November 1, 2026 All Saints' Day Observed
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1 Corinthians 12:12–27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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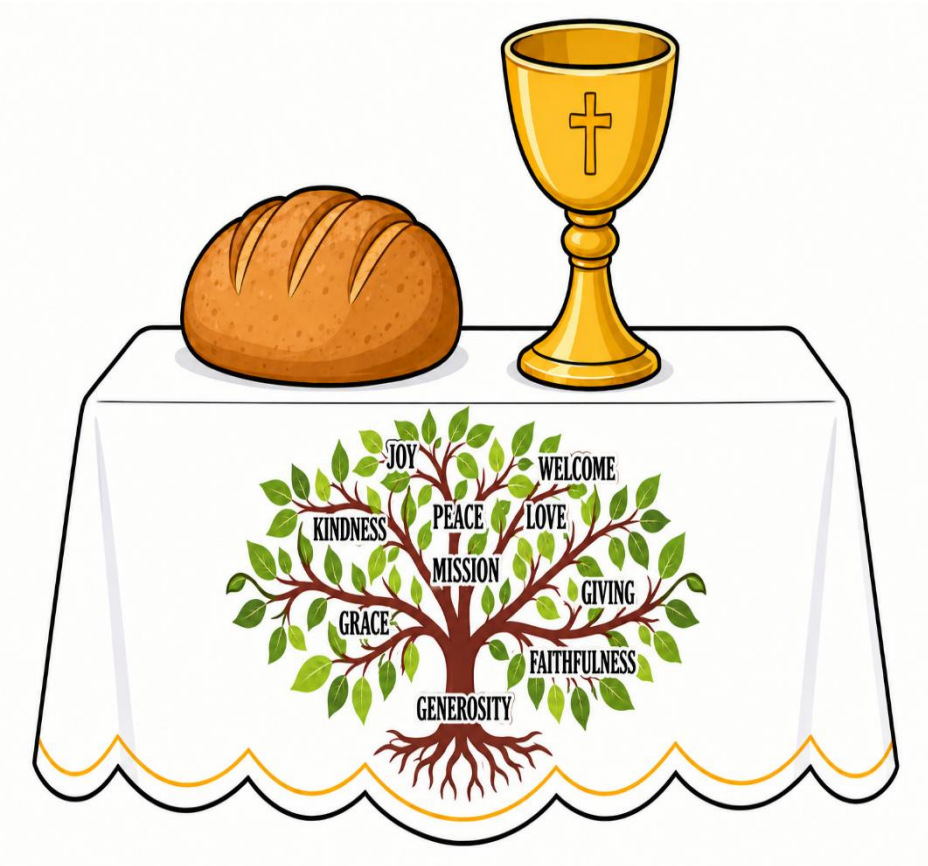

Generosity Sunday
All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation
Welcome & Announcements
The Lighting of the Peace Candle and Centering Prayer

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: We are many members, yet one body in Christ.
People: We belong to God, and we belong to one another.
Leader: We gather with the saints who came before us and with all who seek God today.
People: We give thanks for their witness and offer our gifts for the common good.
Leader: Christ welcomes us to the table of grace, where every person has a place.
People: With open hearts and willing hands, we come to worship God.

*Hymn #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, you have joined us to Christ and to one another, yet we often live as though we have no need of each other. We compare our gifts, overlook hidden burdens, and hold tightly to what you have entrusted to us. Forgive our fear, pride, and indifference. Renew us by your grace, and teach us to welcome, give, and serve as one body in Christ. *(Moment of silent prayer***). Amen**

*Kyrie #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

(Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave for Sunday School.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

The Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Rev David Bowman

"Because We Believe We Belong to One Another, We Participate"

*Affirmation of Faith. (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #530 ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

"One Bread, One Body"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People
Time for Generosity and Offering
Presentation of Pledge Cards
Offertory

*Hymn 712 vs 3 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Generous God, every good gift begins with you.
People: Because we believe, we give with grateful hearts.
Leader: Receive these pledge cards and offerings, signs of our faith, hope, and commitment.
People: Bless what we offer and use it for your work in the world.
Leader: Through these gifts, plant seeds of welcome for those seeking a place to belong.
People: Make us a church where every person is received with love.
Leader: Through these gifts, strengthen worship, nurture faith, care for neighbors, seek justice, and serve those in need.
People: Make our generosity a living witness to your grace.
Leader: As we sow together, teach us to trust you for the growth.
People: May our gifts of money, time, talent, prayer, and presence bear abundant fruit.
Leader: Unite us as one body, each person offering what they are able, joyfully and prayerfully.
People: Every gift matters. Every person matters. We all have a part to play.
Leader: Because we believe—
People: We give. We serve. We welcome. We participate.
All: Loving God, we dedicate these gifts and we dedicate ourselves anew. Through Slackwood Presbyterian Church, cultivate a community of gratitude, generosity, justice, compassion, and hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Remembrance of Our Beloved Family and Friends

Litany of the Saints

Leader: God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;
People: we lament their passing,
Leader: and honor their legacy.
People: We give thanks for all we have learned from them.
Leader: Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,
People: we follow their example.
Leader: Those who made mistakes along the way,
People: we learn from their experience.
Leader: Those who made progress for peace,
People: we continue their work.
Leader: Those who lived simply and quietly,
People: we are enlightened by them.
Leader: Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,
People: we commend them to your care.
Leader: They have finished their work on earth,
People: and it lives on,
Leader: reverberating into our lives now
People: as the work of Christ lives on.
Leader: May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us,
People: to good works, humility, simplicity, and peacemaking,
Leader: As he inspired those who have gone before us,
People: to live in grace and love.

Remembrance of Our Loved Ones

When the name of your loved one is read, come forward and place your lighted candle on the table in the front of the sanctuary.

Anthem Mark Hayes
"And the Father Will Dance over You in Joy"

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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….

(Prayer continues)

Leader: Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sung Liturgy #552

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,
hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer continues)

Leader: Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Sung Liturgy #553

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(Prayer continues)

Leader: Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory now and forever.

Sung Liturgy #554

Amen, amen, amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(You are invited to come forward and receive communion by intinction, or you may remain in your pew and partake of the elements when served.)

Prayer after the Meal

*Hymn #326 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

*Those who are able may stand.

The Peace Candle in the Chancel is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ's peace and our call to be peacemakers.

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome, that you will fill out a Welcome card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate and that you will stay following worship for a time of fellowship.

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church
Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman
Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman
Communion Officiants: The Rev. David Bowman and The Rev. Walter De Gunya
Seminary Intern: Madalyn Sailors
Liturgist: Claire Buck

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Announcements

The **Adult Forum** meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link is in the Saturday announcements email.

Middle and Senior High Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m.

Choir rehearsal is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Personnel Committee** will meet following this morning's service of worship.

Pastor Bowman will be away this week spoiling his grandchildren. Please honor his time away by not calling, texting or emailing. If you have something that needs immediate attention, contact the Clerk of Session. **Preaching next Sunday**, November 8 will be Seminary Intern Madalyn Sailors.

The **Christiaan Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Bible Study Group**, led this week by the Rev. Cindy Bowman, will meet on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link to join is in the Saturday announcements email.

Stop by the table in fellowship hall where there are sign-up sheets for a variety of events. Add your name to participate in one or more. Sign up to help with Sunday school during worship, to be part of the November 14 event at Heritage Village, and/or to receive the Advent Study book or the book being read by Truth, Justice & Reconciliation.

Those people and places remembered in the morning prayers last Sunday are: Nabila, Kirk, the unhoused, the unemployed and underemployed, the marginalized, those who are grieving, those impacted by violence, those impacted by climate change, Ann Klein Forensic Center, Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Peter Cometo, Lilian, Doug & Heather, Annette, Patty, Pat, George, Jim & Debbie, Debi & Doug, Emma, Jac & Kimmie, Lori & family, Springer family, Sydney, Annette, Doris, Pat, Fran, Jill, Kristi, Lynn, Leigh, Lane & Josiah, MJ & Richard, Mylan, Sandy & John, Kateri & family, and Dawn.

Coming Events:

Saturday, November 14 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Social Time with residents of Heritage Village in their community room. Please bring a snack to share with our friends.

Tuesday, November 24 – Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving
7:00 p.m. – Adath Israel Congregation
Pick-up choir rehearses at 5:45 p.m.
Donations of non-perishable food for HomeFront or monetary donations for The Jewish Family & Children's Service Food Pantry requested.

Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 – 7:00 p.m.
Advent study using the book "Awaiting the Already"
Sign up on the sheet in fellowship hall to receive the book.

Thursday, Dec. 10 – 7:00 p.m. Human Rights Day
Presentation and service project by Arm in Arm

Slackwood's Mission Statement

Slackwood Presbyterian Church is a diverse, caring Christian community guided by scripture, committed to loving God, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, and sharing Christ's love with all people.

Slackwood's Vision Statement

We envision glorifying and serving God by being an example to each other, the community, and the world through:

- Meaningful Worship
- Faithful Prayer
- Relevant Study
- Joyful Fellowship
- Compassionate Service

We strive to build a safe community that embraces:

- All Ages
- People of color
- The LGBTQIA+ community
- People with disabilities
- Other Marginalized people

Values

Grace – We recognize that God's grace is extended to all, regardless of our shortcomings or differences.

Welcoming – We intentionally create an inviting atmosphere where newcomers feel embraced and valued.

Inclusive – We celebrate diversity and actively seek to include all people in our worship, fellowship, and service. We believe that every person has a place at God's table.

Respect – We strive to listen to one another, value differing perspectives, and honor each person's dignity.

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