

Cueva de las Manos (Cave of Hands) in Santa Cruz, Argentina | c.7,000 BCE

All Saints Sunday | A Service of Remembrance
November 1, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Words of Welcome

"It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves." (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we're about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you'll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don't, you'll always be a friend. The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes and thanks you for worshiping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

About the Artwork

"The hand paintings in the Cueva de las Manos reach out to us across more than nine thousand years. Most of the shapes are stencilled; the hand is pressed against the rock and paint is sprayed over it, leaving the image of the hand when it is lifted away. It is a technique found across the world and down the ages. Part of the impact of the Cueva de las Manos comes from the combination of its evident age and its instant recognisability, 'A thousand years become like yesterday' (Psalm 90:4). We can imagine pressing our own hands against the rock, fitting them into the stencilled images, making 'contact' with distant ancestors whose forms we still recognize; this was made by people like us." – *A Dwelling Place for All Generations* by Rachel Muers

PRELUDE "My Lord! What a Morning"

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Melody York

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Who are these wearing white robes, and where have they come from?"
They're the ones who have come through great hardship,
who have loved and lost, who are now held by God.

Today, we remember those saints we miss,
the lives that shaped us, and the love that remains.

Like all the days since their passing,
we bring our grief, our memories, and our hope to God.
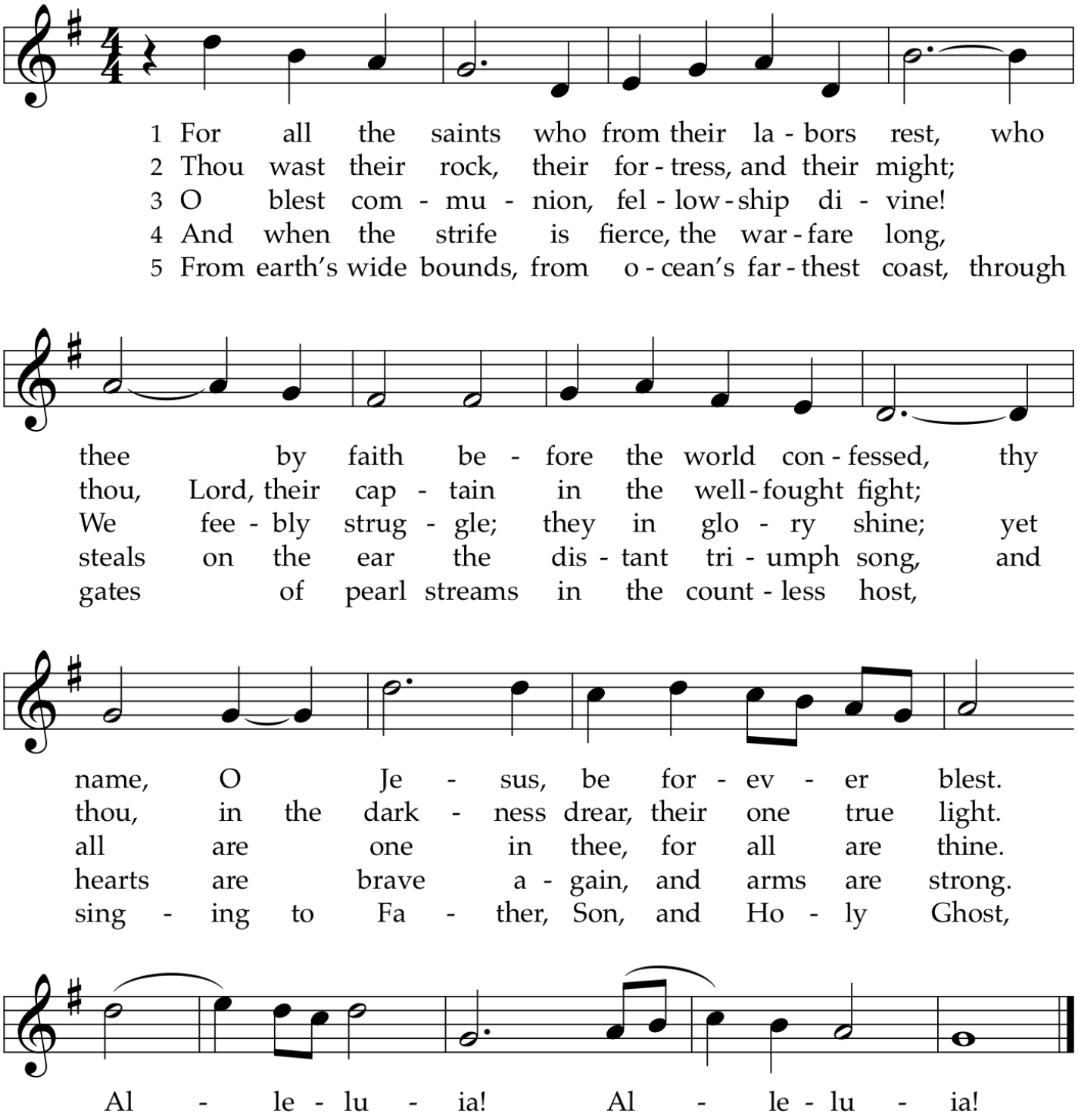
So let us bring our grief and gratitude,
our memories and our hope:
Let us light candles,
give voice to our lament,
listen for God's Word,
and sing together.

For we are bold in believing that
the love we carry does not disappear,
and the God who holds the saints holds us, too.

And to remind us this, we light these candles:

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*** OPENING HYMN** "For All Saints"



LAMENT *Lament Psalm Seven* by Ann Weems

O God, you've allowed death to take him away, leaving me alone in the chill dawn of unfinished love.

What could you be thinking?

Ungiven gifts pile about me.
Unsung songs remain trapped in my throat.

Unsaid words lie rotting in my mouth, and I sit staring down a lifetime of unlived days, for love didn't leave when death arrived.

God what will I do
with the unfinished love?

It wells up within me with nowhere to go, and I am nursing with the pain of it.

Come to me, O Comforter, come to me.

Hold me against the pain for just a while so that I might catch my breath.

Come to me, O Comforter, and give me peace.

O God, I don't understand all this. Give me your peace that passes understanding.

Give me the grace that only you can give, the grace that overflows with peace, so that I might spend my days telling all who would hear that you, O God—you are the answer.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Jesus, Remember Me" (3 times)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
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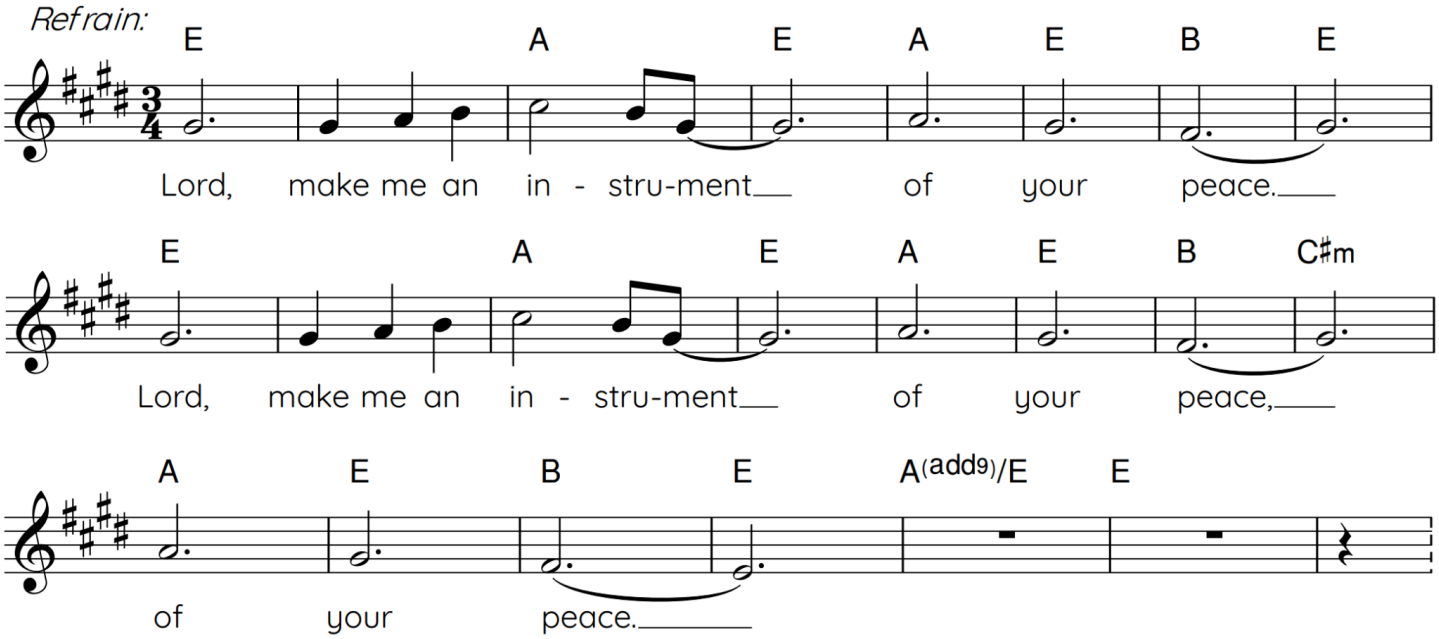
GOD'S RESPONSE & CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Trey & Sarah Huiest

PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Please greet one another with Christ's peace.

REGATHERING SONG "Make Me an Instrument"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

You're encouraged to give to the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie via the offering plates or electronically through Zeffy.

*** DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM "Can You Hear Me?" | Original song by Michele Braungard & Ben April

Verse 1
Can you hear me? Are you listening?
Are you gone away… are you near?
As I walk this path without you,
how i wish that you were here

Verse 2
Can you hear me? Are you listening?
God, I feel so all alone.
How can I walk this path without you,
with my grief a heavy stone?

Verse 3
He can hear me. He's always listening.
Never went away… always near.
He walks this path right here beside me.
Brings me solace; wipes my tears

Chorus
Then I close my eyes, begin to pray…
Can you help me, Lord, to find my way?
And he brightens my path, that I might see
He lightens my burdens; he carries me.
He is near the brokenhearted,
And he soothes the wounded soul.
He is with all those departed,
He is here to make us whole!

Bridge
And I know to every thing there is a season,
There's a time to live, there's a time to die
and it's hard at times to comprehend the reason-
We may never fully understand the why,
But through it all God holds us from on high.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Man of Sorrows, open our hearts to your promises, our memories to gratitude, and our grief to the comfort of your presence. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 7:9-17 (CEB)

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of The Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON "All That Heaven Demands of Earthborn Companions"

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and most loving God, we thank you for these lives that have blessed ours in so many, many ways. We thank you for the memories we have of our lives together.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of the autumn,
we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
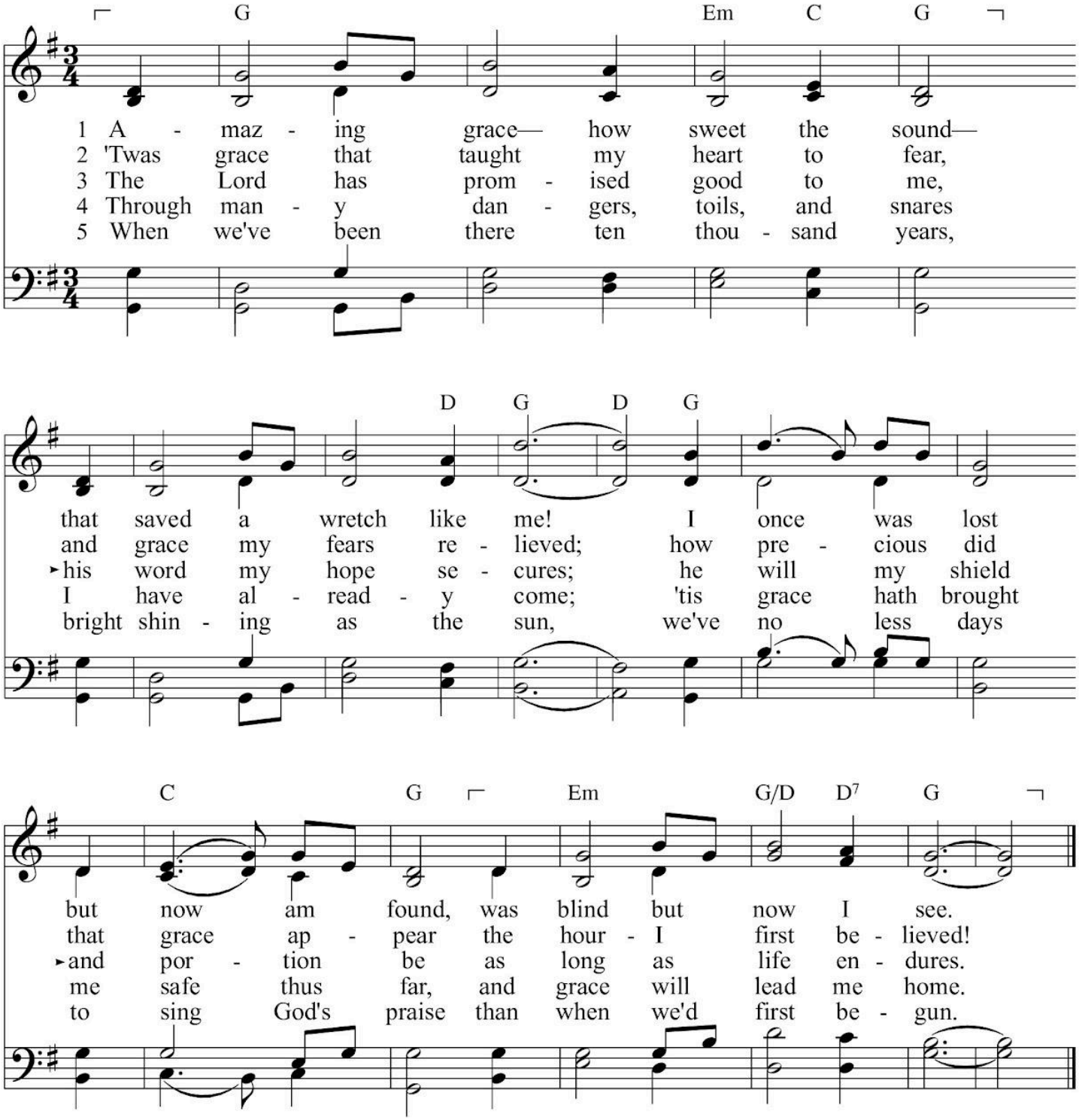
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Amazing Grace"



*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*** THE IRISH BLESSING**

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.

Worship Team:

Saturday Prep: **Kevin Ingalls**

Preacher: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Liturgist: **Mark Kaercher**

Musician 1: **Ben April**

Musician 2: **Michele Braungard**

Elder: **Melody York**

Deacon: **Marv Helf**

Sunday School:
Sarah Huiest

Children's Message:
Sarah Huiest

Children in Worship:
Sarah Huiest

Children's Aide:
Violet Braungard

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Video: **Cameron Kaercher**

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Welcome: **Maggie George**

Coffee: **Kyrra April**

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25
Tuesday - Psalm 78:1-7
Wednesday - Amos 5:18-24
Thursday - Psalm 70
Friday - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Saturday - Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

I give thanks for the gift of life this day and for the privilege of loving you by serving others.
Give me an opportunity to grow in right relationship with you by promoting justice in the world today through my life, my choices, and my witness. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

It is evening, and it is time to sleep. Throughout this day, I have endeavored to serve you by making a difference in the world. Thank you for all caregivers and workers who devote themselves tonight to the well-being of so many. Help me to rest in peace this night and rise tomorrow ready to serve your justice. Amen.

General Announcements

The November Mission of the Month iis Veteran's Miracle Center, in honor of Veteran's Day. The Veterans Miracle Center's heartfelt mission is to offer Veterans and Active-Duty Military Personnel *real solutions* that will enhance their lives. We seek to provide clothing, personal care and hygiene products, houseware items, ambulatory equipment, toys for their children and much more — and all goods and services are available free-of-charge to Veterans and their immediate household.
Donations to **Veteran's Miracle Center** can be given via your offering envelope, via Zeffy, or directly on their web site, https://www.vmcalbany.org/donations/

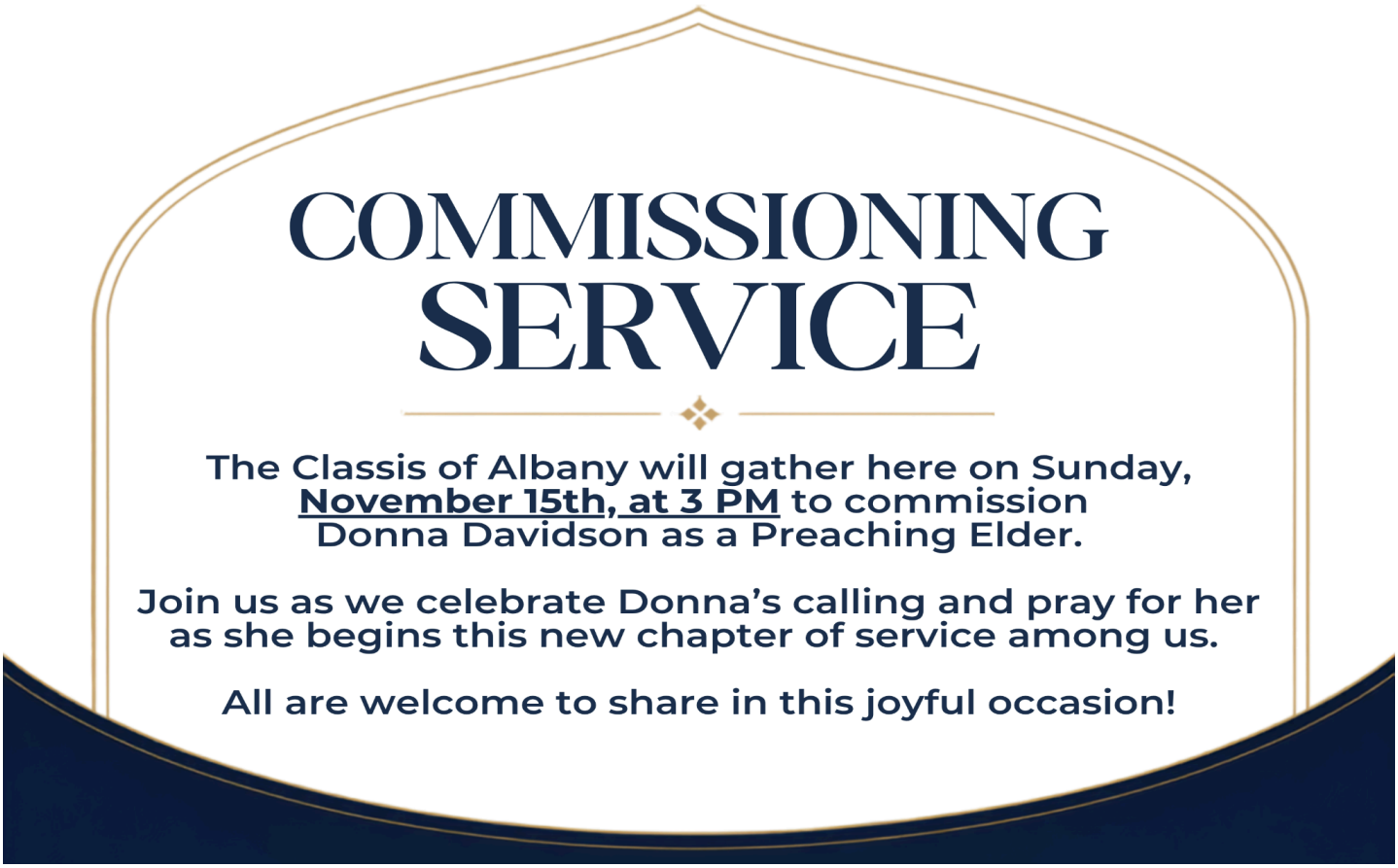
Community Outreach Team: For November we will be collecting boxed mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing mix, quick bread mixes and bottles of vegetable oils. Shelf stable milk is always in need.They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your contributions are most appreciated.

The Community Outreach Team of Community Reformed Church is seeking volunteers to assist with supplying dinners to the **Overflow Shelter at the First Church**. Use the Sheridan Ave parking lot to drop off meals. The number to call when you arrive is 518-426-1227. The shelter with dinners will be two Mondays a month. Don't worry about delivery; if you are able to have the meal to the church by 5:30, Tina will deliver it for you, please let her know that you will need her to deliver it at least two days before. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Bottini at tinambo85@gmail.com or Vicki Lane at vlane1020@gmail.com. For more information and to sign-up to volunteer, please follow this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-66117483-overflow

Volunteer Needed! We are looking for someone willing to learn how to maintain our electrical sign. Electrical tiles go out from time to time, impacting the display. It is a "plug and play" system, so all you need to learn is how to unplug one and plug in another. Kevin is a great teacher!! Interested? Contact Kevin Ingalls or Sarah Huiest.

We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887124-welcome
    - **Welcome Hosts** greet everyone as they arrive for worship, and provide printed bulletins. Hosts will also provide a warm welcome for all visitors.
    - **Coffee Hour Hosts** will set-up then monitor coffee service after worship. This ministry promotes a time to catch-up with members of our church family and meet our visitors.
- **Liturgist Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887132-liturgist#/





Agape Service on Sunday, November 22th at 10 AM.

As we end the liturgical year on Christ the King Sunday (11/22), the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Advent, we will gather for a special Agape Service, which consists of a simple meal featuring the traditional foods of early Christian fellowship. We'll share bread, cheese, grapes, cookies, and cider, all in the spirit of gratitude because at the heart of the Christian life is the generative practice of giving thanks. So come to feast, fellowship, give thanks, and celebrate Christ our King with hearts full of gratitude! During the Agape Service we will be prayerfully writing our thoughts of thanks on gold and white strips.

Please sign up to bring a food item to share at the table in the back of the sanctuary or contact Lori (crcclori@gmail.com, 518-869-5589).

And, in the spirit of thankful giving, **please bring** a non-perishable food item for our local food pantry.

If you're unable to worship with us in the sanctuary, please enjoy the service via Zoom and with whatever food items you have at home. If you would like to receive the gold and white strips please let Lori know by November 14 and she will mail them to you. We'll send you gold and white paper strips so you can write what you're thankful for during the service and return them to be added to our Chrismon tree.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am 10am		 Election Day	Worship Committee 6:30pm			12pm Leadership Retreat
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am 10am	5:30pm 6pm	6pm	6pm			9:30am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9am 10am Donna Commissioning 3PM	2pm	6pm		6pm		Mary Norris Celebration of Life 10AM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am 10am Agape Worship	5:30pm		 Day Care Closed			
29	30	December 1	2	3	4	5
9am 10am		6pm	Worship Committee 6:30pm			12pm

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Indoor Worship

Sunday School

Women's Bible Study

Community Outreach

Shirley's Shawls

Sew and Reap Quilters

Upper Room for All

Stewardship and Creation Care

Advocacy and Global Missions

Orchid Society

Book Group

Consistory