Countryside Community Church WORSHIP

All Saints, Stushie Art

November 1, 2026

Order of Worship November 1, 2026

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.
Text in **bold** indicates places where the congregation is invited to join in response.

Gathering

COMMUNITY TIME (9:55) Adam Witte

PRELUDE *Goodbye Pork Pie Hat* Charles Mingus

WELCOME & †CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.
One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.
Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.
One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be with you.
Many: And also with you.

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27

†HYMN OF RESPONSE Hymn #637 *For All The Saints* (vs. 1)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey

Children are invited to come forward for a time with Pastor Maggie at the chancel, then are dismissed to Discovery Kids with their teachers. **Caregivers, please pick up your child after the service in Priscilla (Choir Room)**. Nursery is available for children birth through pre-K.

SUNG RESPONSE ***Go Now in Peace* (x 2)**

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go

Hearing the Word

FIRST LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3 Reader: Molly Anderson

See what love God has given 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 God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Anna Laura Page

Countryside Choir - Adam Witte, director - Jody Sanders, flute - Alex Ritter, piano

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MESSAGE *More Than a Hot Mess* Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Responding to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas - Tim Kerrigan

Scan the QR code in your bulletin or at the Spotlight table in the narthex to support this month's community partners — The Box and Fingerprints — and to give to Countryside's annual mission spending plan. Countryside depends entirely on member giving. Thank you for every way you sustain this community.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of grace and hope, renew us now with gifts plentiful and hearts made abundant by your benevolent care. Increase our faith and strengthen our will to do what is good, right and holy. Amen.

†DOXOLOGY

Celebrating Their Lives: A Service of Holy Communion for All Saints Day (written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ)

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas, Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to God.
One: Let us give thanks to the God of love.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
One: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. (please be seated)

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

As we come together at the table of grace, we are reminded of all who have gone before us and all who will come after. We are bound by God's care, in the breaking of bread, in the sharing of stories, in the grief and celebrations life affords. And so today as we observe All Saints in the life of our community I invite you to into a time of prayerful remembering of our beloved friends and family who have died in the past year. We will speak the names aloud and ring a bell as a reminder of our sacred connection to those in this life and the next. First let us lift our voices together in song:

COMMUNION HYMN Hymn #392 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (vs. 1)

At this table, we receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy, to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.
Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here. No one is turned away for God is the host!

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE
Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith. Time and time again you've offered your grace. Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people. You have never left us. We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances. You are ever-patient, always faithful.
We give thanks for this time of celebration, for the One this meal remembers, for the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. With those who have gone before us, whose hands touched the bread, whose lips embraced the cup, we worship you. We glorify you.

HYMN Hymn #392 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (vs. 2)

REMEMBERING TOGETHER
We remember those who have died in the past year.
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

This is the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

HYMN Hymn #392 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (vs. 3)

COMMUNION PRAYER

Words of Remembrance
As you are able, please come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you prefer to take communion in your seat, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to you. At Countryside, we serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice to support a diversity of needs. Communion cups may be discarded in the bins on the front pews after receiving the elements.

Healing Prayer
Anyone is welcome to join Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey in the prayer corner in the rear of the sanctuary. You are invited to share a prayer request for yourself or others, and receive a prayer of blessing or anointing with oil as a reminder that God's presence is with you.

Communion Meditation *Estaté* Bruno Martino / Joel E. Siegel

Prayer of Thanksgiving
We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us your presence. 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 the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending

†SENDING HYMN Hymn #637 *For All The Saints* (vs. 5)

†COUNTRYSIDE BLESSING Molly Anderson

POSTLUDE *Minority* Gigi Gryce

Countryside Choir - Adam Witte, director
Matt Wallace, sax - Alex Ritter, organ and piano
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Sunday Flowers This Week
Flowers were given today by Cassidy Cera
in memory of Kenneth B. Cera.

Countryside Giving

Give a little, help a lot! Scan the QR code to support Countryside's mission, The Box and Fingerprints. Or text GIVE to 59409.
Your generosity keeps our community warm, welcoming and full of life!

We remember those in the Countryside community who have died this year.

Carol Burhenne
January 1, 1934 - March 6, 2026

Madeline Churchich
November 21, 1940 - April 9, 2026

Kristopher Cohen
June 10, 1990 - June 16, 2026

Nancy Deetz
August 17, 1940 - September 3, 2026

Donald Giger
July 8, 1938 - October 28, 2025

Kris Hess
February 12, 1964 - November 15, 2025

Jody Hobson
March 16, 1937 - March 16, 2026

Pat Holt
August 24, 1948 - March 10, 2026

Karen Isenberger
August 12, 1943 - May 7, 2026

Mark Kregg
October 30, 1953 – October 18, 2026

Cyndi Kugler
June 3, 1949 - September 13, 2026

Jan Moran
March 6, 1935 - September 22, 2026

Jax Pilypaitis
August 5, 2026

Dean Rasmussen
July 13, 1944 - December 30, 2025

Sandy Sueper
April 17, 1944 - January 6, 2026

Judy Varner
April 24, 1946 - April 8, 2026

Larry Weiss
May 7, 1952 - May 19, 2026

Joys & Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list. If you have someone who would benefit from prayer, want to share a joy or be included on the bulletin list, and /or be included in Countryside's Thursday morning prayer group, contact Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey at maggiekm@countrysideucc.org or (402) 884-8025.

Prayers of Gratitude for the following Joys:

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks not just for the big moments, but in the ordinary ones, too. We give thanks for the food we eat and for the air we breathe, and the quiet moments of joy that make up our days.

Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Rev. **Charlene Wozny** requests prayers for a hiatal hernia surgery on November 5.

We pray with **Louis Malabas (Dan Russo)** for Louis' father, Luis, in the Philippines who has suffered a stroke.

Karmen and Jacob King request prayer for a smooth transition into a new living situation.

We pray for **Gloria (Rich) Mannel** as Gloria recovers from an October 26 knee replacement.

Our prayers are with **Geoff and Pam Kregg** and their family, as they mourn the sudden passing of Geoff's brother, Mark, on Sunday, October 18.

Prayers for **Laurie Sample** as she receives chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.

We pray with **De Schmierer** for her niece Tami Jalapa, as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

2027 Stewardship Campaign - Imagine More

Our giving becomes something much bigger than a number on a pledge card. It becomes a child discovering faith and belonging. It becomes music that brings beauty into worship. It becomes a meal for a neighbor who needs one. It becomes a community where people can ask questions, grow, serve, celebrate, grieve, and know they belong. This is what it means to **Imagine More.**

To make a 2027 Pledge

- complete a pledge card
- visit countrysideucc.org/imaginemore
- scan the QR code
- text PLEDGE to 59409

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