A TIME OF PRAYER		
Call to Prayer	Sanctuary	TFWS #2164
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	Holy Ground	TFWS #2272
SERMON	Whoever Humbles Themselves	
OFFERING		
Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	Come Holy Spirit	Bill & Gloria Gaither
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*		
CELEBRATION OF SAINTS		
Prayer of Remembrance	See Insert	
Hymn	For All The Saints (Vs 1-2)	No. 711
Roll call of the Honored Saints		
Hymn	For All The Saints (Vs 4-5)	No. 711
HOLY EUCHARIST	Breathe	Marie Barnett
CLOSING HYMN*	Christ The Victorious (Vs 1,2,4)	No. 653
RESPONSE	Bind us Together	TFWS #2226
POSTLUDE	Will The Circle Be Unbroken	Habershon, Gabriel

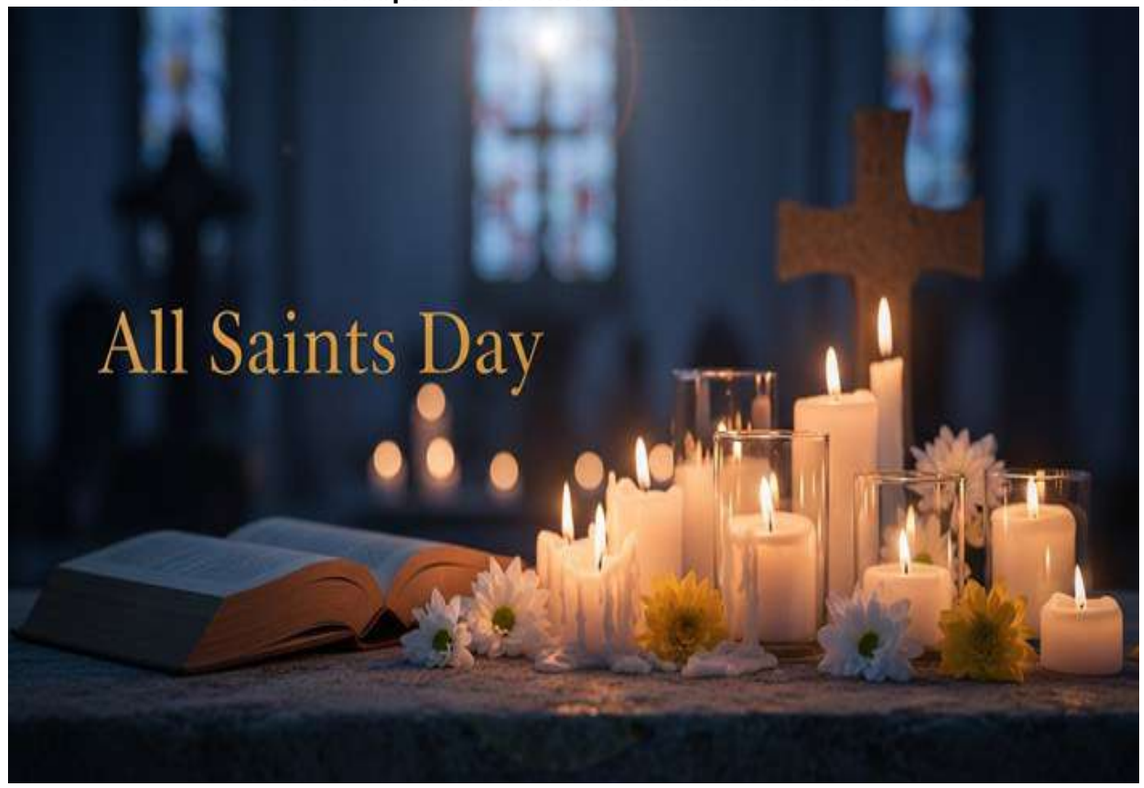
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***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Rosslyn Clauson, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Sound Tech:** Susan Throndson.
Video Tech: Alex Paredes, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler. **Song Leader:** Tricia Stewart.
Ushers & Greeters: Jack Cuddy, Kerren Brown, JoAnne Napoles, Judy Neufeld.
Sacristan: Lorie Ford.

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist Church



Informal Order of Service 8:30 a.m.

OPENING PRAISE	All The People Said Amen
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAISE SONGS	King Of Kings Exodus 13 You Never Let Go
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
ILLUMINATION	I Will Rise
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:34-46
SERMON	The Great Commandment
OFFERING	We Fall Down
CELEBRATION OF SAINTS	All Saints Day Song
COMMUNION SONG	Lord I Need You
FINAL BLESSING	God Is So Good
CLOSING	When The Saints Go Marching In

***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Joe Brown, **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark.
Acoustic Guitar's: Mike Clark, Deb Bradley, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler.
Bass Guitar: Bob Jorstad, **Vocalists:** Deb Bradley, Connie Clark, Pam Garza.
Drum: Xander Thompson, **Sound/Video Tech:** Mary Jorstad, Susan Throndson.
Sacristan: Lorie Ford, **Communion Steward:** Mike Balster.
Ushers Greeters: Mike & Marilyn Balster.

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Traditional Order of Service 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	Take The Name Of Jesus With You	W. Howard Doane
INTROIT	When We All Get To Heaven	No. 701

CALL TO WORSHIP*
[Liturgist] We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
[Liturgist] As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.
[Liturgist] We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.
[Liturgist] Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
[All] We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

OPENING HYMN*	Sing With All The Saints In Glory (Vs 1,3,4)	No. 702

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
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CHOIR ANTHEM	Majesty	By Smith, Garrard & Clydesdale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 23:1-12	

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT
We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus. Mary Whitson, Children's Teacher & Proclaimer
Youth Stay in Service
[All] O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of young people. May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.

There is a place
that we call memory,
a province by itself
which, though unseen,
is home and haven to the heart,
and there, in peace and beauty waiting,
are those with whom
we shared our yesterdays.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
may the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2026



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A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE FOR
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Ever Loving God,

This day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.
THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOREVER.

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.
THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOREVER.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.
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We remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.
THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOREVER.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.
THEY ARE ALIVE FOREVER MORE. AMEN.

— based on Jewish Memorial Prayer, U.S.A. 20th Century

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Today is a day of triumphant joy, a day of solemnity and celebration. As the church gathers to celebrate "All Saints," we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us. We celebrate what it means to be the church, and we pledge ourselves to continue faithfully the pilgrimage with God. This is a "Christian Memorial Day," celebrated on November 1st, or the Sunday nearest the first, on which we acknowledge the solidarity of the living and the dead in Christ, the "communion of saints" in every time and place.

Today, at First United Methodist Church, Arroyo Grande, we lift up the names of our departed members and people whose services were conducted through our ministry who have died since our last All Saints Day in November 2025. With gratitude for the privilege of having known them, we give thanks to God for their lives.

Ann Wilson	*March 02,2026*
Kathleen Farrell	*March 05, 2026*
Don Gugeler	*March 24, 2026*
Shirley Werling	*July 14, 2026*
Lee Fonseca	*October 14, 2026*



Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus Warns against the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees

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and follow everything they tell you to do; do not, however, imitate their actions,
because they don't practice what they preach. **4** They tie onto people's backs loads
that are heavy and hard to carry, yet they aren't willing even to lift a finger to help them
carry those loads. **5** They do everything so that people will see them. Look at the
straps with scripture verses on them which they wear on their foreheads and arms
and notice how large they are! Notice also how long are the tassels on their cloaks!
6 They love the best places at feasts and the reserved seats in the synagogues; **7** they
love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them
‘Teacher.’ **8** You must not be called ‘Teacher,’ because you are all equal and have
only one Teacher. **9** And you must not call anyone here on earth ‘Father,’ because you
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your one and only leader is the Messiah. **11** The greatest one among you must be your
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Oct 25	33	80	113	14	127	$3,830
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		5:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115
		7:00pm	Trustees +McMillen Rm #113
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		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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