Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.
We're glad you're here!

November 1, 2026



God is still present throughout history and today, granting wisdom and compassion to those who truly seek those things and desire to use them well.

~ Allie Rosner Bass

ROLAND PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you. You can always visit our website for the latest happenings and information.
https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/

If this is your first time with us, you can email Pastor Mark to introduce yourself and learn more about the congregation: pastor@rolandparkchurch.org

If you would like to connect with our Christian Education Program, please email our Director of Christian Education, Dr. Shayla Redfearn: DCE@rolandparkchurch.org

To connect with our choirs, please email our Director of Music, Dr. Phillip Collister-Murray: pcollister@towson.edu

All are welcome in our worship service, including infants and children. We also have a nursery room where childcare is provided. With the exception of the first Sunday of each month, there is also an optional "Bridge to Worship" time where children may choose to leave the sanctuary with our Christian Education team to engage in an age-appropriate worship activity. It will be announced and children will be invited to come forward. They will return to the sanctuary by the end of the service.

If you have any questions or need help finding anything, please ask anyone wearing a name tag. We will be happy to help you.

*If you are able, please stand.

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THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
November 1, 2026 10:30 AM

LOVED ONES WE REMEMBER TODAY FROM OUR CONGREGATION:

John Taylor (October 19, 2024)

FROM OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Sandy Boyd (May 29, 2026) by Nwando and William Bartley
Michael G. Briggs (August 23, 2026) by John and Susan Walkup
Richard James Brown (August 22, 2026) by Phoebe Evans Letocha
Lois Buttaro (December 26, 2025) by Sharon Halm
John Coon (March 18, 2026) by Phillip Collister-Murray
Janet Estes (November 18, 2025) by Phillip Collister-Murray
Elizabeth Fenwick (November 14, 2025) by Reeves Smith
Sally Fuerth (February 25, 2026) by Carol Curtis
Jim Gray (February 12, 2025) by Genevieve Simermeyer
Jane Jacobs (June 16, 2025) by Genevieve Simermeyer
Marty Katz (August 28, 2026) by Katie Hosier
Sharra Kelly (March 4, 2026) by Carol Curtis
Lilah Rose Kendig (February 17, 2026) by Sarah Kendig
Sabra Kone (spring 2026) by Deborah LeClair
Bernard Lawson (July 12, 2026) by Sharon Halm
Barry Patron (March 13, 2026) by David Patron
Kathryn Redcorn (January 22, 2026) by Genevieve Simermeyer
Edward Westfall Renaud (April 3, 2026) by Ed and Christine Renaud
Mary Kay Smith (September 26, 2026) by John and Susan Walkup
Violet Louise Talbert (March 17, 2026) by Kobe Stephens
Ceci Teng (August 18, 2026) by Sandy Rybczynski
Jean Van Buskirk (January 10, 2026) by Julie Evans
Jefferson Wright (September 2026) by Anne and Jim Porterfield
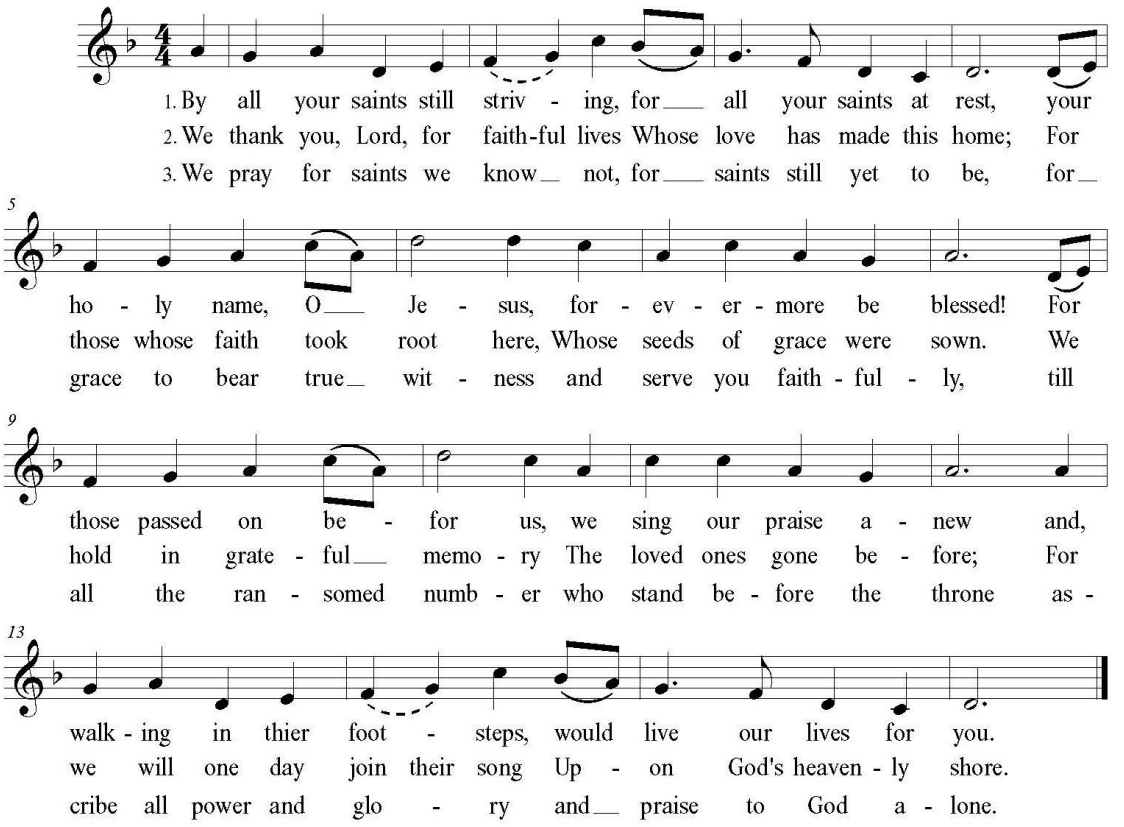
PRELUDE Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639 J. S. Bach
Esther Lee, organ

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God invites us to come and ask for what we need.
So we first ask ourselves: what do we need?
God invites us to be honest — with ourselves, with others, and in prayer.
So we listen with our hearts and open our minds.
God invites us to use the gifts we are given
So we come to be equipped for God's good work.

***HYMN INSERT** By All Your Saints Still Striving KING'S LYNN



TEXT: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1864 alt.
Verse 2: Phillip Collister-Murrya, 2026

KING'S LYNN
MUSIC: English-melody. and harm,
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

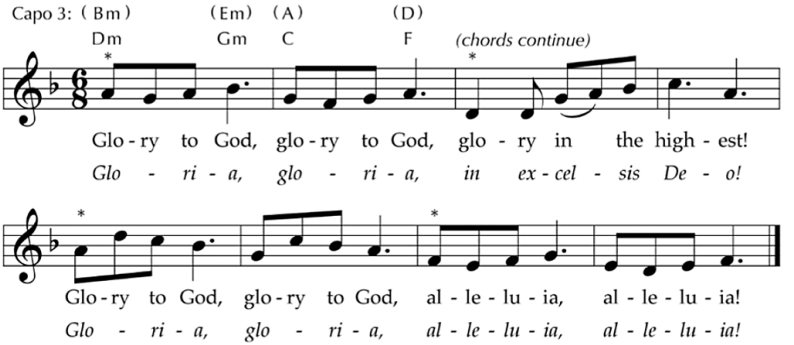
God of grace and glory,
you offer us the gift of wisdom
and we confess we would prefer the gift of judgment.
We want the gift of having our preconceived notions and biases confirmed.
We confess that we have definite ideas
about who we should care about,
and what that care should look like.
Forgive us, loving God,
for even subconsciously believing any of your beloved children
are beneath our attention.
Forgive us when we choose condemnation over compassion.
Forgive us for letting our egos get in the way of your wisdom.
Give us listening hearts
that we might take seriously the honor of serving others,
and so live faithfully according to your word.
Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, hear and trust this good news: God's forgiveness reaches us when we seek for it, and God's grace seeks us out even when we are not yet sure how to ask. Let God's word dwell in you, that it may come to life through you. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD



PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM Bright Morning Stars — Shawn Kirschner
Chancel Choir — based on an Appalachian Melody
Kobe Stephens, soloist

Bright morning stars are rising,
Day's a-breaking in my soul.

Oh, where are our dear fathers?
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They are down in the valley praying;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear mothers?
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They have gone to heaven shouting;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear children?
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They're upon the earth a-dancing;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.

Bright morning stars are rising;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

You meet us, O God, wherever we are. We come seeking today, trusting you will speak again here. Make us ready to receive what you would give us today for the building up of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

GOD'S STORY *1 Kings 3:4-9; 16-28*

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.' " So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other." But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." Then the king responded, "Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." All Israel heard of the judgment that the
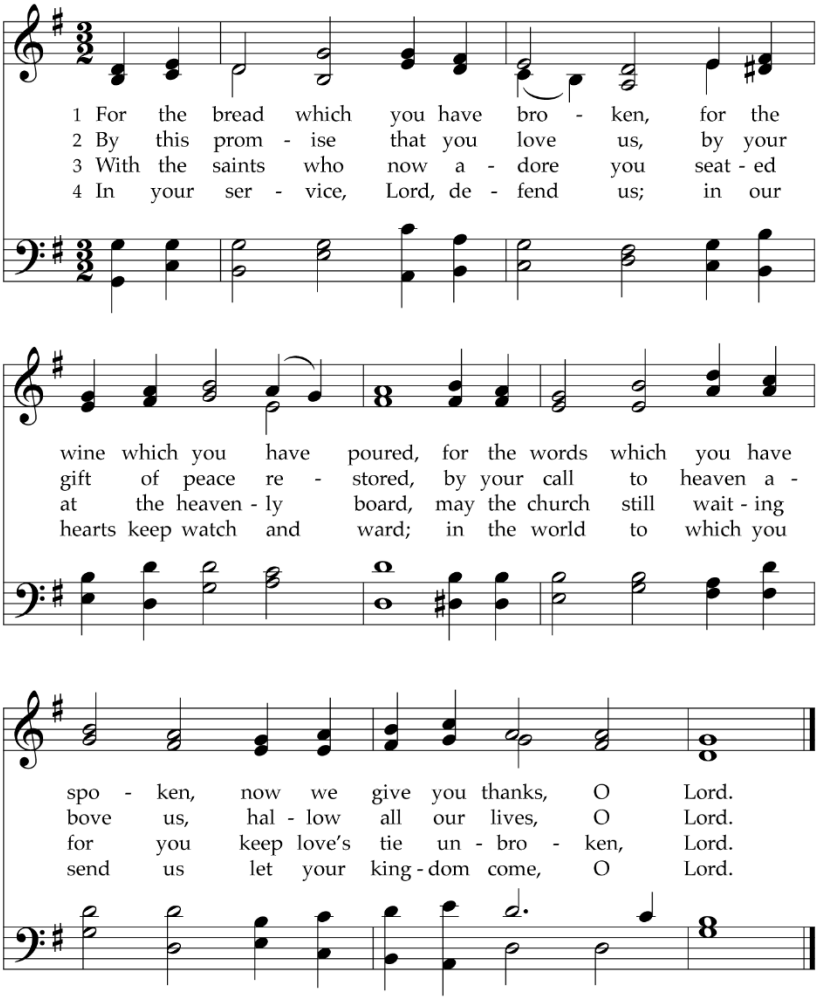
king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	Complicated Saints, Compassionate Sinners	Pastor Mark
***HYMN #516**	For the Bread Which You Have Broken	KINGDOM

LORD'S SUPPER

516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken



THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers, after which the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," or "Lord, we give thanks," and the entire congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Berceuse from *Suite for Flute* — Philippe Gaubert
Hannah Silverberg, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

We offer our time, talent and treasure in gratitude to God. Thank you for your gifts in support of our shared ministry. For your convenience, we offer these electronic giving options (fees involved): Use PayPal @RolandParkChurch or Text RPPC to 73256 and follow prompts.

Offertory — The Lord's Prayer — Albert Hay Malotte
Emily Gradowski, soloist

*Doxology (Hymn #606) OLD HUNDREDTH
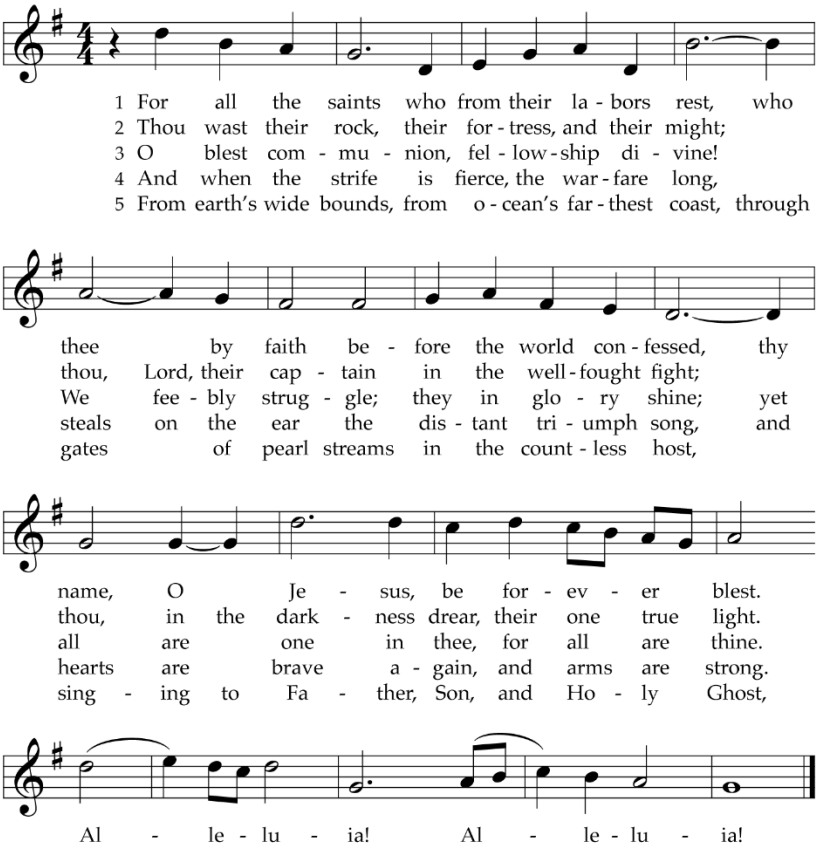
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #326** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE
Sing verses 1, 3, & 5

THE CHURCH

326 For All the Saints



***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Following today's service you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

POSTLUDE Joyful Toccata — James M. Stevens
Esther Lee, organ

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY

We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: **Mary Helen Matava** (sister of Kathy Matava), **Cheryl Thurber** (mother of Phoebe Evans Letocha)**, Farrell Silverberg** (father of soloist Hannah Silverberg)**, Darlene George, Jim Elmore,** the friends and loved ones of **John Taylor,** the **community of Roland Park** and **David & Danny Guillaume along with the staff and children of Kay Papa Nou & Unity House.**

IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MUSIC MAKERS

Director of Music: Dr. Phillip Collister-Murray
Organist: Esther Lee
Chancel Choir & Soloists*: Mary Agnes Evans, Elaine Gradowski, Emily Gradowski*, Sharon Halm, Katie Hosier*, Troy Koger*, Carolyn Kramer, Charlotte Kutz*, Peter Murphy*, Dave Patron, Ginny Rutherford, Sandy Rybczynski, Barrie Sigler, Hannah Silverberg*, Jennifer Smith*, Steven Soltow*, Kobe Stephens*, John Walkup
Handbell Choir: Beth Bishop, Jackie Capecci, Elaine Gradowski, Emily Gradowski, Laura Hirschfeld, Katie Hosier, Carolyn Kramer, Richard Letocha, Holden McAleer, Dave Patron, Sandy Rybczynski, Jennifer Smith, Sharon Halm (emeritus)

*Denotes soloist

IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Julie Evans

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

November 8, 2026, 10:30 AM Worship. **Scripture:** 2 Kings 5:1-15a **Message:** Growing in Faith

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