



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Order of Worship

All Saints Sunday

** You are invited to stand
(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.

Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Hayden Gallo, Piano

Clocks

Arr. by Lorie Line

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

One: Today is a day that is held in tension.

All: We are surrounded by the past, yet looking toward the future, and gathered here in the present.

One: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God, with us in joy as well as in sorrow.

All: And a future filled with promises.

One: A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

All: And God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."

One: Today we worship the one who was, is, and is to come.

All: Let us worship in word, song, and service.

— Based on Revelation 21:1-6a

Hymn #547

For All the Saints

Verses 1, 3 & 7

***Passing of the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And, also with you!

Menuet

By Luigi Boccherini

Prayer of Discipleship (responsively)

One: This space is prepared for you: the light of a candle, enough to chase away the darkness and light your way; the vibrant colors of the stained-glass window, sufficient to brighten your duller thoughts; the gentle music that lingers in the heart, floats in the mind, and soothes our worried brow; the words and images that tease and probe, ease and encourage our journey in faith.

All: This moment and this place are touched with the wonder of God. May we feel, taste, hear and see the blessings of God in each other and in the sacredness of our worship together. Amen.

Our Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Today's Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

A season for everything

- 3** There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter under the heavens:
2 a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,
3 a time for killing and a time for healing,

- a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
4 a time for crying and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
5 a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,
6 a time for searching and a time for losing,
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
7 a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
8 a time for loving and a time for hating,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Hard work

⁹ What do workers gain from all their hard work? ¹⁰ I have observed the task that God has given human beings. ¹¹ God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts, without enabling them to discover what God has done from beginning to end.

¹² I know that there's nothing better for them but to enjoy themselves and do what's good while they live. ¹³ Moreover, this is the gift of God: that all people should eat, drink, and enjoy the results of their hard work. ¹⁴ I know that whatever God does will last forever; it's impossible to add to it or take away from it. God has done this so that people are reverent before Him.

~Common English Bible

Response to the Sharing of God's Story

The Story of God for the People of God!
Thanks Be to God!

Hymn of Praise

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Words & Music: John Ylvisaker

**I was there to hear your born-ing cry,
I'll be there when you are old.**

**I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized,
to see your life un-fold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wan-dered off
to find where de-mons dwell.**

**When you heard the won-der of the word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the liv-ing God,
to whom you now be-long.**

**If you find some-one to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme
from dusk till ris-ing sun.**

**I was there to hear your born-ing cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized,
to see your life un-fold.**

Pastoral Words

Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Candle Lighting

One: As we light these candles, we praise You for all those departed saints who
are dear to us, our family members...
a daughter or son, a sister or brother,
a spouse, a mother or father,
a grandfather or grandmother,

a grandson or granddaughter,
other family members.

All: We remember and give You thanks, O God.

One: As we light these candles, we praise You for close friend, and those lost in the line of duty.

All: We remember and give You thanks, O God and grant that the changes of life may leave us stronger as we journey through all our days. Amen.

Remembering Those Who Have Passed This Past Year

Our Church Family

Friends & Family of Our Congregation

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before

(Please move within the Sanctuary and within the Fellowship Hall to light one or several candles at this time)

Invitation to the Offering

What we give and the spirit with which we give it, enables this church to make a difference in the lives of all whom we touch.

Offertory

Rachel Cox, Violin

Ave Maria

By Bach-Gounod
Arr. by Latham

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Tune: Thomas Ken, 1709

Life of the Church

Quilting on Wednesday at noon.

Faith Development

**JOIN US WEDNESDAY @ CHURCH @ 11 AM & 6:30 PM;
AS WELL AS ONLINE THURSDAY 11 AM**

A Child is Born

Discover the fascinating connections between ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus in this captivating four-week study. The study delves into the narratives of Isaac and Ishmael, Moses, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story in the final chapter. Author Amy-Jill Levine brings her expert knowledge of Scripture and careful consideration of the Christian story to show readers how Scripture's earlier birth stories anticipate the story of Jesus's birth.

Reading second week:

1 Samuel 1, 2, & 3

Today's flowers are gifted to the church by Carol Krohse in loving memory of her spouse and her parents. We would like to thank her for this beautiful gift.

**For next week's God's word:
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

All Saints Day – November 2nd

You will have a chance to light a candle in memory of someone close to you who has passed. Communion will be on the second Sunday in November.

Jack Walmsley would like to start an Edison Church luncheon club that would meet after the church service on Sundays. The restaurant that will be picked to go to will be close by. The first luncheon would be on November 16th. Please see Jack Walmsley for details on Sunday November 2nd and 9th or call 720-292-7043.

Guardian ad Litem works with ANA's Friends and will be coordinating the Wishing Tree Project at Christmas again this year. TAECC will be collecting children's books for the 3rd year for this project. The Wishing Tree Project will serve 765 children who are under court supervision appointed to the Guardian ad Litem office here in Lee County. The collected children's books will be distributed at Christmas to the foster parents and relatives to give to the children. If you would like to participate in the book drive this year, books can be brought to the church anytime and the drive will end on November 23.

See Bulletin Board about Veterans Dental Care

Tuesday, November 18th – Edison Park Expressive Arts School – Presentation of: *Sights and sounds of the season*, on the Church lawn between 10:00 and noon. Bring a Chair, and your Neighbors.

Monday November 24th

**Decorate church for Advent – starting at 10:00 AM
– lunch provided – sign-up sheet is on the bulletin
board. We need to know by November 20th
who is planning to help.**

Thanksgiving – November 27th

Don't Be Alone.

**Anton will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon
On Thanksgiving Day here at the church at 1:00 PM.
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board
In the Fellowship Hall.**

**Anton will be providing the meat. When you sign up,
Please also write down what side dish you would
like to bring so we don't end up with a lot of
the same thing. Let's make it an assortment of
different side dishes to make it festive. There will be
a limit of 50 people this year.**

Sunday November 30th

First Sunday of Advent

Friday December 5th

Alena Michel presents

“Keys to Christmas Magic”

**Student's Piano Recital starting
at 6:00 PM here at the church.**

Women's Fellowship

**The Women's Fellowship is collecting gently used jewelry
and accessories (loose or broken pieces are okay).**

Benediction (responsively)

**Our worship has ended, but now our life of service begins!
Go from this space, for you and I are the body of Christ,
and all of creation awaits us. So, live passionately, love
faithfully, and celebrate every moment of your life from
now until the finale. Our God of relentless, amazing,
creative, and hopeful grace goes with us! Amen. Amen.**

~ Adapted from The Rev. Michael S. Piazza

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Arrangement by Stephen Brittain

Time with our Children

Conversations with children about All Saints Day should focus on who saints are, both historical figures and "saints in our lives," and how they exemplify faith, love, and kindness. Explain that saints are ordinary people who followed Jesus and that everyone is called to be a saint by living with faith and love. You can do this by sharing saint stories, asking children to identify saints around them, and discussing how their own actions show faith.

Key concepts

- **Saints are all around us:**

Saints are not just people from long ago with halos, but also family members, friends, and other people who show love and kindness.

- **Saints are followers of Jesus:**

At its core, being a saint means being a follower of Jesus.

- **The "cloud of witnesses":**

The term "cloud of witnesses" refers to all the faithful people who have died and gone to heaven before us. They are a great example to us, and their souls are still alive and can pray for us.

- **Saints as examples:**

Saints serve as examples of how to live a life of faith. We can learn from their stories and try to follow their example.

How to talk to children about All Saints Day

- **Start with the basics:**

Explain that All Saints Day is a special church day to remember all the people who loved and followed Jesus.

- **Define "saint":**

Break down the word "saint" by explaining it means a person who loves and follows Jesus and has been made holy by God.

- **Use examples:**

- Show pictures of famous saints like Mother Teresa or Martin Luther King Jr. and ask children how they showed love, kindness, and faith.
- Ask children to name saints in their own lives, such as a kind grandparent or a helpful teacher, and discuss what makes them saintly.

- **Encourage reflection and discussion:**

- Ask questions like, "What are some good things saints did?" and "What are some things we can do to be like them?"
- Talk about how their own actions can be saintly, like being kind to a friend or helping a family member.

- **Connect to the "cloud of witnesses":**

Explain that the saints who have died are watching over us, like a supportive cheering section, and that their souls are still alive.

- **Consider the connection to Halloween:**

Some families connect All Saints Day to Halloween by talking about the "saints" in their lives the day after and perhaps using some of their Halloween candy for a special dessert.

Activities for All Saints Day

- **Read stories:** Read books about the lives of saints or other figures of faith.
- **Draw or make crafts:** Create a "saints" mural with pictures of people who have shown faith, or use craft supplies to make a saint-themed project.
- **Sing songs and play games:**
 - Sing songs about saints.
- Play games like a saint-themed bingo.
- **Make a "Prayer for Saints":** You can write a prayer for the saints in your life, or you can light a candle for each one.
- **Plant flowers:** You can make flower bouquets for people who have recently lost loved ones.
- **Host an All Saints party:** Have a party with friends and family to celebrate

November Faith and Wellness Newsletter

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."

-3 John 2-

November is Diabetes Awareness Month Diabetes is a chronic condition that affects how the body regulates blood sugar levels.

Common symptoms of diabetes include:

High blood sugar levels, Increased thirst, Frequent urination, Extreme hunger, Weight loss, Fatigue, and Blurred vision.

Complications:

If not properly managed, diabetes can lead to serious complications, such as:

Heart disease, Stroke, Kidney damage, Nerve damage, Eye problems, and Foot ulcers.

Treatment:

Treatment for diabetes typically involves lifestyle changes (diet, exercise), medication (to improve insulin production or sensitivity), and monitoring blood sugar levels. In some cases, insulin injections may be necessary.

Prevention:

While there is no cure for diabetes, lifestyle changes can help prevent or delay its onset:

Maintain a healthy weight

Engage in regular physical activity

Eat a balanced diet low in processed foods and sugary drinks

Manage stress effectively

Quit smoking

Cards can be sent to the following:

General Dozier

Barrington Terrace, of Ft. Myers

9731 Commerce Center Ct., Room #326

Fort Myers, Fl. 33908

Bill Persons

Calusa Harbour Assisted Living

2525 First St, Room 233

Fort Myers, FL 33901

PRAYER LIST

Our Church Members:

Jean Lindenlaub; Liz Lloyd; General Dozier;
Sharlene Dozier; Barbara Buch; Bill Persons.

Friends & Family:

Betty Denson; Jim Martin (Teri Martin's husband); Michele Baron (friends of Rod Schaffter and Carol Skaza); Fred & Natalie Johnson (friend of Rod Schaffter & Carol Skaza); Bob Mesce (brother of Patti Seebock); Tom Simpson (brother of Kathy Bolen); Rick and Ruth Ann Kamerad (friends of Tee & Flo Newbrough).

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here at Edison Congregational Church.
Welcome home!***

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