STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
November 1, 2026 – ALL SAINTS' DAY

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WELCOME to our service this morning!

Join **Zoom Meeting** via computer (with password) **DO NOT POST ON WEB OR FACEBOOK**
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Thanks to Rev. Deborah for preparing the service.

PRELUDE

INTROIT *sung by the choir* **TLUS #150 (2X)** **"Here In This Place"**
Here in this place, the breath of God,
my soul finds repose;
holy space, the heartbeat of God,
my soul finds a home.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER TOGETHER BEFORE GOD
on traditional territory of Treaty Six Peoples and of the Métis Nation

CALL TO WORSHIP ***(Responsive)***
In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.
Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be your people, O God.
Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.
Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and
we come to be your people, O God.
May we truly become your people today. Amen.
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GATHERING PRAYER ***(Unison)***

Holy One, we are in a long line of faithful people who turn to you with our questions and our prayers. Lead us into a deeper understanding of and freer trust in your life in us, which we know through the life of Jesus.
We are your church. Bless us as we gather in your name. amen.
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GATHERING HYMN: VU #710 "Shall We Gather at The River"

Verse 1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Verse 2 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Verse 3 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
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CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

THE 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

SPUC SPECIAL MUSIC **"As we Come Together"**
words and music by Stan Pethel

THEME TIME *Suggestion:* ***The Saints Among Us***

HYMN: VU #605 **"Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold"**

Verse 1 Jesus, teacher, brave and bold, let us serve you, young and old.
Let us faith-filled workers be, all around, your wisdom see.
Let us play and dance and sing, your goodness find in everything.

Verse 2 Jesus, friend, so strong and true, show us good, brave work to do.
Show us those who need a friend, all things broken help us mend.
Free our minds and stretch our care, teach us to serve you everywhere.
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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION
Revelation 7:9-17 **The Multitude from Every Nation**

THE GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 5:1-12 **The Beatitudes**

SERMON by Rev. Deborah Hoekstra **"Saints and Sinners"**

ALL SAINTS' DAY PRAYER: **"Set in the Company of Saints"**
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HYMN *(seated)* VU #704 **"God Give Us Life"**

Verse 1 God give us life when all around spells death and some have died,
and none are clear that hope is near or fate can be defied

Verse 2 God give us love in heart and hand to hold the hurting one,
to free the anger meet the need and wait till waiting's done.

Verse 3 God give us skill, insight and will to find, where none are sure,
new threads to mend the web of life, new means to heal and cure.

Verse 4 God give us faith should all else fail and death unsheath its sting,
O help us hear, through pain and fear, the songs that angels sing.

Verse 5 Then, in the end, make death a friend, and give us strength to stand
and walk to where no eye can stare, but Christ can clasp our hand.

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

INVITATION ***(Responsive)***

Come gather up our gifts. With joy, let us offer to our Creator a thanksgiving portion for all we have received.

As we give from our hearts, let these offerings, be blessed. Praise and thanks to God.

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OFFERTORY MV #191 ***(2X)*** **"What Can I Do?"**

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION ***(Unison)***

Creator God, you gave us gifts and we have used them: we offer them now to you in love and wonder. Be pleased to accept our gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

SENDING HYMN: MV 213 "Take Up His Song"

Verse 1 Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.

Verse 2 Take up his song of hope and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in hope, lay them down, and take up his song.

Verse 3
Take up his song of faith and go into the world.
Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in faith, lay them down, and take up his song.

Verse 4
Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in love, lay them down, and take up his song.
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COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

SPUC TLUS #105 *(2X)* **"May You Be Held"**
May you be held,
may you be held in the love,
In the love of God.
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POSTLUDE

YOUR OFFERING: Monetary gifts (cash or cheque) may be placed in one of the boxes next to the doors in the sanctuary; dropped off at the church during office hours; mailed to Stony Plain United Church, Box 3196, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1Y4; set up through PAR (pre-authorized remittance); or, by e-transfer to stewards@stonyplainunitedchurch.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 1, 2026

MEWASSIN

STONY PLAIN
SUN. Nov 8/26 – Lunch Sunday After the service on Sunday there will be lunch. Please contact the admin office if you are able to help.
WED. Nov 11/26 - 1:30pm UCW meeting. Each person is invited to share one Remembrance Day story. All women welcome.
SAT. NOV 21/26 10am – 12 noon UCW Muffin Cake, Bake and Craft sale. Craft and banking donations are appreciated. Please wrap and label ready for sale. Clean, clear, repurposed food rated containers can be used. **Set up is in the afternoon of Nov 20.**
PURDY'S CHOCOLATES Back by popular demand! Since 1907, Purdy's chocolates have been proudly made in Canada, with premium quality ingredients and sustainable cocoa. Get your holiday gifts for everyone and support our church. There are no-sugar & vegan options as well as treats for Hanukkah too! Join on-line at Welcome to the Purdy Fundraiser: "Christmas Chocolates for Stony Plain United Church" https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000030698.
You may submit a paper copy and leave at the church office. Place orders and pay by Thurs. Nov. 26/26 at the latest. Pickup is Dec. 13, 2026 (or earlier) at Stony Plain United Church, 5012 – 51 Ave, Stony Plain, AB 780 963-4745.
SUN. DEC 13/26 Please save the date - Christmas Cantata/Supper event.
ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES Stony Plain has (ALDs) that can be used for the service or other events as needed. For more information or if you would like to try one out please see the Audio-Visual Tech team.

COMMUNITY

SAT. NOV 14/26 SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF EVENT 10 am-12 noon. Sunshine Room, Grace United Church 6215 104 Ave. The event is designed to help Grieving people understand how holidays can exacerbate and trigger Grief and gives valuable tools for helping you get through the holidays. Open to everyone. Please invite someone you know. There will be an introduction, short video and discussion. Free booklet for participants and access to the video online. Contact the Grace United Church office at grace.united@shaw.ca or 780-466-0916, or register online at Griefshare https://find.griefshare.org/events/307808

WHISPERING WATERS SERVICE – 7:15pm First Wed. each month at Whispering Waters Center.

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES invites you to join the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign and the Building a Well Campaign. Together, these initiatives help provide safe homes, life-enriching programs, and opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to flourish in their communities. Friends of Rehoboth supports ongoing ministry and services across Alberta. Every gift helps create space for people to flourish. Become a Friend. Build a Future.

To donate, visit www.rcmflourish.ca/donate or donation materials along with the latest *Flourish* newsletters are available at the church. The digital version of the *Flourish* newsletter can be accessed through: https://rcmflourish.ca/who-we-are/flourish-newsletter/

PASSING ON YOUR CONCERNS: If you know of anyone who would like a visit or a card, please contact the Care Committee, Rev. Deborah or the Church Office (780 963-4745) or email stonyuc@telus.net.

REV DEBORAH'S SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sun. Nov 8/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**
Sun. Nov 15/26	**Rev. Deborah on holidays**
Sun. Nov 22/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at Devon**
Sun. Nov 29/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**

WEEKLY & RECURRING ACTIVITIES

Wed.	**7pm SP Cantata practice**
Wed.	**6:15pm-7pm SP Ukelele & Choir practice**
Thurs.	**10:00am-2pm SP Card Recreators**
Wed.	**7:15pm First Wed. each month Whispering Waters Comm. Service**

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun. Nov 8	**Lunch Sunday SP directly after the Service**
Wed. Nov 11	**UCW SP meeting at 1:30pm**
Sat. Nov 21	**10am-12noon UCW SP Muffin Cake Bake & Craft Sales in Church**
Sun Dec 13	**Cantata supper event SP**