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This Upcoming Sunday

All Saints' Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

6 November 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Musician: Marsha Reilly

Lector: Alex Buckley

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Owen
Buckley

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:
David Burton

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: Lynn Graham

LESSONS for the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints'):

Old Testament – Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149 (SUNG)

New Testament – Ephesians 1: 11-23

Gospel – Luke 6: 20-31

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

-- All Saints Sunday --

All Saints Sunday -- A Principal Feast and Gift of the Church

When we let it, the Church can teach us a lot about how to walk with grief and loss in a healthy way. On page 15 in the *Book of Common Prayer* there is a list of seven Principal Feasts, or important days on the Church Calendar. Only one of them is considered so important it can be moved to the Sunday after its date, so it is harder to miss. That Principal Feast is All Saints Day.

The celebration of All Saints Day came to the Church from Ireland and spread to Rome where Pope Gregory the Fourth in the early ninth century urged it become an official part of the Church Calendar. Over the many years of Church History, it has evolved, and even split into two days with All Saints Day being observed on November 1 and All Souls Day observed on November 2.

Today we tend to combine the practices and rituals of All Saints Day and All Souls Day into one celebration on the Sunday after November 1, which we call All Saints Sunday.

Perhaps an oversimplification: on All Saints Day we remember and honor the Christians who have died, especially those who played a significant role in the creation of, building of, maintaining, changing, growing, and persevering in the Church (the entire Church, not a single parish or denomination) so that the Church continues generation after generation. Such saints may or may not be the heroes memorialized in stained glass or books of saints. They can be people like grandparents or parents, friends, clergy, anyone who is now dead but whose faith still inspires or influences you. On All Souls Day we remember all the people who died over the past year, often by reading their names aloud in a special litany (long prayer) during a church service.

Both days combined teach us a lot about how to grieve, and how to support each other in our grief. We grieve not as people without hope, but as people who live in the eternal hope and promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Those who are dead are not completely gone, we will be with them again in the fulfillment of the resurrection life Jesus started when he rose from the dead.

This cycle in our Church Year also teaches us that nothing that is happening in the church now is completely new. Something very similar happened in the past and the Church survived. It also means whatever

we do in the Church, we do not do it alone, we stand on shoulders of hundreds of thousands of Christians before us. People from all walks of life who were not perfect, who sometimes made mistakes but managed to find ways to forgive each other and work together for the benefit of the entire Church.

Whether we grieve the changes in the church, or grieve the loss of people in the congregation, the liturgies and prayers and rituals of the Church are gently inviting us to remember there is something stronger than death or loss binding us with all that is past, all that is, and all that will be. The power that is more powerful than death is the Love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is with us in this life and life after life after death.

Whether you join us in person or through the Sunday Church email, we hope you participate in that Love of God that is found in the hope of All Saints Sunday, this Sunday, November 6.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, November 6, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (All Saints)

Sunday, November 6, 3:00 p.m. - - Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration

Sunday, November 13, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 13, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, November 20, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 20, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Thursday, November 24 10:30 a.m. - - Thanksgiving Day service

Thursday, November 24 1:30 p.m. - - Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners

Sunday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Events Looking Forward

Nov. 6 (Sunday) Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration 3pm (first in a series)

Nov. 19 (Saturday) Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Hybrid zoom and in person in Cincinnati

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 am

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners 1:30 pm

Dec. 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve 7pm

Dec. 25 (Sunday) Christmas Day 10:30 am

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

November 6 -- Lyn Graham

November 13 -- Lois Wagner

November 20 -- Dana Carlson

November 27 -- David Burton

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

[To Altar Flowers Procedure](#)

November 13

December 4, 11, 18

CrossRoads Café is closed until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to chogs@chogs.org or revedebwoolsey@gmail.com.



We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans. \$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luellhoff at michael.luellhoff@hotmail.com if you want to purchase a bag.

Notes & Announcements

Messages of Condolence and Sympathy

For those wishing to send a note or card to Jan Gault's family expressing your sympathy, Jan's family asks they all be sent to her home address:

6292 US Route 50

Albany, OH 45710

Thank you!

Pastoral Announcement about Julie Nehls

Long-time parishioner Julie Nehls is at the Laurels here in Athens and is eager to receive visitors, phone calls, notes, cards, flowers, and all manner of well wishes. She is in Room 104. The phone number you can reach her at is: 740-592-3088.

Address: Julie Nehls

The Laurels – Room 104

10 Columbus Circle

Athens, OH 45701

In person visitors are asked by the Laurels to wear a face mask and sign in at the table in the lobby.



Calling any and all singers !!!!!

Extra singers are needed for December services - especially Dec. 19 and Christmas Eve (service at 7:00) Rehearsals are Sunday morning at 9:15. There will be an extra rehearsal between Dec. 19 and Dec. 24.

Contact Marsha Reilly at mareilly1@columbus.rr.com or mareilly57@gmail.com or 740-818-6475.

Thanks from Steve Steward's Sister Amy and a note from the 'Local Girls' music group.

A photograph of a handwritten note on lined paper. The text is written in cursive and expresses gratitude for the church community's support of Steve Steward.

I want to thank everyone at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Everyone has been so helpful. Steve had a very strong connection to his church community since day one when he was in college. The church gave him great peace.

Thank you and many blessings -
Amy Pretzer

Dear friends,

Please accept this small donation in honor of an admired singer - and librarian - Steve Steward. He contributed his strong, beautiful voice to our 00 Bicentennial recording. We were and remain grateful.

I also had the repeated chance to work with him at the library. He was always so cheerful and helpful.

A voice is a particular thing. As Miss: I know you'll all miss the fine man and singer. Accept our condolences, please, and to his family.

Sincerely, Mimi Hart, for the Local Girls

Stewardship Pledge Season

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is a pledge? A pledge is a promise. A stewardship pledge is a promise we make to the ongoing spiritual life of Good Shepherd. We promise to make a financial donation in order that the church may continue to exist in our lives and in our community as the place we find spiritual fulfillment, fellowship, guidance, and ministry.

I pledge each year to Good Shepherd because I am connected to the place, the people, and the liturgy. My pledge matters to the church, it matters to me, and I hope that your pledge matters to you.

Parishioners and friends have generously contributed financially to special infrastructure projects such as the organ refurbishment/rebuilding and the kitchen renovation. Yet it is through our pledge donations that we pay our daily bills, afford four staff members, and keep the doors open and welcoming to all.

We should be so proud of the work we do, given our limited resources. Our parish is never short of creativity, energy, love, compassion, and curiosity. Let us continue to be there for one another, for our beloved Church of the Good Shepherd, and for God as faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

Please join me and my family in making a pledge of financial support in this coming new year. You can download a pledge card pdf using this link; <https://www.chogs.org/chogarchives/PledgeCard2023.pdf> and mail it back to Parish Administrator, Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, Athens, Ohio 45701. You are also encouraged to bring it in person to a Sunday service or drop off in the church office during the week. We hope to have all pledges turned in by November 27th.

Sincerely,

Alex Buckley, Senior Warden

Editor's Note: Many of you have, or will, also receive information by mail.

Nominating Committee at Work

Every fall, the members leaving Vestry work with the Rector and Senior Warden to prayerfully invite members to serve the parish by serving on Vestry, Representing the parish at Diocesan Convention (as delegates or as alternates), and if their term is up, Wardens or Treasurer.

If you are interested in or want to learn more about these opportunities to serve the parish, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Mother Deborah, Anne Braxton, Doug Dygas, Sharon Huge, and Alex Buckley.



CELEBRATION CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOV 6
3:00 PM

Come hear the
restored 1952
Aeolian-Skinner organ
Marsha Reilly, organist



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Giving Peace of Mind

As a priest, I have been invited into many people's final days and spent quite a bit of time with families and friends after a loved one has died helping them discern how to grieve and plan their loved one's funeral service.

Many times, family and friends tell me they don't know how to plan a funeral, and they don't know what Bible readings or music their loved one would want. Their feelings of inadequacy add a burden to their grief.

One of the things **YOU** can do to help your loved ones with what will be a time of grief for them is to give them the information they will need to grieve and give you the kind of funeral service you want. When I talk with family members who are sitting with a loved one who is dying, if I can tell them their loved one has already planned their funeral service, and I know what they wanted, the family feels instant relief and it gives them peace. It also helps build trust between me as your priest and family members that may not be as engaged in the church.

As we draw near to a season that focuses on family, please consider giving your family the gift of peace of mind by planning your funeral. You can do this with a local funeral home, you can do this with me, or through the church office. You can request forms from the church office. All you have to do is fill them out and return them; we will keep them on file. It is easy, and like all expressions of generosity, it might give you the same peace of mind too.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Diocesan Convention Saturday Nov. 19

This year's Diocesan Convention will be hybrid, both in person in Cincinnati and online. Please pray for our delegates and alternates and clergy who will be attending: Mother Deborah, Dana Carlson, Jack Flemming, Allyn Reilly, and Anne Walker (alternate for Alex Buckley). And please pray for all the people in the Diocese working to put the convention together and who will be running convention. This is part of how the work of the whole Church is done, and whether or not you participate, you are still represented and are part of this work.



**From the Bishop Nominating
Committee:**

Focus Groups Begin

For more information follow this Link: [Register to attend in-](#)

person and online focus groups.

For Bishop Transition News and Updates

-- [Follow this link](#) --

Diocese of Southern Ohio 80th General Convention

Saturday, November 19. Delegates and clergy may attend in person or via zoom. For more see the **[DSO E-Connections newsletter](#)**. Keep up with the latest **[Convention information HERE](#)**.

Thanks to Allyn, Curt, and Michael who raked the leaves in the church yard (actually used those wind blower thingies) and to Michael and Allyn who took down the porch awning. (We learned the hard way from last year it is best to take the awning down because of wind and snow damage.)



Contacts & Information

Contact Information

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For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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www.chogs.org

This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on line via PayPal. If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation—e.g. Covid Memorial, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

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Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Diocese COVID Guidelines request all persons wear masks inside the church building regardless of vaccination status.

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