Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship:
Leader: Today we remember the saints who have gone before us, whose faith has inspired us and whose love remains in our hearts.
People: We give thanks for those who showed us the way of faith and pointed us toward Jesus Christ.
L: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, and we do not walk this journey alone. We draw strength from their example and hope from the promises of God.
P: We grieve with hope, remember with gratitude, and rejoice in the promise of eternal life.
All: We worship the God who was, who is, and who is to come. Thanks be to God for the saints who have gone before us, the faith that sustains us today, and the eternal hope we have in Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

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Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession
Leader: Gracious and Eternal God, we come before you remembering the saints who have gone before us, giving thanks for their lives and the faith they shared with us. Yet we confess that we do not always live as faithfully as they taught us.
People: We allow fear to overcome our trust, bitterness to overshadow forgiveness, and the busyness of life to distract us from what matters most.
L: We sometimes hold too tightly to the past, struggle with the pain of loss, and forget the hope you offer us through Jesus Christ.
P: Forgive us when we fail to love as you love, serve as you call us to serve, and trust in your promises.
L: Renew our faith, comfort our grieving hearts, and help us run with perseverance the race you have set before us.
ALL: May the example of the saints inspire us to live lives of compassion, generosity, and faithfulness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
Leader: Hear the good news! Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Through his death and resurrection, we are forgiven, renewed, and given the promise of eternal life. The God who has sustained the saints throughout the ages continues to walk with us today. Our sins are forgiven, our hope is restored, and our future rests in God's everlasting grace.
People: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and given the hope of eternal life.
L: Receive peace, strengthened by God's grace, encouraged by the faith of those who have gone before us, and confident in the promise that God's love endures forever.
All: Amen!

Offering Anthem: For the Autumn Sky

Stewardship Moment: Making a Lasting Difference

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***Hymn When the Saints Go Marching In**

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1–3; Revelation 21:1–4; Matthew 5:11–12

Sermon: ***Surrounded By a Great Cloud of Witnesses***

Reading of Names
Sacrament of Communion

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

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Benediction

Lay Readers	*Coffee Hour*
Debbie Gannett 8:30am	*Barbara Barrett*
Mary Beth Taylorn 10:00am	*Tamra Roarky*

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself

Church Happenings

Holiday Fair Sugar Cookie Christmas Saturday, November 21
Donate items for the gift baskets
We need fudge, hot fudge sauce, chocolate treats - anything chocolate! Simple recipes are available on the kiosk next to the solarium entrance door if you need ideas. Decorative jars of M&M's or gourmet chocolate baskets welcome.
Questions? Contact Kathy Silvia at 508-400-2964 or Cindy Frazier at 518-791-4063.

Please sign up today to donate items needed for the Holiday Fair luncheon. The sign up is on the kiosk by the solarium entrance. Thank you for your help in making our luncheon a success!

Food Pantry
Starting in October, we are collecting cranberry sauce and stuffing.

November birthdays are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office as well as in the Tidings.

If you'd like to read our weekly church newsletter, go to our website www.ostervillechurch.com click "sign up" for weekly emails. submit your email and you will be subscribed.

This is the last Sunday to buy tickets for the Harvest Dinner on Nov 7th at 6pm-Tickets are for sale-during the week by calling the church office 508-428-2811 Adults $15—Kids $5

Welcoming Committee meets November 5 at 3:30pm

Next Sunday the Stewardship Committee will have the pledge packets ready for you to pick up before or after the service. They will be on the kiosk next to the solarium entrance doors. Picking up you packet will save mailing expenses. Thanks!

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Rainbow's End Thrift Store Open Wed -Sat 10:30 AM to 3 PM

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. –
Hebrews 12:1-2

The 23nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2026

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