

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



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chiesa nuova, united church of christ

November 3, 2023

11:00am

**We are the newchurch – the *Chiesa Nuova* – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus.**

# CHIMING THE HOUR

## ✦ PROCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 15. 35, 40-42, 50-55

## ✦ OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray

Many: Creating God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last, with all your saints, we attain your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✦ SONG OF PRAISE

### For All the Saints

*Words by William W. How and Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams*



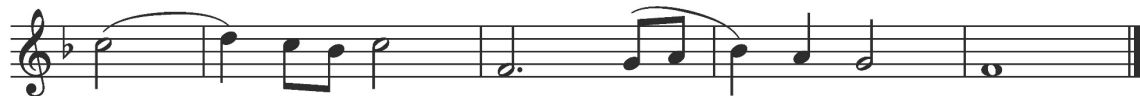
For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Ringed by this cloud of wit-ness-es di-vine,  
And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,



who to the world their stead-fast faith con-fessed, Your  
we fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; yet  
steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, then



name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
in Your love our faith-ful lives en-twine.  
hearts are brave a-gain, and faith grows strong.



Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!

## WELCOME

### FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

Tim Fortenberry

## THE SONG OF PREPARATION

### Hope Is Dawning

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Michael Gungor, Aaron Keyes and Johnny Parks

O - pen up the skies and rain the heav - ens down, the  
heav - ens down; - Ab - ba o - pen up the skies and rain the heav - ens down on  
us. O - pen up our eyes to see Your  
glo - ry found, all a - round; Je - sus, o - pen up our  
eyes to see Your glo - ry's all a - round. We are long - ing,  
hope is dawn - ing, heav - en's fall - ing,  
come, Christ Je - sus.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Invitation to Prayer

### The Silence is Kept

### Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

Many: O God of All, hear our pleas. Break the cycle of wars, so we may be enriched by Your peace; shatter the grip of violence, so we may

be freed from our anxieties; You plant your words of hope deep within us, carving on our hearts: "You are mine." Jesus, friend of the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely, You freely became one of us, so we could be liberated from our egos and addictions; You take us by the hand to lead us out of our fears. Spirit of Holiness, You pull us to safety when doubts rattle our souls; You give us what we need. Whenever we wander into the paths of trouble, You are with us. God in Community, Holy, Three in One. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 6:27-31

Jesus continued, "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

## THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

### Do Unto Others: "Be Loving"

## REMEMBRANCE

### O, Love

*By Elaine Hackenberry*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Leader All



Our God be with You. — And al - so with you.

Leader All



— Lift up your hearts. — We lift them up to our

Leader



God. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our

All



God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. —

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Eternal God, . . . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God; You of po- wer and light.

Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - - - -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho

san - na in the high - est! Blest is the One who comes

in the name of our God. Ho - san - na in the

high - est! Ho san - na in the high - est! Ho

san - na in the high - - - est!

One: . . . And so, in remembrance of these, Your 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 our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a  
 gain. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est! Ho san - na in the high - - - est!

One: Renew our communion with all Your saints, especially those whom we name before you now . . . . Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of grape and grain. Make them be for us the body and life of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body and life of Christ, redeemed by Christ, for service to all your children.

One: Let us pray:

**Many: By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and together with your Saints of Light, we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Eternal God, now and forever.**

A - men, A - men. A - - - - men. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho san - na in the  
 high - - - est! san - na in the high-est! Ho  
 san - na in the high - - - est!

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available to the far right. All are welcome.

## Invitation

## Receiving

### Song

### Be Thou My Vision/Will You Guide Me

*Words & Music Traditional Irish Hymn Additional Words & Music by Adam Lancaster*

Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
Rich - es I - heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
nought be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my in - her - i - tance now and al - ways:  
Thou my best thought, by day or by  
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my  
night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my  
heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou  
light. art. Will you guide me  
when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're



all that I need. Will you guide me  
 when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're  
 1. all that I need. 2. all that I need.  
 Be thou my Vi - sion, O -  
 Lord of my heart.

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## Thanksgiving

### The Lord's Prayer (using "kin-dom" and "sins")

Our God, in heaven, holy be Your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

### ✦ BLESSING

✦ **SONG OF DEPARTING**  
**How Great Is Our God**

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*



How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

2. To Coda  
 Name a-bove all names, wor-thy of all praise.

Our hearts will sing: How great

D.S. al Fine

is our God!

✦ **SHARING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And, also with you.**

One: La paz de Cristo esté con vosotros.

**Many: Y tambien contigo.**

One: Nos deja intercambiamos palabras y gestos de paz.

Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

✦ **SENDING**

# WORSHIP

All Saints Sunday is a day to celebrate the communion of saints as we remember those who have died, both in our local congregations and throughout the Church universal. The names of people who have died during the past year will be read today during the Great Thanksgiving. You are invited to then name aloud, or in the silence of your heart, any other name not listed.

## WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER! “THE POWER OF A THANKFUL HEART”

As we draw near to the uniquely American holiday of Thanksgiving, it's important to consider the power that comes from having a thankful heart, which is about cultivating a mindset that actively recognizes and appreciates the good in life, even amid its challenges, disappointments, and sorrows.



As with our faith, a thankful heart goes beyond a mere "thank you" to encompass a deeper, consistent attitude of hope. This mindset means choosing to see and acknowledge the presence of the Divine, whom we call God, and seeking to develop a greater and deeper connection of our hearts with God.

This worship series will explore how we can develop thankful hearts and draw close to God through Care, Faith, and Justice. We hope you will worship with us during November and discover the deep joy of developing thankful hearts.

## JUSTICE & JAZZ SUNDAY VESPERS – November 17 at 5:00pm



The service features local jazz musicians, a message from a special guest preacher, and amazing jazz music.

The goals of our Justice and Jazz Vespers Ministry are to provide a vibrant, and spiritual worship service enhanced and inspired by jazz music. The Vespers service will seek to develop justice leaders, communicate about justice efforts in our city, the DFW area, our state, and beyond, and grow community and connection among justice advocates.

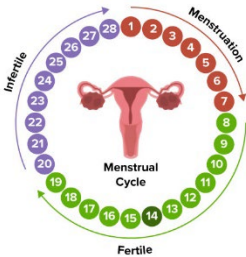
We hope you will be part of this dynamic worship and music experience.

# MINISTRY

## NOVEMBER GIVING INITIATIVE: POWER IN EVERY CYCLE

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Did you know that 1 in 5 menstruating students have missed school because of a lack of period supplies and resources? Period products (i.e. pads and tampons) are a crucial and constant hygiene need similar to toilet paper, and yet menstrual health is a topic that is often stigmatized or ignored.



Supporting students with high-quality, freely accessible products improves the educational experience and alleviates the financial burden and stress when a sudden need arises.

You are invited to participate in “Power in Every Cycle” by bringing period supplies to New Church on Sunday, November 17th. These supplies will be shared with Richardson High School and Townview in Oak Cliff, both schools where folks in our congregation attend and work!

And if you are online, you can help by sending products through [Amazon](#), or setting up a feminine product drive where you live.

Help us make a difference for our students by supporting their health.



Amazon List

## SUNDAY OF SERVICE – Sunday, December 29 at 11am

On 5th Sundays (months that have five Sundays), our New Church Community, family, and friends are invited to help feed unhoused and hungry people. We will not worship in person, but will gather near downtown to distribute bags containing a meal, along with snacks and various hygiene items. Once we have fed all we can, we’ll feed ourselves at a Dutch treat lunch.



If you worship with us online, we hope you might find a similar opportunity where you live – volunteer at a food pantry, or soup kitchen, or distribute bags yourself. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers.



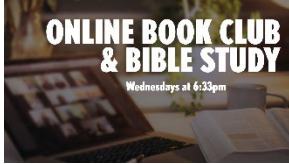
Amazon List

Our Amazon Wishlist has been updated and we welcome donations for our next SoS day.

# STUDY

## NEW CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays October 9 – November 13 at 6:33pm via Zoom



Our New Church Book Club will continue on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:33 pm on Zoom. Our book is *Talking in the Dark: Praying When Life Doesn't Make Sense* by Steve Harper. The book is available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.

The book reminds us that when life seems unfair and prayer doesn't seem to make any difference, you may quit praying. And if you're frustrated in your prayer life and wonder whether prayer is worth the effort, this book is for you.

As you read Harper's brutally honest stories and follow his advice on how to cultivate a prayer life, you'll discover the kind of prayer that makes you want to continue even though everything in you wants to quit.

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## PRAYING FOR THE NATION ON ELECTION DAY WITH THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

As the sacred ground where the nation gathers for prayer at pivotal moments in our life together, the National Cathedral will offer prayer services on Election Day as votes are cast, and on the day after as votes are counted. New Church is invited to join one or more of these special services as we pray for our nation and this critical time in the life of our nation. <https://cathedral.org/worship/election/>.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 5 – 8 am EST:** Service of Morning Prayer, 12 pm EST, Interfaith Noonday Service of Prayer, 5 pm EST, Service of Evening Prayer, 8:45 pm EST: Compline

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6** – The National Cathedral will offer a Service of Unity and Hope after an Election at 12 pm EST.

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## THEOLOGY ON TAP / ELECTION NIGHT WATCH PARTY TUESDAY November 5 at 6:33pm — At the Hudsons'



Everyone is invited to come together as a faith community for an Election Night Watch Party. Join us at the Hudsons' for theological conversation around elections, food, and drink.

# GET INVOLVED

## 8TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF – New Date Coming Soon!

Our Chili Cook-Off was postponed due to weather. We'll have a new date soon!



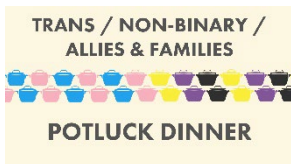
Get Tickets!

Dust off your favorite chili recipe and join newchurch for a great cause! Or, if you prefer not to cook, join us for a fun, family-friendly evening. We'll gather in the Martins' backyard for chili and s'mores. You are invited to BYOB, or beer will be available for a donation.

The cost is \$10 for chili cooks and \$20 for chili tasters. All proceeds from our 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off will help support our SOS ministry.

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## TRANSGENDER/NON-BINARY/FAMILIES FRIENDS and ALLIES POTLUCK DINNER November 9 at 6:33pm



All are invited to participate in a Trans/Non-Binary/Allies/Families Potluck Dinner on Saturday, June 29 at 6:33 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A main dish, water, and iced tea will be provided. Participants and guests are invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Young adults, youth, adults, seniors, families, friends, and allies are invited to attend this inter-generational gathering. All are welcome to come and enjoy the food, fellowship, and conversation. The hosts, Evie Wise and Sheri Vaden are looking forward to welcoming you.

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## LET'S DO LUNCH — November 10 at 12:30pm

You are invited to a Dutch Treat lunch immediately following worship on November 10. For our next lunch, we will gather at Due' Cucina Italian Restaurant — Lakewood, 1900 Abrams Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75214. No RSVP needed!



# NEW CHURCH INFORMATION

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## **newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT**

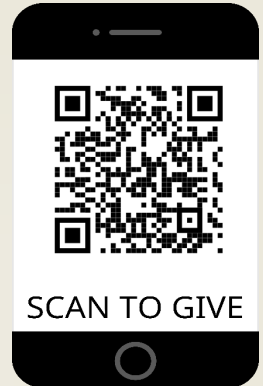
We are the **newchurch** — the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ — who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

## **Did You Know...**

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnuo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

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| <b>11/03</b><br>11:00am            | <b>All Saint's Sunday</b><br>ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP                               |
| <b>11/05</b><br>6:33pm             | <b>Theology on Tap / Election Watch Party</b><br>The Hudsons'                       |
| <b>11/06</b><br>6:33pm             | <b>Book Club</b><br>Via Zoom  |
| <b>11/09</b><br>6:33pm             | <b>Trans/Non-Binary/Families, Friends<br/>And Allies Potluck</b><br>Fellowship Hall |
| <b>11/10</b><br>11:00am<br>12:30pm | <b>Ordinary Time</b><br>ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP<br>Dutch treat Lunch               |
| <b>11/13</b><br>6:33pm             | <b>Book Club</b><br>Via Zoom  |
| <b>11/17</b><br>11:00am            | <b>Ordinary Time</b><br>ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP                                    |
| <b>11/13</b><br>6:33pm             | <b>Advent Book Club</b><br>Via Zoom   |
| <b>11/21</b><br>6:33pm             | <b>In-Person Advent Book Club &amp; Dinner</b><br>The Hudsons'                      |
| <b>11/24</b><br>11:00am            | <b>Reign of Christ Sunday</b><br>ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP                           |
| <b>12/1</b><br>11:00am             | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b><br>ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP                           |



**newchurch** Guiding Scripture:

**Seek first the realm of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

*Matthew 6:33*