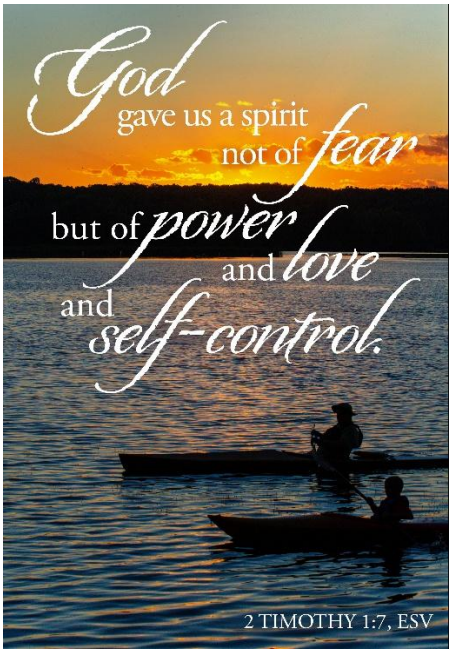
ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helping people meet and walk with Jesus

November 01,2026 – All Saint's Sunday



***Please stand in body or in spirit**

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE	LARRY RUSSELL
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	JOHN BUSSIE
GREETING ONE ANOTHER	JOHN BUSSIE
BIND US TOGETHER SONG	LARRY RUSSELL
PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP	LARRY RUSSELL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. KIM NOFEL

One: Let us bless the Lord at all times;
All: God's praise will always be on our lips.
One: Magnify the Lord in all ways;
All: We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.
One: God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.
All: May they lead us into your holy presence

OPENING PRAYER

All: God of life and blessing, You have created all that exists. In Christ, you offer your redeeming love to every soul in every situation. So it is our greatest joy to be united in the community of your people, stretching across the generations, throughout all time and space. We join our thanks and praise to the voices of all your saints, in heaven and on earth, who worship and adore you, saying: All blessing and honor, glory and power wisdom, riches and strength belong to you, O God, now and forever! Amen.

HYMN #493 **"It Is Well With My Soul"**

PRAISE TEAM LEADING

***PRAISE SONGS** **"O Happy Day"** and **"Amazed"**

MIKE & PAM BANTA, CRAIG PASTINE, JULIE BAGGETT & BOBBIE MARCHESE

CELEBRATING GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION JOHN BUSSIE

One: The work of the church in being the people of God is not solitary work. We are here to support one another, to love one another, and to lead one another to Christ, again and again. In our work as the people of God, we will sometimes come up short. But God stands more ready to forgive than we are to ask. Let us now confess our sin together, and then in silence, as we make more candid our confessions before our God who created us, who knows us, and who loves us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of courage and commitment, we confess we have not always followed the path you set before us. Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost.

(Please take a moment for reflection on these words and your own heart)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Ephesians 2:8-10)

One: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

CALL FOR THE OFFERING REV. KIM NOFEL

One: Among the competing narratives that seek to claim our lives is the belief that we must compete for scarce resources. But our God is not a god of scarcity. Our God is a god of abundance who has provided for the needs of God's people. Trusting in the generosity of God, let us return our tithes and offerings to the one who has provided them in the first place.

"I'm With You" PRAISE TEAM

DOXOLOGY

"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"

PRAYER OVER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

All: Gracious God, from your bountiful hand, we have received grace upon grace. From the abundance of your world, we return this portion to you asking that you would bless these gifts, multiply them, and use them. May we be blessed as we see your kingdom at work among us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION JOHN BUSSIE

One: God of ages past, present and yet to come, your Word comes to us as the witness of your saints over many generations. Send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts so that we too may hear your wisdom and come to know Christ more deeply as your Living Word. Amen.

Epistle Reading: **2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSV)** JOHN BUSSIE

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
[2] To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
[3] I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. [4] Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. [5] I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. [6] For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; [7] for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
[8] Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, [9] who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, [10] but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. [11] For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, [12] and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. [13] Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [14] Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)** REV. KIM NOFEL

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3] 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

SERMON **"God's Grace from the Beginning of Time"** REV. KIM NOFEL

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS REV. KIM NOFEL

Following each Joy we say, **"Thanks be to You, O God."**
Following each Concern we say, **"Hear our prayer, O Lord."**

PASTORAL PRAYER/GREAT THANKSGIVING REV. KIM NOFEL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. KIM NOFEL

***SUNG BENEDICTION** EVERYONE

"Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION** REV. KIM NOFEL

POSTLUDE LARRY RUSSELL

EPC FINANCIAL REPORT	**September 2026**	**Year-To-Date 2026**
Tithes/Offering/Other Income	$ 12,721.36	$ 148,583.95
Expenses	$ 26,085.78	$ 108,312.04
Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (13,364.42)	$ 40,271.91
Avg Monthly Income	$ 16,509.33	
Total Offerings 10/25/26	$ 2,912.91	