NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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November 1, 2026 – Livestream
All Saints' Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *How Blessed Are All the Saints* arr. H. Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you and all the saints
from God who is, and was, and is to come.
People: Amen.
Leader: And from Jesus Christ
who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
People: the Alpha and the Omega, our beginning and our end. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #711 *For All the Saints* v.1-4

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Curtis Hurley

FIRST LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. **10** They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" **11** And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" **14** I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come
out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. A. Parker
Voices in Accord/Cathedral Singers

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar

Refrain
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I am.

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. (Refrain)

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. (Refrain)

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1-3
See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we
are! But the people who belong to this world do not recognize that we are God's children because they do not
know God. **2** Dear friends, we are already God's children, but God has not yet shown us what we will be like
when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. **3** And all who
have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Grateful Witness* Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #709 *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*
Come, let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.

One family we dwell in him, one church above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death;
one army of the living God, to his command we bow;
part of his host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

Ten thousand to their endless home this solemn moment fly,
and we are to the margin come, and we expect to die.
E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before,
and greet the blood-besprinkled bands on the eternal shore.

Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear his trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace
with servants among us and saints above us,
united in the joy of Christ our Hope:

People: Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith.
Forgive our indifference to your will.
You have commanded us to speak,
but we have been silent.
You have called us to do what is just,
but we have been afraid.
Have mercy on us, your faithless servants.
Keep before us the witness of the saints,
so that living with courage and love,
we too may come into your promised realm of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: The saying is true for all generations:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
This proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Pilgrims' Hymn* S. Paulus
Voices in Accord

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God.
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer.

Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You.

Endless Your Grace, O endless Your Grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Our communion musical responses are found on the inside back cover of The Faith We Sing.

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God…
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
People: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ….
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People: ***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***
Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts
of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of
Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your
saints, especially those whom we name before you:

Alice Brown
Victor Childers
Doris Crawmer
Joan Lafuze
Gordon Evans
Patricia Gail Nelson
Rebecca Pritchard
Linda McClain
Rebecca VanVoorhis
Charles Johnson
James McQuiston
Richard Pickering
Donna Sandage

….Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: ***Amen.***

*The Lord's Prayer #2278

*Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Blessing

As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, nricketts@northchurchindy.com

Communion Hymn #723 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: ***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.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **[Refrain]**

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **[Refrain]**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **[Refrain]**

Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #711 *For All the Saints* v. 5-6

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The Blessing

Postlude *For All the Saints* arr. W. Wold

It is not too late to pledge for 2027.
Pledge cards are available in the pews and at the entrances to the sanctuary.
https://northchurchindy.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/BackPageOf2027PledgeCard.pdf

Upcoming Events:

North's charge conference, November 4, 6:00pm at Southport UMC

Stop the Bleed Training, November 11, 6:00pm, Club Room
RSVP required (max. 10 participants)
RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com

Umoja Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 15, 5:00pm, Northside Events & Social Club

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25, 7:00pm

Advent Festival, Sunday, November 29, 4:30-6:30pm

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Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Rev. Curtis Hurley
Retired Elder
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education
Theo Hicks
Director of Music
Heather Hinton
Organist
James Horton
John Hague
Audio Visual

