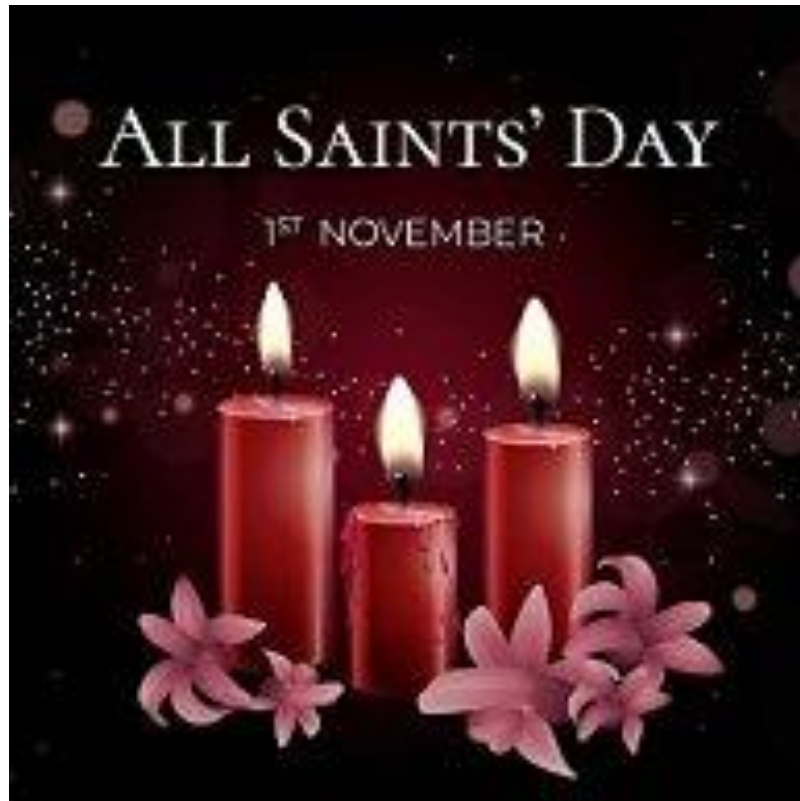




Church of the Hills

“God’s Children”

Psalm 34:1-10; 22

1 John 3:1-3

Pastor Richard Aylor

November 1, 2026

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God’s Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

Sheresa Wilbanks

Opening Chant

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

Purple Hymnal 519

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure
that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down,
you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
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Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

People: With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord.

Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and
might be to our God forever and ever!

People: Amen!

****Opening Hymn**

“Fairest Lord Jesus ”

Purple Hymnal 630

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.

Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

****Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings.

People: Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

****Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: No one who takes refuge in God will be condemned.

People: We believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” Purple Hymnal 306 (v.1)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 34:1-10; 22

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD
and was saved from every trouble.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Ministry of Music

Choir

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:1-3

³ ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Sermon

“God’s Children”

****Response to Sermon**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Purple Hymnal 375

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever 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.**

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

(Refrain)

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

(Refrain)

Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

(Refrain)

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 606

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.

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

Therefore, with creation we sing your praise (purple 552):

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith (purple 553):

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

The Saints We Have Lost This Year

Member – Kay Culp – 1-11-26
Member – Ken Kyle – 1-13-26
Member – Carla McFadden – 1-16-26

Former Member – Kathy Donner

Member's Family – Karon Turpin – 4-18-26
Member's Family – Charles Bates – 5-5-26
Member's Family – Rick Bailey – 5-15-26

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Amen. Amen. Amen. (purple 554):

And now let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free elements are available)

Special Music during Communion

For Reflection and Meditation:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

“For All the Saints ”

Purple Hymnal 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

Church Officers:

Pastor – Richard Aylor
Office Administrator – Peggy Farnham (and Toby)
Director of Music – Sheresa Wilbanks
Finance Administrator – Tom Maxey
Trustee Permanent Endowment Fund – Neil Snyder
Treasurer – Christi Todd
Clerk of Session – Judy Jensen

Elder at Large – Bob McFadden
Elder – Worship – Shari Gulbrandsen
Elder – Stewardship – Alan Lebsock
Elder – Love in Action – Vicki Kyle
Elder – Christian Education – Heidi Smithson
Elder – Personnel – Michael Marks
Elder – Nominating – Margi Masquelier
Elder – Administration – Tom Scripps
Elder - Communications – Shari Gulbrandsen
Elder – Building & Grounds – John O’Brien

Deacons:

Cherie Braun
Kelly Selva
Marjorie Clinton
Nancy Alexander
Monica Rider

Cindy Sahli
Laura McKnight
Jennie Snyder

*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”
Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”
Purple - “Glory to God”
Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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