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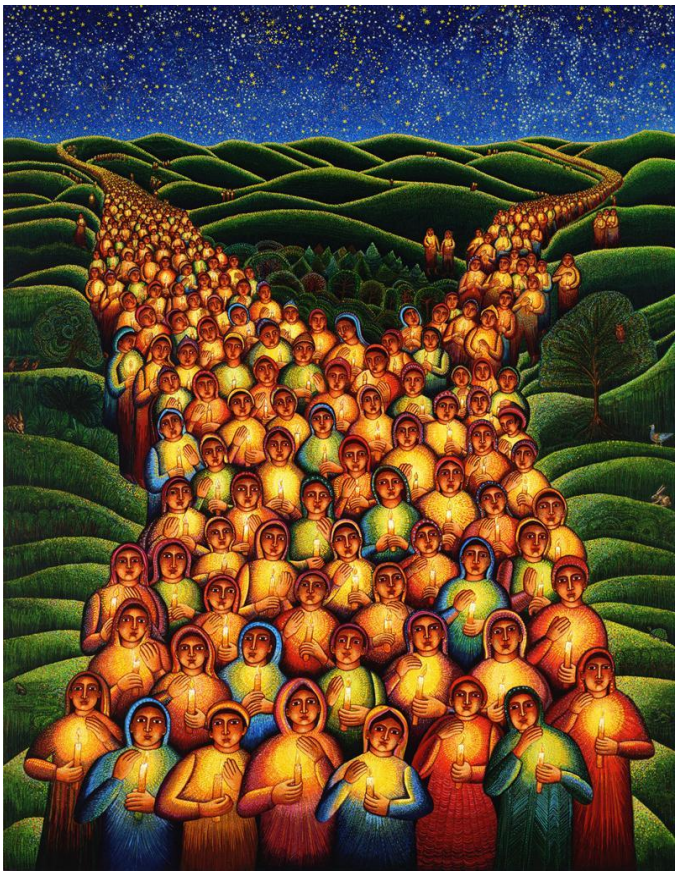
Breath Prayers

INHALE: In this world and the next, *EXHALE:* our hope is in you.



Festival of Lights by John August Swanson
From *Art in the Christian Tradition* of *Vanderbilt University*

November 1, 2026 — All Saints Day
9:45 Prayer & Care
10:00 AM Worship

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*An asterisk * indicates that the congregation may stand, as able.*
Songs marked GtG are from the Glory to God Hymnal, and are printed with permission.
All other songs are from the Presbyterian Hymnal, which can be found in the pews.

Gathering Song GtG 392 ***Jesus, We Are Here***

Jesus, we are here. Jesus, we are here.
Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.

Savior, we are here… Spirit, we are here…

Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: It is written that people will come from east and west, from north and south.
All: We come here to be with God and one another.
One: It is written that people will come to eat at the table of Christ.
All: We come hungry for what will fill us and sustain us.
One: It is written that the saints through the ages are one with us in Christ.
All: We come to worship God who makes us one.

*Presbyterian Hymnal 526 For All the Saints

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us offer our confession before God and one another. Let us pray.
All: Holy One, you have called us to be one with you, and one with each other. We confess that too often we break our relationship with you. We confess that too often we value the safety and security of being highly regarded and well thought of instead of the messy, vulnerable way of true community with one another. Free us from the masks we wear, and give us courage enough to choose true community with one another and true communion with you. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Take comfort: we, and the whole world with us, are always embraced and held in Christ's love, and so we are freed for life in abundance with God and each other.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sing Glory GtG 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.
One: Let us share that peace with one another.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.
Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.

Offering our Gifts to God

For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary. Donations can also be made online. www.cliftonpc.org

One: We worship a generous God whose son Jesus was both a gift and great giver. As followers of Jesus we find our deepest joy in giving, and that's why we give our offering cheerfully! Let us pray.

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts and the giving of our offering all show our thankfulness to you, O God our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination PH 339 Be Thou My Vision *v.2*

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

First Reading John 11:23-27 (NRSVUE)

23 Jesus said to (Martha), "Your brother (Lazarus) will rise again." **24** Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" **27** She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

One: God be in our listening, God be in our understanding.
All: Amen.

Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSVUE)

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.”

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **A Chorus of Generosity: A Stewardship Series**
For All Generations *Diane Walton Hendricks*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

Communion Anthem

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
One: It is truly right… As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

During communion, you are invited to light a candle in celebration of those whom you have loved and lost who continue in fellowship with us in the communion of the saints. Our congregation remembers our sister Barbara Murphy, who died November 11, 2025. May light perpetual shine upon her.

Hymn During Communion GTG 501 Feed Us, Lord

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord.
In the broken bread, be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord.
On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,
with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord,
nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Minute for Ministries

Sharing Our Stories: Bill Watts

Ringing of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 543

O Christ, Surround Me *vv 1, 4*

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
We can be reached at office@cliftonpc.org

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