All Saints Day
November 1, 2026 – 10am
Modern Worship, WOV Setting 5



Prelude Music

Led by the Spirit ***BLC Choir***

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: … we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
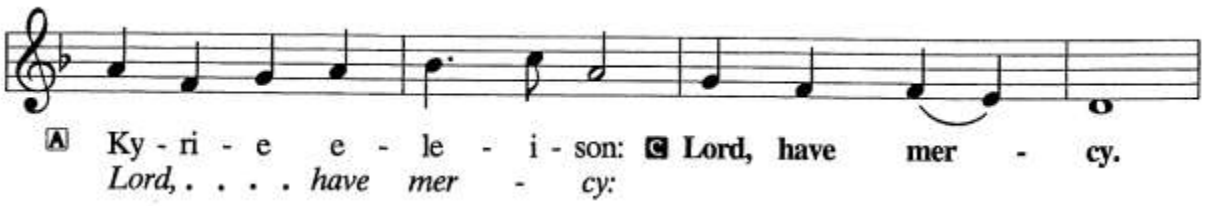
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song: ***Shall We Gather at the River*** ***ELW 423***

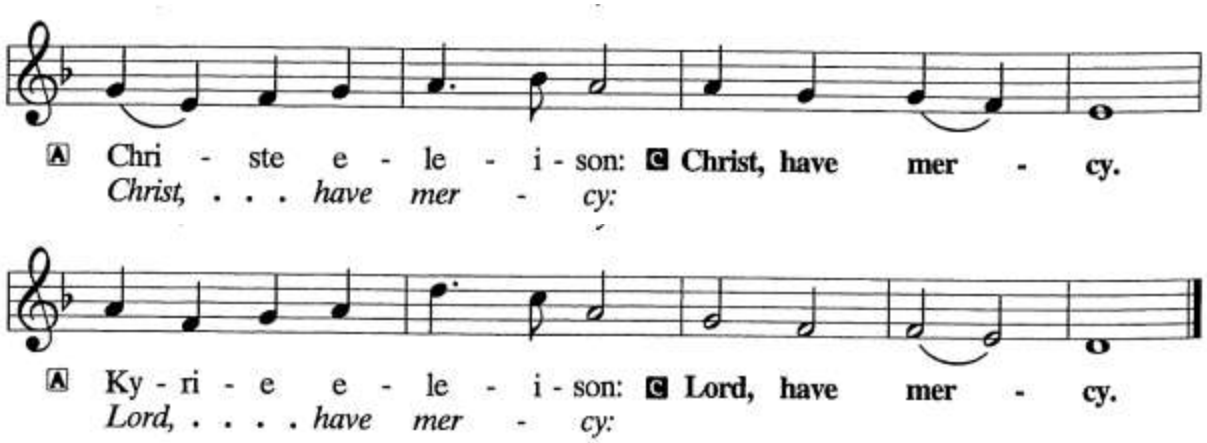
Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!
C: And also with you!

Kyrie



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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,
C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in
their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and
to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you
are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of
God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb
at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will
wipe away every tear from their eyes."
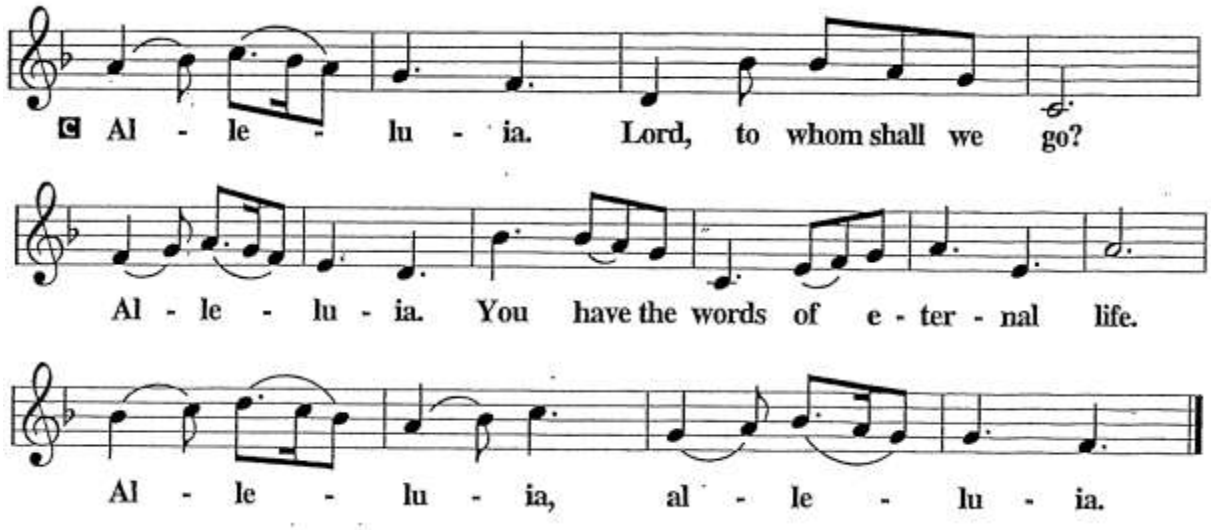
L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
4 I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*



Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P: A reading from… **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Pastor Paul Busekist*

Song of the Day: ***Blest Are They*** *(with candle lighting)* ***ELW 728***

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.
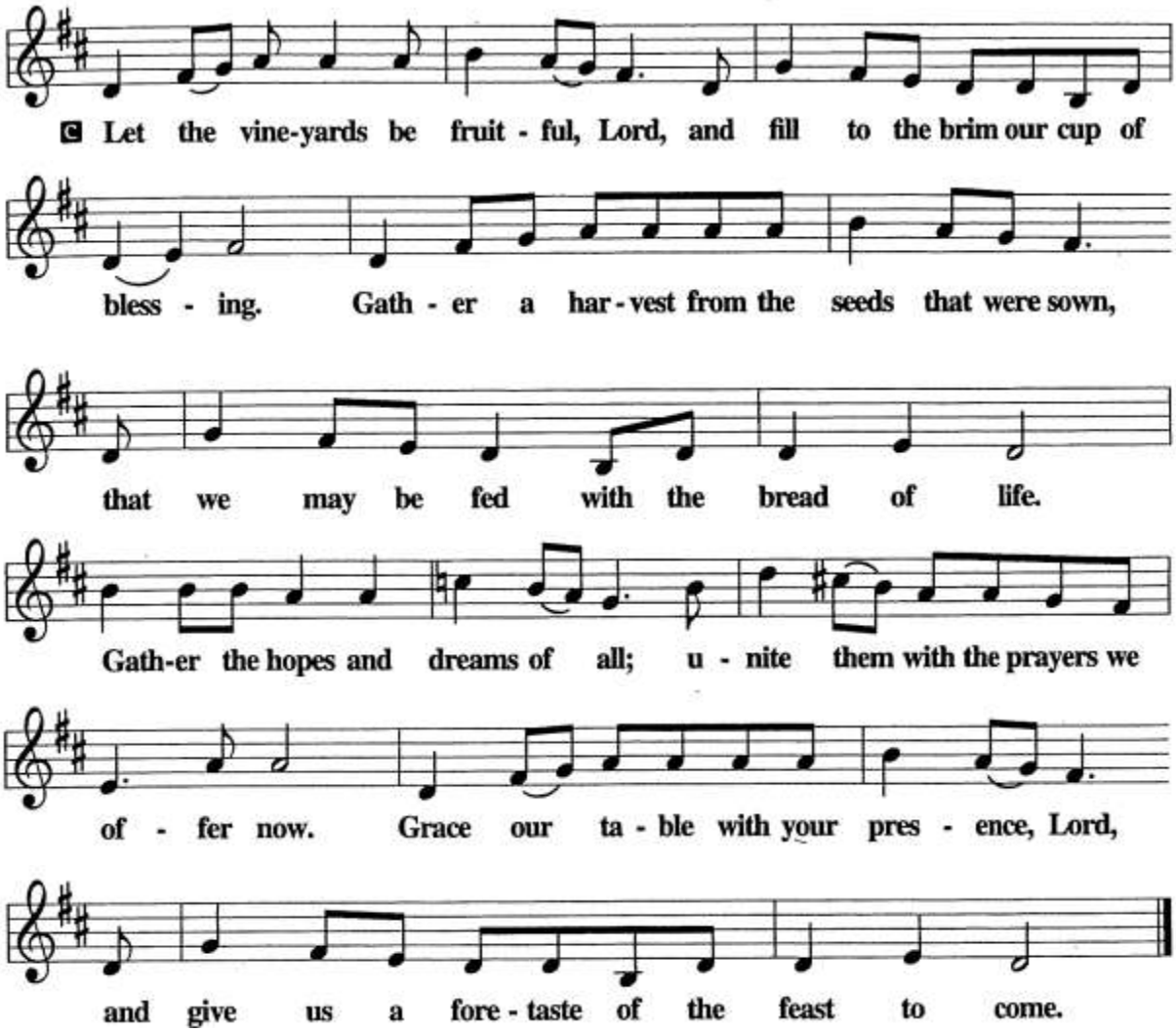
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

Offering

Offering Song: *Zeke Clemons*

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.
C: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

Communion Songs:	***Here Is Bread***	***ELW 483***
	Let Us Break Bread Together	***ELW 471***
	Taste and See	***ELW 493***

Final Blessing

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen.

Sending Song: *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Oh, when the saints go marching in oh when the saints go marching in,

Oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the light begins to shine oh when the light begins to shine,

oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the light begins to shine.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call oh when the trumpet sounds the call,

oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the trumpet sounds the call.

Oh, when the saints go marching in oh when the saints go marching in,

Oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Bethlehem LUTHERAN CHURCH
November 1, 2026

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/3—Rudy Bruce
11/4—Beth Nunnelley
11/5—Jane Zlojutro
11/6—Phil Anderson

Worship Servants for November 1
Preaching& Presiding – Pastor Paul Busekist
Assisting Minister—Cindy Monroe
Lector—Jan Stretlien
Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr. Paul
Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Cindy Monroe in Memory of Jim Rumbach*
Hospitality—Jim & Dorene Boyd
A/V—Jim Monroe / Barbara Oster
Welcome Table— VOLUNTEER
Bell Ringer—Dave Susalski
Front Door Monitor: Tim & Peggy Goebel
Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word
Flower Delivery: Cindy Monroe
Tech Support—Brian Acker
Counters—Laura Hahn / John Halstead

ART & CRAFT SHOW MEMBERSHIP DONATION Please consider donating a gently used item you may have at home and would be an added addition to our Craft Show Fundraiser. The show is Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 to 3:00. Items requested before Wednesday, November 4th.

Grief Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 3:30-4:30 in the Gathering Space. The next meeting will be tomorrow, November 2nd. Any questions contact Peggy Burns 232-392-6913.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: We have an opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity on the Kalkaska project. We're looking for two to three individuals for Monday, November 16th to join us. No building skills needed! Please contact Fred Reyelts for more information or to sign up

The Wednesday Zoom Book/Bible Study meets from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Youth Room. We study the Book of Hebrews using the book *Hebrews* by N.T.Wright. The group will not meet on November 25th, the day before Thanksgiving. See Pr. Paul or Barbara if you have any questions

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: Would you like to know what your Spiritual Gifts are or see if your gifts have changed since you took a class awhile ago? This is a common sense approach. Starting Wednesday, November 11th and continuing November 18th, December 2nd and December 9th, we will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Gathering Space. Materials will be provided. Any Questions please contact Peggy Burns 231-392-6913.

XYZ (EXtra Years of Zest) potluck & presentation will be on Friday, November 13th. Join us for a delicious potluck lunch at noon, followed by a wonderful presentation by our own Tom Rockne. Tom traveled to Ukraine in November 2025 to support the Ukrainian war effort, and will have stories to share with us about his time there. Remember, XYZ is predominantly geared toward seniors but is enjoyed to adults of any age - all are welcome!

New Members: The next gathering for potential new members to Bethlehem will be Sunday November 15 after the service. Grab your coffee and treat and bring them to the library so you can meet some others and learn a little more about Bethlehem. If you are interested in membership, please contact the office or membership co-chairs Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or John Halstead at marilynjohntc@hotmail.com

Handbell rehearsals will return in November: Practice for ringing handbells will resume on Monday, November 16th at 3:30pm and continue through December. If you have thought this is something you want to try please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net

Free band concert at TC Phil: Some of your fellow BLC members are playing in the "ACT 3 adult band" at TC Phil. There will be a free concert November 18th at 7:00pm. Please come and cheer on the band and see if you can spot who is playing flute, trumpet, and percussion.

November's Third Thursday service will be Taize 1 beginning at 7:00pm on November 19th. Come early at 5:45pm for a delicious "Harvest" meal focusing on fall foods.

Native Plant Seed Sowing Workshop Sunday, November 22, after the service. Starting a native plant garden can be simple and cost-effective when you know how to sow your own seeds! Join us for a hands-on workshop hosted by the Creation Care Committee and learn how to grow native plants from seed. We'll sow seeds in containers to set outside for the winter season. Once spring arrives, the seeds will germinate naturally with very little maintenance— perfect for transplanting to your new or existing gardens. Containers will be provided. Sign up in the hallway to RSVP and help us prepare. We'd love to see you there!

Our Monthly Food Pantry collection: Our next collection is Sunday, November 22nd. If everyone could bring one item, it would go a long way to help us fill the closet to stock the pantry for the month. Donations are accepted anytime during the month and can be placed on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for your support of the outdoor food pantry. Your generosity in the form of money and food donations has been helpful to keep the pantry stocked during these busy summer months. We continue to receive notes of gratitude from some of the recipients of the pantry. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for some of these notes.

Where 2 or more are gathered in my name. (Matt 18:20) In our world today there are a lot of things that we need prayer for. Every 4th Tues. starting at 11:00, we will be offering a time and place in church to pray. Please join us. The next date is November 24th. If any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231-392-6913 or cobaltblues2003@yahoo.com

Book Club: We have needed to adjust our schedule due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet at Betsy Morley's at 5:30pm on Monday November 30th to discuss *Theo of Golden*. If distance to her house is too far for you, many of us car pool from BLC at 5:00.

Choir performances: Some of you have asked… when does the choir sing? The choir will sing the 3rd prelude song on December 6th (so make sure you make it into the sanctuary on time) in addition to singing during the Christmas eve services.

Sunday School and Sunday's Adult Education hold their classes at 9:15am on Sunday.

The impact of Norm Fred continues… His tireless attention to a host of projects around Bethlehem continues via the Tuesday Work Group. Our can collection to benefit a man and woman in subsidized housing continues with Tom Rockne taking our cans to them and them to Meijer bi-weekly to return them for needed cash to buy food. Yes, turn around… and Norm is still at work. **Reminder- Place plastic bags filled with cans in the two garbage cans outside our garage**… The Tuesday Work Group and others will put them in the garage for safe-keeping. Thank you!

Church Safety Volunteers: We are asking for volunteers here at Bethlehem to help provide an extra measure of safety for our congregation during Sunday worship. Please consider signing up for a Sunday to serve as a safety volunteer. You can remain in the Gathering Space and view the entire service on the TV while helping keep an eye on the building and reaching out for help as needed. Your presence can help everyone worship with greater peace of mind. Thank you for considering this important ministry! ⛪

♪ **Bethlehem is currently posting a part-time job for a new Choir Director.** The position requires some of the following: 1.) Plan the choir music for regularly planned worship services 2.) Demonstrate piano proficiency 3.) With the choir, coordinate music themes, dates, and conduct practices and performances. For a complete job description and application, contact Barbara in the church office during normal office hours or Maureen Bauer at personnel.committee@bethlehem.org

Social Ministry/Outreach update It has been decided that this group is choosing an approach like the "no-huddle offense" in football. We will have "**no-meeting service projects**", meaning NO EXTRA MEETINGS other than the area(s) you are serving. Everything has been running smoothly, so, if you feel called to help in one of these areas, please contact the leader of these groups listed alphabetically: **Baby pantry (2nd Thurs)**-Patty Leibenguth **Food pantry**-Diane Cunningham **Freedom Builders (July)**-Carl Lehto or Jim Hutchison **Grace Community meals (4th Sunday)** -Cindy Monroe or Jim Hutchison **Habitat for Humanity**-Fred Reyelts **Safe Harbor**-Tom Rockne **Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Dec.)**- Carl Lehto or Jim Hutchison **Super Saturday (Feb)**- Nancy Ammann

Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send any changes or additions by email to admin@bethlehemtc.org

Harper Wiemerslage,
Jerry Hill,
John Block,
Roy DuMond,
Mary Woodring,
Lynn,
Steve,
Sherry,
Bob,
John Stretlien,
Judy Fenton,
Cindy Hitesman,
Richard Fernholz,
Julie Lapeer,
Lee,
Chris,
Cheryl,
Julie Barrett,
Pat
Patti,
Ron & Marilyn Dork
Sharon,
Kyle,
Christine,
Janet,
Cheryl
Pat,
Jacque
Carmen Svalstad
Scott Schlagel
Kathryn

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call or email the Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is on the calendar.

Sunday, November 1
9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
12:30pm—Youth Discipleship Class (YR)

Monday, November 2
2:30pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)
3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)
3:30pm—Grief Group (GS)
6:00pm—Worship and Music (GS)

Tuesday, November 3
Craft Fair Set-up begins
Bulletin articles due today
9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
10:45am—Staff Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, November 4
Craft Fair Set-up
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:30pm—Zoom Book & Bible Study (Zoom/YR)

Thursday, November 5
Craft Fair Set-up
5:30pm—ACA (Library)

Friday, November 6
Craft Fair Set-Up

Saturday, November 7
8:00am—Craft Fair prep
9:00am—Craft Fair
8:00pm—AA (FH)

Sunday, November 8
9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)

