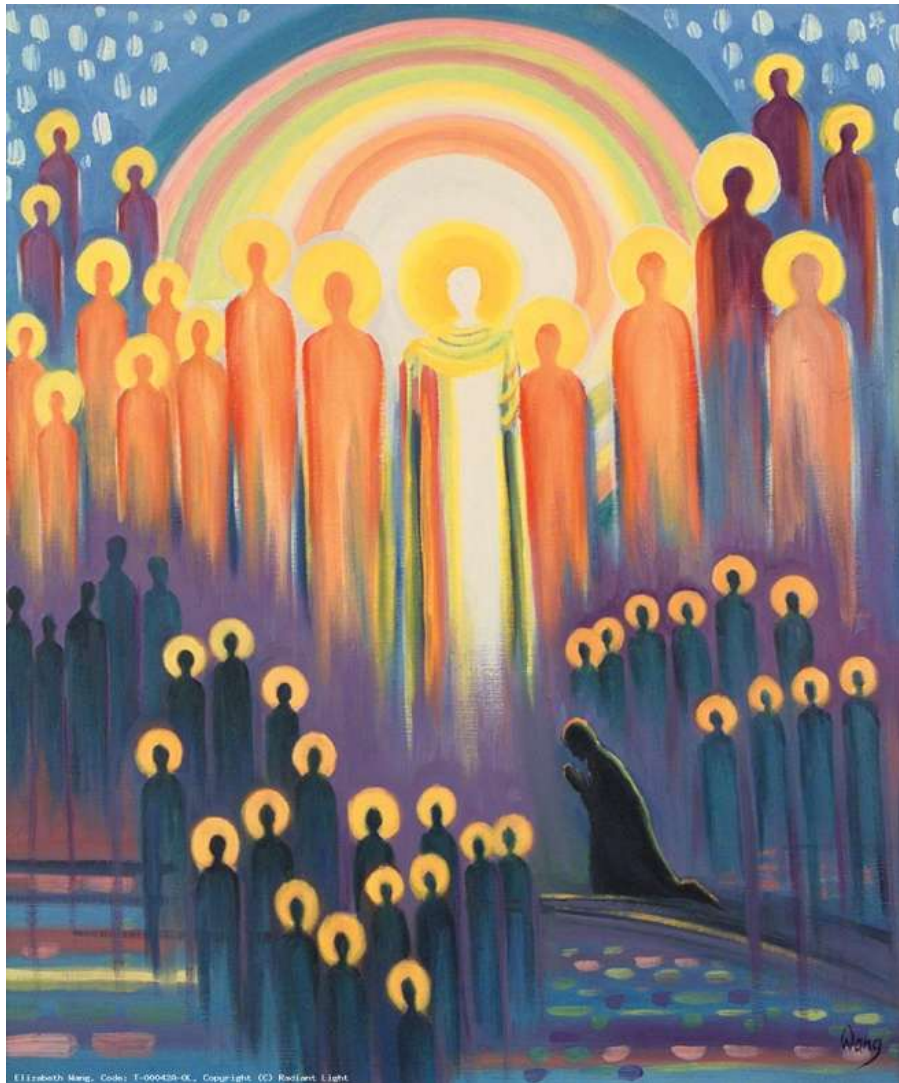




Remembering the Saints

8:45 a.m. + November 2, 2025 + Feast of All Saints' and All Souls'

Since its earliest centuries, the church has set aside a day to remember the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in the faith, stretching across the centuries and around the globe. However hard it might seem to follow the way of Jesus in our own time and place, this is a day to remember that we may be crazy, but we are not alone.

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Affirming the Light of Christ

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

"Lord Jesus Christ"

Welcome

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving (with “Holy, Holy, Holy”)

adapted from Walter Brueggemann

*We are a people who must sing to you,
for the sake of our very lives.
You are a God who must be sung by us,
for the sake of Your majesty and honor.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

And so we thank you,

*We thank you for the long parade of saints in our lives who have sung you deep and true;
We thank you for the good company of all that sing for us and with us, toward you.
We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor; we will not keep silent... ever again.*

*Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee.
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee.
Which were and art and evermore shall be.*

A Gospel Reading for All Saints

Matthew 5:1; 14 – 16 (The Message)

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: . . . “You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

Being the Light

“O Living Flame of Love”

*O Living Flame of Love, that tenderly wounds my soul.
Burn through the veil of earth and heaven, till I am one with You.*

*O let me blaze with fire, let Spirit fill each part.
Come light the caverns of my soul, illuminate my night.*

*May my life burn bright,
With a holy light.
May my soul burn like a candle.*

*How gentle and how sweet, You wake within my heart.
And breathe in me the breath of life and fill my soul with love.*

*May my life burn bright,
With a holy light.
May my soul burn like a candle.*

Lights On Our Path

Time of Reflection

Sung Response

"O Enlightened One"

***O Enlightened One, Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear your Image, and be a child of Light.***

Prayer for All Saints

Resting in the Silence

During these 5 minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. Descend into this Silence. There is nothing you need to do. Just relax. Sense your body. Breathe more deeply than usual. It can help to focus on the region of the heart. You might use a breath prayer to help you descend into this silence at the level of the heart, such as "Living Flame" (inhale), "Loving Light" (exhale), or use a sacred word (such as Love, Peace, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit).

Song of Response

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.***

The Eucharistic Prayer

*O God, by whose Word commanded, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
You have caused us to be Your children of Light.*

***We thank You for all those who have reflected Your love to us
and have shown us the Image of God.***

*Hear our thanksgiving for those who have entered their eternal home
to live with You but whose lives of faith live on in our hearts:*

(silence as you whisper the name(s) of loved ones)

*With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us,
we gather around Your throne of grace and remember Your great sacrifice of love,
offered through Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith and the faith of all your saints.*

***Today we celebrate this holy meal in Your presence
and in the company of the great cloud of witnesses
who are reflections of Your Light.***

***By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world
until we feast with all the saints at Your heavenly banquet. Amen.***

Holy Communion

"Sing Me to Heaven"

Receiving a Good Word



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Today's Music

'Lord Jesus Christ' – Jaques Berthier, *'Holy, Holy, Holy'* – Reginald Here & John Dykes,
'O Living Flame of Love' – Peter Johns, *'O Enlightened One'* – Michael Sciretti Jr. *'Sing Me to Heaven'* – Daniel Gawthrop

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www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

Thursday, November 6 | The Anchor House | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



Creative Space

Saturday, November 8 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Creative Space is a nurturing, encouraging gathering of people who come together to create art and spend time in personal reflection. You will get an opportunity to explore spirituality through creative expression, as well as to be creative in a setting that is intentionally designed to enhance the spiritual. Materials are provided and everyone is welcome. No reservation is required.

Dying Well

Saturday, November 8 | The Fellowship Hall | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

It is hard making decisions about life and death, and it is uncomfortable having conversations with family about your wishes in death, but what if you had help, wisdom, and insight? It's time to finally get your affairs in order with a workshop on Dying Well. Our 4-hour workshop is offered by Rev. Andrew Wolfe, Rev. Rachel Sciretti, and Chapelwood member Derry Essary.



SoulCollage® Workshop: Abundance

Sunday, November 9 | The Anchor House | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | \$15

When we gather for Exploring SoulCollage, we gently explore a theme and make SoulCollage cards. As always, you can follow the theme or go your own way. For more details and to register use the QR Code here.

The Anchor House Hours

Tuesdays – Fridays | Noon - 4pm

The Anchor House is open in the afternoons for you to come and pray, meditate, walk the Labyrinth or just be still. If you would like to request a specific room for spiritual direction, counseling or for your own time of retreat outside of these hours, please let Haley know and we will make sure a room is available for you.



Holding One Another in the Light

As our commitment to one another deepens, we want to be able to pray for one another – bearing burdens and joining in celebrations. Here is how to participate:

1. Make a request for prayer or thanksgiving using the QR link or go to thecenterfcs.org
2. Opt in to receive the weekly prayer list by emailing Rachel at rsciretti@chapelwood.org.



Giving to The Center

We invite you to financially give to The Center in response to what you have received today or throughout our contemplative offerings. Using the QR code will take you to a page where you can make a one-time offering or recurring gift. Thank you for your contribution and investment.

