"May your faith deepen as you draw closer to Christ, trusting in His perfect plan."

Friedens UCC

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Remembrance Sunday / Totenfest / Thanksgiving

Bell Tolling - Welcome to Worship ***(* = all who are able, please stand)***

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

The Lord made us, and we belong t our Creator; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

*Hymn of Gathering "Now Thank We All Our God" Black Hymnal, #419

Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Gathering Prayer (unison)

Sovereign God, in your steadfast love and faithfulness you relentlessly seek us and gather us into your presence. Help us likewise to seek you, for you have told us where you may be found-not only in places of power and might but in every place where your people cry out in need. As we meet you in this service of worship, send us out to meet you in acts of service, doing justice and sharing your love; through Christ our reigning Lord. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-3

Children's Moment

Song of Reflection "How Firm a Foundation"

Sermon "Totenfest/Remembering/Thanksgiving" Pastor Tracey Harris

*Song of Response "The Servant Song"

A Time of Remembrance

One: Blessed are the dead who die in Christ.

All: "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

One: Hear now the calling forth of the names of those departed from our fellowship in the course of this year now past, as we as a church recall their lives with us one more time:

† Delores Mallinckrodt	May 28, 1933 ~ February 21, 2026
† Linda Martin	Jan 15, 1949 ~ March 3, 2026
† Shirley Mallinckrodt	October 25, 1956 ~ March 27, 2026
† Henry Brinkmann	July 17, 1931 ~ April 17, 2026

Reading

*Hymn of Response "For All the Saints" Black Hymnal, #299

Offertory

Come, you who are blessed by God. Let us offer our gifts in service of Christ's kingdom, that God's steadfast love might extend to all peoples and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Offering Song "Give Thanks"

*Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Sovereign God, with joyful hearts we bring our offerings to you. May these gifts support ministries that proclaim your reign of love, justice, and peace. May all the earth one day join together in songs of praise to you, our eternal King. We give with gratitude and awe. Amen.

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Faith in Action Sharing Shed Donation

*Song of Sending "Rejoice Give Thanks and Sing" Black Hymnal, #303

*Commission and Blessing

As God our Shepherd has searched for you, search for Christ where he may be found, empowered there to serve with love and justice.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

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IF YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE CHURCH BUILDING OR IF YOU LET SOMEONE ELSE INTO THE CHURCH please be sure to notify Sharon or Pastor Tracey by text, phone call, or email.



Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Wednesday morning at 9 am.
Bible Study is held in the Conference room.
Please bring your bibles.

Welcome to Friedens UCC. If you are a visitor, we ask you to fill out a visitor card from the pew rack.

Thank you for attending. Donuts and coffee for all are found downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering helps offset the cost of the donuts.

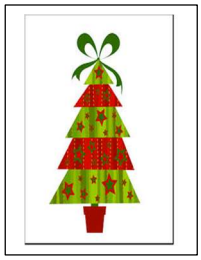


PLACE DONATIONS IN THE WELL OF HOPE OR IN THE BLACK CONTAINER OUTSIDE OF THE VESTIBULE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Applesauce
Gravy/Broth
Muffin mix
Boxed Jello

Misc. crackers (Ritz, Town House, Wheat Thins, Cheez-it)
Toilet Tissue
Bar Soap

Body Lotion
Child toothpaste
Dish soap
Kleenex
Laundry Detergent



Holiday Spirits ~ Saturday, December 6 @ 6:30 pm
Bring a $10 generic gift for Rob-Ur-Neighbor
Bring an appetizer to share
Bring your drink of choice
Sign-up sheet located on the Church Office Window

Christmas Program during Worship ~ Sunday, December 13



*Christmas play Blocking Rehearsal for all speaking parts Nov 29 at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

*Dress Rehearsal Dec 6 for **ALL** play participants is Dec 6 at 10:30, followed by provided lunch in the fellowship hall, and costume assignment. Parents may pick up children at 12:30.

*Christmas play Dec 13 during worship. All participants need to meet downstairs by 8:30 in the Joyful Noise room downstairs to dress in their costumes.

A pizza lunch will be provided for the cast members at 11:45. A sign-up sheet will be located on the Church Office Window.

Sunday, December 13 ~ Blue Christmas Service @ 4:00 pm



Christmas Eve Worship Service
December 24 @ 7:00 pm
A Service of Lessons and Carols

