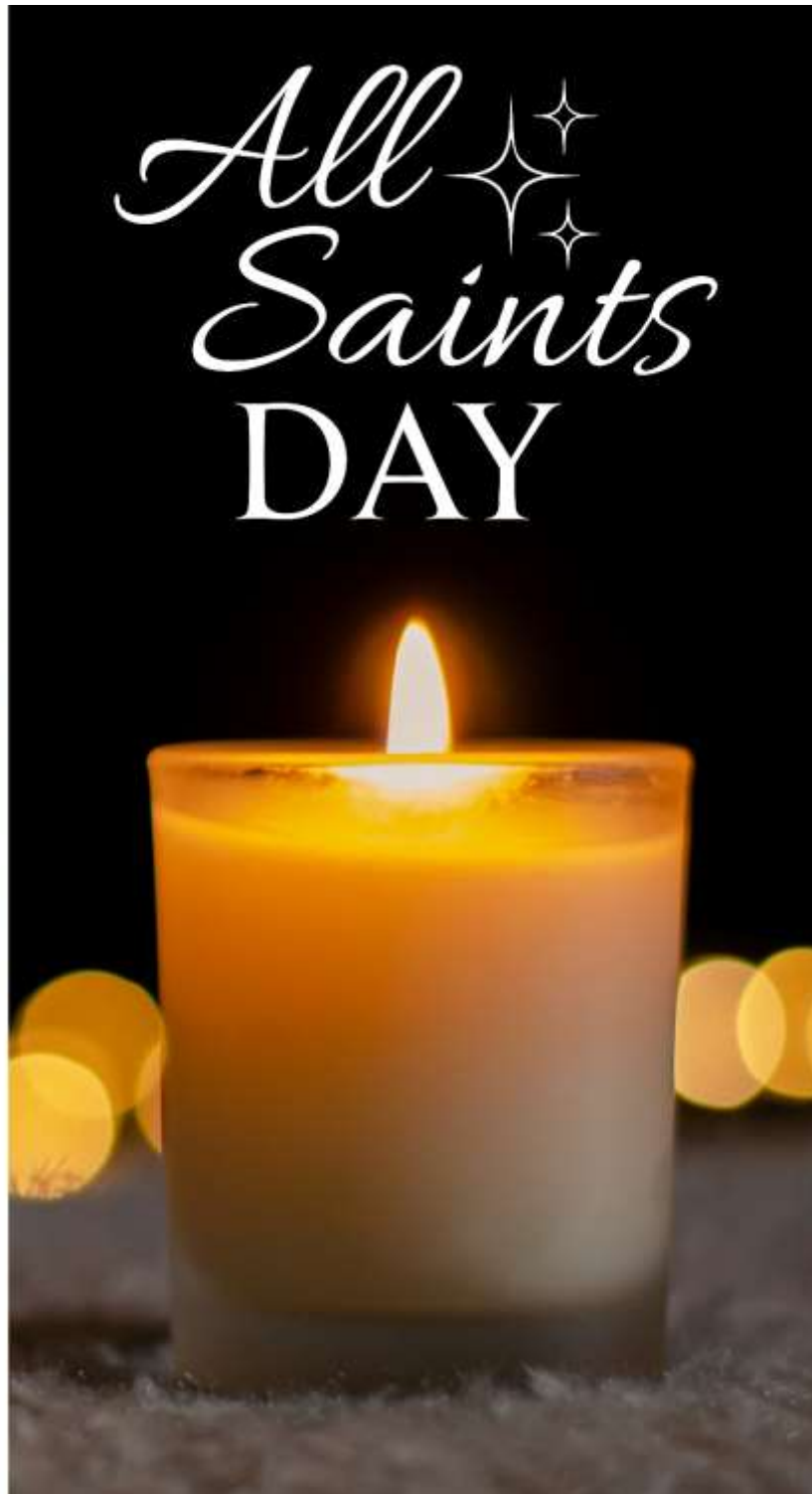
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BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Rejoice in God’s Saints

Green/Croft



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- November 1st-7th, 2026

Altar flowers and bulletins are given to the Glory of God and are in honor of Jill Shade's birthday, given by Vern Shade

Thank you for joining us during All Saints' Sunday, where we honor those who have passed away this past year. Loved ones are welcome to come up and honor their loved one's memory and receive a flower in memory of their loss. Thank you to the Choir for singing a special song in memory of all the Saints today.

Next week, join us for our Veterans' day service, where we honor and give thanks for all the Veterans and active military members who served our country throughout its 250 year history. We will be joined by the Boy Scouts of Longswamp and the Topton Legion Honor Guard.

Sharing Our Faith

Some upcoming important worship dates (all at 10:15am):

-November 15th- Holy Communion & Family Sunday, Chance Strunk Baptism

-November 22nd- Thanksgiving Sunday and Congregational Meeting after the service

-November 29th- 1st Sunday of Advent

Food Sale orders are due TODAY. If you haven't ordered and would like to, please see Maggie after the service or enter your order in online ASAP. Pickup will be on Saturday, November 14th from 11am-1pm.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help at the food sale. We will start packing orders at 9am and then from 11am-1pm, we will need helpers to run food to and from cars and collect money. If you're able to help out, please let Laurie, Pastor Kim, or Maggie know, or just show up on Saturday at 9am!

Teaching What We Believe

Children's Church runs weekly during the church service. After the Children's Message, kids will follow the leaders to the education building for lessons, crafts, games, and more! Your child is also welcome to stay in church or take advantage of our Playground, if that's what you'd prefer.

Our next Faithful Field Trip will be this Wednesday, November 4th. We will be visiting the Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown, followed by lunch at the Broken Record. All women of Longswamp are welcome to join us. Please meet in the parking lot by 9:15am on November 4th and we will all drive together to the center.

Acting on Jesus’ Teachings

October 2026 - Local Mission for the benefit of Friend, Inc. Community Services - Once again, LUCC has proven that we’re **doing God’s work in today’s world!** We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who very generously donated non-perishable food, personal care items, paper products, household supplies, baby supplies, pet food, etc. and/or mission offerings for the benefit of Friend, Inc. Community Services. In addition to everything we collected, we received mission offerings totaling \$515 in addition to the \$291 we raised at our “Cookies for a Cause” event on Saturday, October 17, 2026, for a total of **\$806. Great job, LUCC!**

November 2026 Local Mission - Holidays at Bethany Children’s Home and Operation Santa at Phoebe (Home in) Allentown - Let’s share the **JOY** of **CHRISTMAS** by providing 25 Christmas presents for some of the youth (ages 6-21) residing at Bethany Children’s Home in Womelsdorf and 20 residents of Phoebe Allentown through their Operation Santa program.

- 1. Christmas presents for 20 residents of Phoebe Allentown** - We hope to have all the info ready for the presents for the Phoebe Allentown residents by next Sunday, November 8, 2026. Please remember to put all Christmas presents for the 20 residents of Phoebe Allentown in holiday gift bags and attach the angel tag to the handles.
- 2. 25 Christmas presents for youth residing at Bethany Children’s Home** - We expect to prepare the angel tags and instruction sheets for the 25 Christmas presents for youth who reside at Bethany Children’s Home by Sunday, November 15, 2026.

Please contact Jill Shade (484-894-0636; jill.shade@longswampucc.org;) if you have any questions and/or concerns about providing a Christmas present for one of the residents at Phoebe Allentown and/or a youth residing at Bethany Children’s Home.

Support

LLC is hosting a Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser! Forms are available in the narthex. Please return the order forms to the office by THIS Wednesday, November 3rd, and pickup will be Monday, November 23rd—perfect for a Thanksgiving treat!

Longswamp UCC Business

November newsletters are available in the narthex. Make sure to grab your copy to stay up to date with all the upcoming events that LUCC will be having!

We’re always looking for readers and greeters! If you’d like to be a reader, please talk to Maggie and if you’d like to greet, please sign up on the date of your choice in the narthex!