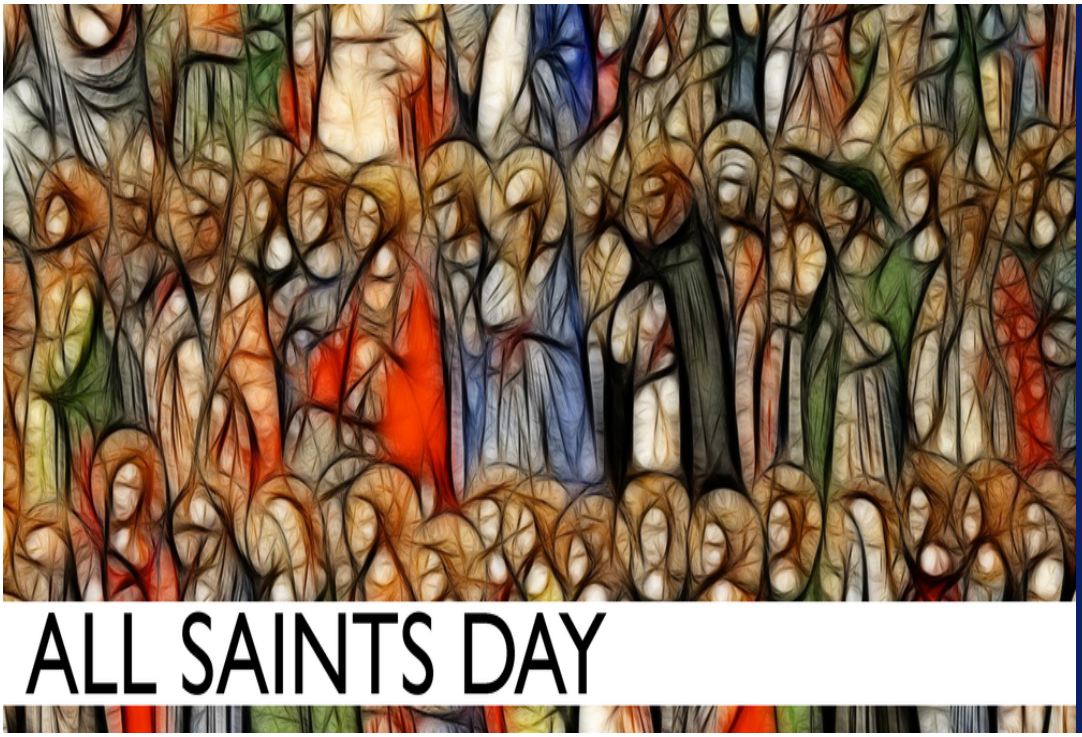


ALL SAINTS DAY

SARDIS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

November 1, 2026

All Saints

WORSHIPING GOD TOGETHER

† *Rise in body or in spirit.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY — Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
Elegy — by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *We gather to remember who God has been to us.*
All: We gather to remember who God has been to those we have loved.
One: *We gather to be in the presence of Christ.*
All: We gather to be in the presence of others who seek to follow him.
One: *We gather to look forward to the work the Holy Spirit will do in our lives.*
All: We gather to look forward to what the Holy Spirit will do through our lives.
One: *Let us worship God!*

† HYMN NO. 730 — *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* — *GRAND ISLE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Dr. Schaaf

God of all wisdom and mercy,
we thank you for sharing your will and guiding our steps
through the faithful witness of all saints who devoted
their lives to following you.
Forgive us when we choose worldly values over your wisdom.
Forgive us when we fail to take the time
or to put in the effort to show kindness.
Forgive us when we choose judgment over compassion.
Lord, have mercy upon us for our narrow vision and our faltering love.
Stir in us the courage of those who went before us,
that we may live as your holy people,
bound together in Christ, who does not judge,
but forgives by wise and compassionate grace. Amen.

WORSHIP

November 1, 2026

THE CHAPEL
(through the doors to left of the pulpit) is available, with audio of the worship service, for those who need it *(e.g. families with young children, those with health challenges, etc.).*

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HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES
with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and they will provide one for you. Additionally, Sardis now has a hearing loop in the Sanctuary. If your hearing aid has a t-coil, please sit in the main section of the sanctuary to take advantage of this technology.

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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY
is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. A unisex handicap accessible bathroom is located in the left side hallway.

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:
After hours and on weekends or holidays, please call the church office and leave a message, including a call-back number. A Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Dr. Schaaf

Leader: *Friends, believe the Good News.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† GLORIA PATRI NO. 581 — GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST — Amanda Hooks

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin, IV

SCRIPTURE LESSON — *1 Kings 3:4-28 (selected verses)* — Dr. Martin

Leader: *This is the word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION — *Solomon's Wisdom* — Dr. Martin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OUR OFFERINGS — Dr. Martin

~ Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plates as they are passed ~

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — *Shall We Gather at the River* — arr. by John Carter

John Bell, *soloist*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

~ Text for *Shall We Gather at the River* : Robert Lowry
~ Text for *Deep River:* Anonymous

† DOXOLOGY — *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* — OLD 100TH

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

ALL SAINTS REMEBRANCE — Dr. Martin, Dr. Schaaf, and Donna Harwood

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION — Dr. Martin and Dr. Schaaf

~ Allergy-friendly bread is available for Communion ~

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Music for Communion — The Sanctuary Choir
For the Bread Which You Have Broken — arr. by Howard Helvey

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thank, O Lord. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restore, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defined us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord. *~ Text: Louis F. Benson*

THE LORD'S PRAYER — Dr. Martin

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.

† HYMN NO. 326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

† BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Dr. Martin

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ with one another
before we follow Jesus by carrying it out into the world.

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
Suite Gothique: Toccata by Leon Boëllmann

In the Reformed tradition, a "Saint" is not a select individual,
but rather anyone who has tried to live a Christ-like life.
Today we remember those Sardis members who have died in the past year.
(October 2025 through October 2026)

Guy Chamberlain	David Lindsay (Scott)	Shirley Titman
Jody Chiperfield	Thomas Meleney	Viola Todd (Dot)
Scott Davenport	Gerald Rudisill (Rudy)	Rayner Weir (Ray)
Joan Dempsey	Emma Smith	Virginia Weitz (Ginnie)
Ellen Funderburk	Florence Stamp	Frank Winecoff
David Hart	Phyllis Sutthoff	Frances Woosley
R. Dale LeCount	Harry Tatum	Deborah Yates

"We believe that Jesus died and rose again; and so it will be for those who have died in Christ. God will raise them to be with the Lord forever. Comfort one another with these words."
1 Thessalonians 4

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and receive the 10 cents a meal offering. When you give to Ten Cents a Meal, you are providing food security assistance to local organizations fighting hunger. In addition to the baskets provided today, you can contribute anytime online (*select Ten-Cents-A-Meal from the funds dropdown box*), or text "Sardis Meal" + Amount to 73256.



The Ushers today are members of the **Fellowship Ministry.**

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory or **Glenn and Mary Nenninger and Nicholas and Katherine Mayurnik**, parents of Ed and Kathy Nenninger.

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Offering Options:

Option 1: Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to sardis.org and click on "Make a Gift Now"

Option 2: Scan the QR code here to go directly to the secure online form.

Option 3: Place your offering in the offering plate.

Thank you for your gifts and support of Sardis. Presbyterian Church.

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The ingredients for the allergy-friendly bread are listed at Sardis.org.

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The nursery is open during worship in the Education Building.

THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

TODAY

- Youth Choir | 3:00 p.m. | Music Suite—Admin Bldg.
- Confirmation | 3:00 p.m. | Providence Presbyterian
- Youth Handbells | 3:45 p.m. | Music Suite—Admin Bldg.
- Adult Handbells | 5:00 p.m. | Music Suite—Admin Bldg.
- Youth Group | 5:00 p.m. | Providence Presbyterian
- Sardis Centering Prayer | 5:00 p.m. | Parlor

MONDAY

- Ladies 55+ Exercise Class | 10:00 a.m. | Room 202 — Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY

- Yoga | 9:00 a.m. | Sardis House
- Exploring the Bible |10:00 a.m. | Room 210 — Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY

- Ladies 55+ Exercise Class | 10:00 a.m. | Room 202 — Ed. Bldg.
- Mind the Gap Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. | Room 210 or ZOOM

THURSDAY

- Yoga | 9:00 a.m. | Sardis House
- Mind the Gap Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. | Room 210 or ZOOM

FRIDAY

- Ladies 55+ Exercise Class | 10:00 a.m. | Room 202 — Ed. Bldg.

Be sure to check the church calendar at *sardis.org/events* for a full list of ministry happenings!

Sardis Sign-Up Genius Links!

Your gifts of time and service are the heartbeat of our church community. Whether you're greeting members at the door, leading us in worship, or serving behind the scenes, every role makes a difference in creating a welcoming and meaningful experience for all. Use the QR code to access Sardis Sign-Ups and find opportunities to serve as a lay leader, usher, and more. We can't do this without you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus Tour and Joining Sunday: On Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m., join Pastor Joe B. Martin in the Gathering Place for a tour of the Sardis Campus. Learn about the current mission and programs of the church as you visit different parts of the campus. Ready to make Sardis your official church home? Those ready to become members of Sardis will gather in the Dining Room at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Joe B. and Sardis elders on Session to be received as new members. Email Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf at *allysen.schaaf@sardis.org* if you plan to attend or if you'd like to set up a different time to explore or join Sardis.

Mind the Gap! If you are interested in understanding the context of our Sunday lessons more fully as we work through the Old Testament this fall, the narrative gap readings between today and next Sunday are I Kings 4-II Kings 4. The Midweek study Wed. 7:00pm/Thurs. 10:00am will focus on I Kings 12.

Pumpkin Smash: Next Sunday, November 8 Give your Halloween pumpkins a second life! Next Sunday, bring your jack-o-lanterns and pumpkins to the Sardis Weekday School covered drive from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and smash them into a local farmer's trailer. They'll feed animals and become compost for the farm. Please bring only plain pumpkins, with no paint, candles, or decorations. Questions? Contact Shannon Klug.

Braver Angels is returning! Join In on Tuesday, November 17 for a Braver Angels Workshop: Skills for Disagreeing Better. We will meet from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in room 210 (in person and on Zoom). Following our October 21 evening, Braver Angels returns for a hands-on workshop to help participants understand the values and concerns of those who differ from them politically, and to practice skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground.

Just One Week Left to Order Your Poinsettias — Order your Christmas poinsettias before the deadline closes next week! Stop by a welcome table to pick up an order form or order online at sardis.org/poinsettias. 6.5" — $15, 8" — $27, in red, white, or marble. Thank you for your support of the music ministry. Pickup: December 5.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
Text © 1929 Lesbia Scott (admin. Church Publishing, Inc.)

GRAND ISLE
Irregular

326 For All the Saints



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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Harmony, stanza 3

