



A Service of Worship

All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2026

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary & Livestream

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

We Gather

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Dan Miller

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Rebecca Guzman

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

Introit

Surely the Presence

Lanny Wolfe

*Call to Worship

Rebecca Guzman

One: Praise the Lord, all you saints! God's faithful love endures forever.

All: We gather as one people of God, joined with the faithful of every generation.

One: With those who have gone before us, those who walk beside us,
and those who will come after us,

All: We give thanks for the God whose love is stronger than death.

One: The God who has been faithful through every generation is making
all things new.

All: With hope and thanksgiving, let us worship God!

*Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rebecca Guzman

Holy Lord, you call us to be your voices in this world, and we stay silent.
 You call us to be your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden.
 You call us to be your feet in this world, and we go our own way. When
 we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we
 meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we
 are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe
 life into these bones bring freedom to these lives that we might declare
 with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Rebecca Guzman

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! God can enliven our
 dry bones!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

*Response of Praise

Hymn 582, stanza 1

*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.

We Hear and Respond to the Word

Church Family Moment

Rebecca Guzman

1. Listen to a read-aloud of *Dem Bones* by Bob Barner. In today's scripture, God gives Ezekiel a vision of a valley filled with dry bones. The people of Israel felt defeated and hopeless, but God tells Ezekiel that the bones can live again: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live." The vision reminds us that God can bring hope and new life even when everything seems lost. *Story connection adapted from Storypath.*
2. Watch the story of Jesus raising Lazarus. Mary and Martha were grieving and thought it was too late for anything to change. What does Jesus show them about God's power to bring hope even in the hardest moments?
3. Make a cotton-swab skeleton. As you put the bones together, remember Ezekiel's valley of dry bones. Talk about times when something has felt hopeless and what can help us remember that God is still with us.
4. Wonder Together:
 - a) I wonder what Ezekiel thought when God asked, "Can these bones live?"
 - b) I wonder why God gave this vision to people who had lost hope.
 - c) I wonder what gave Mary and Martha hope in the story of Lazarus.
 - d) I wonder how God gives us hope when something feels impossible?



Children's Liturgy

Rebecca Guzman

As the children four years old through third grade gather for Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to sing:

***God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

Congregation: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

The children will return to join their families following the sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Melissa White

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Rev. White

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you,

and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely. 'Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Anthem

No Night There

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Amanda Turner, violin; Ann Carney, piano

God is with us, God is for us; do not be afraid.

There shall be no night there, no crying there;

God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes;

Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

Second Reading

John 11:17–27, 32–44

Rev. Lindsey Odom

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,

"Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

A Hope that Holds Us

Rev. Odom

***Hymn 250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
 C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Offering Invitation

Rev. White

Offertory

Peace

Sigurd M. Øgaard

Amanda Turner, violin

As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support the ministry of SMPC by giving online at www.smpchome.org/give or texting SMPC to 73256.

*Doxology

Hymn 606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Odom

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. White

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** *(Pastor's prayer)*

. . . (unison) **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.**

The Words of Institution

Rev. White, Rev. Odom

The Bread and the Cup

You are invited to come forward (see diagram) to receive the elements of communion by intinction. When receiving the elements by intinction, you are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and return to your seat. If you are not able to come forward, you will be served at your seat. Servers with gluten-free elements are located at the back of the sanctuary.

Communion of the People

Hymn 521

In Remembrance of Me

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The Prayer after Communion

Rev. White

We Go Out to Serve

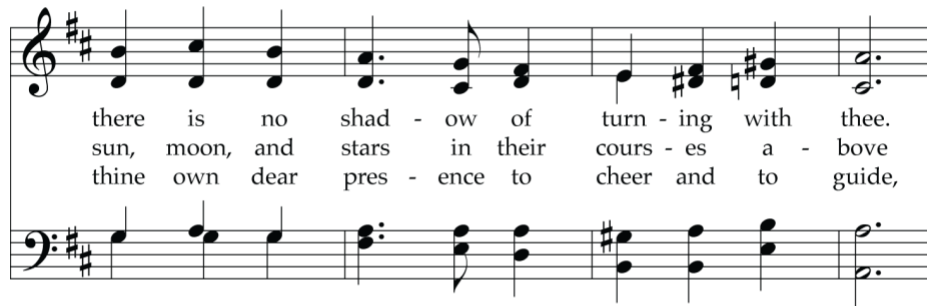
*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS



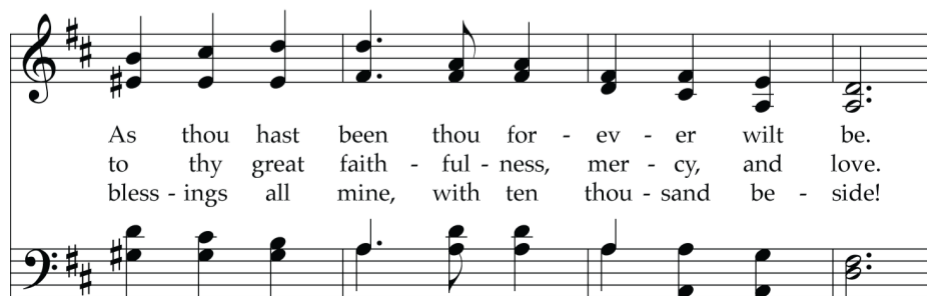
1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn-ing by morn-ing, new mer-cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Odom

***Congregational Response**

Hymn 540

(choir sings once, all repeat)

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

Postlude

Festival on "Sine Nomine"

Stephen Aber

Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Rev. Lindsey Odom, Associate Pastor of Youth & Missions/Outreach

Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate

Zach Bowyer, Director of Music & Organist

Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation

Chancel Choir

Ann Carney, piano; Amanda Turner, violin

A/V Team: Kari Case, Xander Case

Ushers: Frank Graham, Judy Jones, Craig Parrish, Donna Podgorny, Bob Williamson

Welcome Team: Clara Guzman, Leisa Lackey, Amy Zagora

Service and Advent Art Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families on Tuesday, November 3. Do you have the day off from school on Tuesday? Join us to help load the Nourish Up truck with donated food from 10:00-10:30 a.m. We'll also be hosting an Advent Devotionals Artist Workshop for ages 5-12 in Chapel 204 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We have the supplies; you bring the Christmas art energy!

Welcome to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church! If you are joining us in person or online, are a first-time visitor, a long-term member, or anything in between, we are glad that you are worshiping with us and we want to stay connected with you. To receive our emails, sent on Thursday mornings, contact Adrienne Jaquith, Office and Database Manager, adrienne@smpchome.org.

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? To learn more about membership and the process of joining, contact Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate, melissa@smpchome.org or 704-887-7488.

Congregational Notes (as of October 28, 2026)

Remember in Prayer

- The Mission Study Task Force as they work to discern God's calling for SMPC.
- The people of Bayonnais and all of Haiti, that God would bring protection from violence, healing for the injured, provision for those in need, and strength and hope in the midst of hardship.
- That God would guide us to serve others with compassion, justice, and mercy within our church, our community, and our world.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request: prayer@SMPChome.org

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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

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SMPC WEEKLY

WELCOME!

After worship, we hope you'll join us for lemonade and cookies near Coffee Grounds. Registry pads are located in your pews. Please sign and pass to your neighbor and perhaps introduce yourself to someone new!



TODAY, NOVEMBER 1

2027 Stewardship *God Is Doing a New Thing*

"Thus says the Lord, 'See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?'" (Isaiah 43:19)

Thank you to all who pledged on Commitment Sunday! Your pledges will support meaningful worship, deep relationships, compassionate outreach and new opportunities to serve our neighbors in Christ's name. God's work here is just a beginning - what a privilege to walk together into the future!



If you missed Commitment Sunday, you can mail your pledge card to the church office or pledge online via the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

Third Thirty - Brain Health

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Mecklenburg Hall • Ages 60-90

This month's focus is on brain health. A light lunch is served. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. *Contact: Melissa White, melissa@smpchome.org*

SMPC Youth Grade-Level Lunches **NEW!**

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • Locations Vary • Middle and High Schoolers

Registrants should have been notified of their grade's lunch location. If you haven't received a notification, contact Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org

THIS WEEK

Writing Your Story

Monday, Nov. 2 • 12:00-2:00 p.m. • McQueen Room or Zoom

Led by SMPC member Melinda Ferguson, this six-week group helps participants write the stories they would like to pass down to their families. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. *Contact: Melinda Ferguson, melindaferguson7@gmail.com*

SMPC Tuesday Mahjong

Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Narthex

Players of all skill levels are invited to play weekly on Tuesdays. *Contact: Mary Katheryne Zagora, mkzagora@smpchome.org*

Pastor's Weekday Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 4 • 9:30 a.m. • McQueen Room or Zoom

This Bible study meets weekly with Transitional Pastor Sandy Hull. They are studying the Sermon on the Mount. *Contact: Adrienne Jaquith, adrienne@smpchome.org*

SMPC Thursday Mahjong

Thursday, Nov. 5 • 1:15-3:15 p.m. • Narthex

Players of all skill levels are invited to play weekly on Thursdays. *Contact: Mary Katheryne Zagora, mkzagora@smpchome.org*

Making Space Moms Group -

Thursday, Nov. 5 • 7:30 p.m. • Room 302

Praying in Color: Explore a creative, hands-on way to pray using color, doodles, and simple designs. No artistic ability required! Newcomers are always welcome! *Contact: Allison Reeves, allison.tarwater@gmail.com*

Friday Morning Men's Group

Friday, Nov. 6 • 7:30-8:30 a.m. • Chapel 206

Meets on the first and third Fridays for study and fellowship. All are welcome. *Contact: Curt Ireland, irelandcurtis00@gmail.com*

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, Nov. 7 • 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • The Commons

It's SMPC's 118th blood drive! Please bring your American Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID. We'll celebrate this milestone with cookies after worship on Sunday, November 8! Sign up via QR code. *Contact: Bill Ramsey, bill.john.ramsey@gmail.com*

SERVE!



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Adult Study: **Bible 101**

9:00-10:00 a.m. • McQueen Room or Zoom

Join us for a basic introduction to the Bible! Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org

Desserts for the Women and Children of Center of Hope **SERVE!**

Drop off before worship in the narthex

Sign up via QR code. Contact: Terry Gaines, terryhgaines@gmail.com



Believing and Belonging

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • McQueen Room

For those interested in learning more about SMPC and the Presbyterian Church. Register on Realm or by emailing Melissa White, melissa@smpchome.org.

BAM! (Bible and Music)

5:00-6:30 p.m. • Palmer Building • Grades K-5

Children sing, creatively engage with Bible stories, explore instruments, and build friendships in age-based groups. Dinner is served. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org

SMPC Youth PJs and Pancakes

5:00-6:30 p.m. • Mecklenburg Hall • Middle and High Schoolers

November BYG (Big Youth Group) with a sweet twist! Wear your PJs and enjoy delicious pancakes. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org

COMING UP

A Caregiver's Journey

Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. • McQueen Room

A support group focused on finding meaning and purpose while caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Contact: Kathy Garner, kathygarner15@gmail.com

Men's Evening Study Group

Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 7:30 p.m. • Chapel 206

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays. New faces are always welcome! Contact: Jon Myers, jonmyers2@gmail.com

Shelter Ministry

Thursday, Nov. 12 • 9:30 a.m. • Mecklenburg Hall

Fill empty medicine bottles with body wash for Roof Above. Body wash and Rx vials are always needed. Contact: Carol Morgan, morgancc43@gmail.com

SMPC Book Club - Pages and Fellowship

Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1:30 p.m. • McQueen Room

Choose from two meeting times! Both groups are reading *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Freda Smith, fredasmithnc8@gmail.com, or Jane Brookshire, jane.t.brookshire@gmail.com

Adult Advent Study: "God's Surprises for the Christmas Season" **NEW!**

Sunday, Nov. 15 • 9-10:00 a.m., McQueen Room OR 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Parlor

We are offering the same study at two times so that more people can participate! Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org

DivorceCare's 'Surviving the Holidays'

Sunday, Nov. 15 • 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. • Chapel 206

Facilitated by SMPC members Janet Goetz and Andrew Metzler, this seminar offers community, support and hope. Childcare is available if needed. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Janet Goetz, janetgoetz@carolina.rr.com, or Andrew Metzler, Andrewm1288@gmail.com

All Church Serves: Thanksgiving Meal Kits

Sunday, Nov. 15 • 5:00-6:30 p.m. • Chapel 206

We will be packing Thanksgiving Meal Kits for families in need at Smithfield and Sterling Elementary. Register on Realm or via QR code. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org



SMPC Preschool is looking for substitute teachers! The hours are 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You can specify the days of the week you can sub. Contact Dr. Tammy Winchup, tammy@smpchome.org