

PENBROOK
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ

No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are always welcome here!

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS DAY

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WELCOME TO PENBROOK UCC

We are so blessed that you have joined us today, to remember and celebrate the gifts of God. If this is your first time or if you are a long-time member, we hope this service helps you to ponder your relationship with God and neighbor, and that you find your blessing and go from this service to share in the World.

We are an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you are interested in knowing more about the United Church of Christ or Penbrook UCC or have questions about membership in this family of faith, please feel welcome to speak with any of the leaders listed below.

Those who serve today:
Pastor: Rev. Donna Hughes
Liturgist: Ruth Dunnewold
Choir Director: Faith Brown
Pianist/Accompanist: Dawn Shertzer
Acolyte: Ann Bailey
Greeter/Usher: Harvey Bailey
Welcome/Announcements:
Streaming Operator:
PowerPoint Operator: Mel Amago

Your Executive Team:
President: Mary Kelly
Vice President: Mel Amago
Secretary: Mackenzie Weinhold
Treasurer: James Wheeler

NOVEMBER'S MISSION IS FOCUS ON OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM) OF THE UCC.

About today's worship service:
♦ Throughout today's service, this symbol ♦ indicates an invitation to rise either in body or in spirit.
Bold print indicates a unison response or prayer.
"NCH" refers to the New Century Hymnal.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship. At the ringing of the steeple bell, please enter a time of quietness in preparation for our worship together.

THE RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

THE PRELUDE *La Llorona*

Trad. Mexican Folk Song, arr. Trinthepianist
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THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHOUT-OUTS

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)
As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!
We gather with the saints, who live in the presence of God, singing praises to the God of our salvation.

From every nation, race, clan and culture, God's people gather to worship the One-Who-Is-Without-Peer!
To God and to the Lamb, all honor, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, strength and power. Blessed be God, now and forever! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER
God of mercy and grace, shower us with your loving kindness. Fashion us into the saints you call us to be. Love us abundantly, that others may see your kindness and joy reflected in our lives. Bless us with your abiding presence, that we may shine as saints of your holy love. Amen.

♦ HYMN NCH #299 *For All the Saints*

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We give thanks this All Saints Day for those who have gone before us, those who set tables of love and grace and hospitality, feeding us in body, mind and spirit. You are invited to write the name of persons you would like to remember on the notecards you found in the pews and then to place those, and any photos you brought, on the table up front as we remember how God's love was shown forth to us through these persons we remember today.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF YEARNING (RESPONSIVE)
We yearn to be counted among the saints of old, but the journey is long and difficult.
We long to love others as we should, even when they revile and hate us.
We seek to forgive those who wrong us, even when it means swallowing our pride.
We strive for the openness of spirit to pray for those who persecute us, even when we want to hold onto our wounds.
Guide us on this journey of discipleship,
that we may grow as your children and live as saints of your love. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF GRACE (RESPONSIVE)
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

♦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE AS GOD'S PENTECOST PEOPLE
As forgiven and freed people, let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
(The congregation may greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace, such as a handshake, an embrace, or other appropriate signs of peace, accompanied by these or similar words: "The Peace of God be with you," and in response, "And also with you.")

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

THE GIFT OF MUSIC *Be Strong in the Lord*
The Koinonia Singers
Words by Linda Lee Johnson. Music by Tom Fettke
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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Dick Stokes
(Following the Children's Message, children are invited to go downstairs with our children's leaders to attend Children's Church.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

THE MESSAGE

♦ HYMN NCH #295 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*
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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER HYMN *O Lord, Hear Our Prayer*
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.
When we call answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.
Come and listen to us.
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THE INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY *Going Home* Antonin Dvorak

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♦ THE DOXOLOGY FOR PENTECOST SEASON NCH #778

Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,
Whose table's wide and love is great,
From broken bread, may all be fed,
And justice rise where fear has spread.

Text by Matt Nutter, as shared in a Facebook post by Shirley Savage dated 09/03/2025, https://www.facebook.com/share/166ukvt33K/.
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♦ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious one, you offer us the bread of life and the living water of Christ. We come before you to offer our hearts and the riches we have received from your hand. Bless these gifts, that they may bring the Spirit's comfort to those whose eyes are wet with tears. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

When we gather at the table, we enter the realm of God's time in our remembering; where past, present and future are one. We remember the past and are hosted by all those saints who came before us. We remember the present through Christ's call to spread the banquet of love to all. We remember the future in the promise of Jesus to be with us always. And so it is that this morning, we remember with love those whose love of God lifted us. We give thanks for their hospitality, the tables they set for us and the gifts they gave to us, and we set this heavenly banquet at which we give glory to God with them today. It is through their witness that we have tasted and we have seen the goodness of God. All are welcome, no one is turned away for God is the host!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, . . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
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!
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, ... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty 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 faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ... and for saints who will come after us, continuing Your Good News into the future.

[the people are invited to take their neighbor's hand]

Holy 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 we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Hear us now as with the confidence of your beloved children we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Friend, our Mother, our Father in heaven: hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We will celebrate communion by intinction. Please move to the front as the ushers direct you. Receive the bread, dip it in the cup, consume both elements and return to your seat in a spirit of grateful prayer. As you finish you are welcome to light a candle in honor or memory of a saint that has gone on to glory!

THE COMMUNION MUSIC *Let Us Break Bread Together* African American Spiritual

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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE)

Holy God, thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship.

Their diversity reminds us of your infinite grace to all your creatures.

Thank you for the vision of a world at peace: paradise restored, where no one hungers, no one thirsts, and no one is wanting.

You guide us to the source of living water and invite us to drink deeply of your love.

Your magnificent generosity evokes our deepest thanks.

And so receive these offerings, that we may join that great cloud of witnesses as we share our gifts with others. Amen.

♦ THE HYMN NCH #102 *O How Shall I Receive You*

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♦ THE BENEDICTION

♦ THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE NCH #78 (verse 3) *Part in Peace*

Part in peace! Our voices raising, in God's presence always be.
This the worship and the praising, bringing peace to you and me.

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THE POSTLUDE *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr

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- Today's Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication are by Beryl A. Ingram. The Prayer of Yearning, Words of Grace, and Invitation are by Marcia McFee for All Saints Day. The Prayer of Illumination is from *Feasting on the Word*. The Opening Prayer is by Mary Scifres in the *Abingdon Worship Annual 2026*. The Communion Liturgy is from the UMC *Book of Worship.*

- The Doxology for the Season of Pentecost is by John H. Danner, and is found at the blog *Gifts in Open Hands*, https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2014/05/26/2978 [retrieved May 15, 2024]. Used by permission.

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Announcements and Information

FALL FAITH FORMATION
Fall Faith Formation, meeting in the Ross Room (across from the Sanctuary) at 9:30 a.m., is currently studying the book *Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang. This is billed as "A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds." Please talk to Becky Boone if you are interested in participating and require a book.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE – NOVEMBER 15, 2026

In accordance with the Penbrook UCC Constitution, the Annual Business Meeting of the congregation will occur November 18, 2026, immediately following worship, for the principal purposes of reviewing financial statements to date, approving proposed budgets, and electing officers for calendar year 2027. Note that we will consider some proposed amendments to the PUCC Constitution and vote on the proposed budget for 2027. Other matters of urgency, as they may arise, may also be considered at this meeting of the congregation. Please stay after worship on November 15 in order to attend to this vital part of the life of the congregation.

NOVEMBER'S SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING: UCC'S OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM) BASIC SUPPORT

PUCC's special mission offering for November focuses on the UCC's OCWM. The 4500 congregations of the United Church of Christ covenant together to put God's love into action in our communities and across the world. In isolation, no single congregation can completely answer God's call to love. Together we are a bold witness to God's extravagant love for all. We share resources to bring our vision to life. Gifts from congregations like ours to OCWM Basic Support make it possible for our Conferences and the National Ministries to strengthen local churches and leaders and engage us in mission well beyond our community. Most of our OCWM Basic Support dollars remain in our Conferences to help local congregations thrive. Direct support in Conferences comes through leadership initiatives, such as communities of practice, committees on ministry, and one-on-one mentoring. Conferences also share in congregational vitality work. This includes conflict transformation, resourcing leaders as they reimagine ministry, and grants to churches. The National Ministries of the UCC, a crucial partner of our Conference and each congregation, helps us put love into action, especially through ministry that no one congregation could do alone. The National Ministries are organized into these three categories: Love of Church supports congregations and other settings of the church in doing justice, seeking peace, and building vibrant faith communities that are welcoming to all. From the National Setting in Cleveland, Ohio, Love of Church is responsible for supporting local churches with worship and faith-forming publications, resources, research and development, and education. Love of Neighbor encourages and supports local churches, Associations, Conferences, and the national expressions of the United Church of Christ to participate in the global, multiracial, multicultural church. Love of Service is responsible for administration and common services for the National Setting. The Love of Service Ministry oversees the finance office, human resources, legal counsel, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, the UCC Resources Store, strategy and planning, philanthropy, technology, UCC Archives, and marketing and communications. Please be generous in your support when we collect this special mission offering on the third Sunday of November!

BLANKET SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Blanket Sunday on the first Sunday in October kicked off our Blanket Campaign, which we hope to wrap up this week. When we raise $1000, CWS will send us an additional patch for our blanket banner in recognition of our contribution. Penbrook UCC has met this goal every year since 1987, so if you haven't yet, please pitch in today to help keep the record of success and worldwide assistance going! When everyone contributes, we all share in the success. If you have questions, call Ruth Dunnewold, our Blanket Sunday coordinator, at 717-599-1606 (cell) or email her at rdunnewold@verizon.net.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB CONTINUES NOVEMBER 10
The monthly Book Club continues November 10, 2026, from 7 pm – 8:30 pm, in the Ross Room. We will carry on with the second half of *Separation of Church and Hate*, by John Fugelsang, from Chapter 8 to the end.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES WITH TAX PREPARATION
Volunteers are needed to offer free tax preparation to help working families receive the federal and sate tax credits they are eligible for. The service is offered through the Money in Your Pocket program, a community collaboration of organizations committed to the economic stability of local families. Volunteers are also needed to serve as greeters (no tax preparing required for this position). **No previous experience is required and training is provided.** Scheduling is flexible. For those interested in learning more, weekly virtual information sessions will be held throughout October and November. For more information, contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717-724-4055 or by email at hneuhaus@uwcr.org.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STILL EXIST!
Manna Food Pantry continues to need volunteers on the first three Thursdays and Fridays of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gail Mahoney at 717-503-0102 or email manna.foodpantry@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS
If you have special prayer requests, you may fill out a prayer request form located in the lobby outside the sanctuary and pass it to the preacher or put it in the wire basket in the office. Or you may email prayerchain@penbrookucc.org so we can send your requests out to the prayer warriors who will lift up your concerns.

PUCC LENDING LIBRARY
Our Lending Library has relocated, and is feeling lonely in the Ross Room. Please check out the book selection and take a book home to read, or share a book that you loved!

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES
During the moments of quiet this morning, please remember our homebound members and friends, and pray for those affected by violence, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, within our society.

COMMUNITY AID PARTNERSHIP
Don't forget our partnership with the Community Aid Foundation, which enables PUCC to share in Community Aid's proceeds. When you drop off your unwanted household goods and clothing to Community Aid's locations in Harrisburg or Mechanicsburg (there are other locations, but those are the closest), provide them with our partner number, 50334, so that PUCC receives credit for the donations.

MEMBERS' ASSISTANCE FUND
For many years, the membership of this church has given back to itself in order to help out those of our brothers and sisters who find themselves in a momentary pinch. We have been remiss in reminding you of this important internal ministry, but we find ourselves in a time of year when sudden expenses can crop up. In the past few years, members have received funds for a variety of purposes, from unexpected bills to support during the loss of a loved one. Each gift you make to the Members Assistance Fund is earmarked for this ministry. If

you ever need funds, please reach out to the pastor or treasurer for a confidential conversation about what we might be able to assist with.

E-GIVING IS AVAILABLE!
Interested in giving electronically? Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App from either the Google or Apple app store, and make regular giving for the work of God and the kin-dom effortless. Questions or concerns or issues with using the app, contact James at treasurer@penbrookucc.org.

CHURCH FINANCES – UPDATE

Weekly Income 10/18/2026	Year-to-date Income
Tithes, Offerings, Miscellaneous	
$ 929	$104,760
Fundraising/Other	
$ 73	$ 5,405
Total Income	
$ 1,002	$110,165
Weekly Expense 10/18/2026	**Year-to-date Expense**
$ 3,719	$112,893
Net Surplus (Deficit)	
$(2,717)	$(2,728)

PENBROOK UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2026:

Today:	9:15 am	Koinonia Singers rehearsal (ASSR)
	9:30 am	Faith Formation (Ross Room)
	10:30 am	Worship with communion (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	A-pealing Praise rehearsal (ASSR)
Monday:	7:00 pm	River City Singers' rehearsal (ASSR)
Tuesday:	**ELECTION DAY! REMEMBER TO VOTE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES IN MIND!**	
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	NA (FH)
Thursday:	9:30 am	Manna Prep (Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	Manna Food Pantry (Lower Pantry)
Friday:	9:30 am	Manna Prep (Lower Level)

SIGN UP! SIGN UP! HELP WITH WORSHIP!
Does the volunteer roster below look a little bare? You know it does! Please volunteer to help with worship by signing up to be an Acolyte, Greeter/ Usher, Lectionary Reader/Liturgist, Purveyor of the Welcome/Announcements, Streaming Operator or PowerPoint Operator. You are here on Sunday anyway, right? Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the rear Sanctuary doors.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING DURING WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026:

Acolyte:
Lectionary Reader/Liturgist: Robin Wheeler
Streaming Operator: James Wheeler
Greeter/Usher:
Welcome/Announcements:
PowerPoint Operator: