Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) | Hymnal, pg. 15

† EUCHARISTIC HYMN
"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" | No. 508

EUCHARIST

The Eucharist liturgy is included in the insert and on page 13 in the Hymnal

SENDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
"I Want to Live With God" | Salone Clary

† DOXOLOGY (592)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

† CLOSING HYMN
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" | No. 260

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Where you see the † , please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny
Liturgist | David Oates
Music Director | Mark Brooks
Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste
Ushers | Mike & Nancy Wilson

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Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church of Alton

Sunday Worship Bulletin
November 1, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets
618-465-3592
Office Hours Mon-Fri
9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 Bible Study
Library

10:00 Worship
Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup's On
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | *Library*

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm | *Music Room*

Saturday Café
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

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All Saints' Day

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY
(Insert)

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN
"For All the Saints" | No. 526

CALL TO CONFESSION
Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN
Eternal god, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

THE PEACE
Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**
All are encouraged to share the Peace in a manner they feel comfortable.

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING
Revelation 7:9-17 | Pg. 249 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34
(Insert)

SECOND READING
I John 3:1-3 | Pg. 240 (Pew Bible)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 5:1-12 | Pg. 4 (Pew Bible)
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON
Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

† ANTHEM
"Be Still" | Mary MacDonold

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**