



Word Service

November



FROM ALL SAINTS' TO ADVENT

This year November is an important liturgical month!



*From the
Pastor*

We begin on November 1st by celebrating **All Saints' Sunday**. This is the day set aside by the church through the ages to remember those who have entered into the heavenly communion of saints, and to celebrate the

presence of the fullness of the communion of saints as we receive the Lord's Supper, looking forward to that great heavenly banquet when we will feast with them, with Jesus as our host. During the Great Thanksgiving prayer we will read the names of those dear to us who have died since last All Saints' Sunday, and give thanks for their witness to the resurrection.

On November 22nd, we will celebrate **Christ the King Sunday**. This is the last Sunday in the Christian Year, and as we anticipate Advent, this Sunday serves to remind us of the nature of Jesus as our King – not only coming to us as a baby but as the ruler of our lives. This Sunday has a special meaning to me, as it was on Christ the King Sunday last year that I came to Dover to preach a Candidate's sermon, and be accepted as your pastor!

Finally, November 29th is the **first Sunday of Advent**, and also the first Sunday of the Christian Year, so Happy New Year! The word "Advent" means "coming." The season of Advent is a time of preparation and reflection as we anticipate the birth of Christ. Some of the scripture readings in Advent will also remind us that we long for Christ's glorious second coming. We will begin lighting the Advent candles as we look forward to welcoming the Light of the World.

See you in church! Where else would you want to be?

Shalom,
Mary

Highlights

November 1 - All Saints' Sunday

Mark 12: 38-44, Isaiah 25: 6-9
Sermon: "Nearer to the Kingdom"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Fellowship Lunch
Organ Dedication Service – 2:00 pm

November 8 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17
Book of Ruth – Readers' Theater
Reception of New Members

November 15 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam. 1: 4-20
Sermon: "Birth Stories"
Youth Gathering – tba

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday

John 18: 33-37
Sermon: "No One Works Like Him"
Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner – 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3: 1-4
Sermon: "Preparing for Christ: Peeling Off"
Advent Candle Lighting