

Sermon Notes

Message Title: “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” Jim Jennings

Series: Back to the Basics

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-2 & 12:1-2

Date: November 1st, 2026

Hebrews 11:1-2 & 12:1-2 (NIV)

11:1-2 ¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

12:1-2 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, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Saints: Ordinary people marked in grace by an extraordinary God.

We’ve all be given a race to run – a life to live – and we are encouraged to run that race with perseverance.

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Ordinary People
Extraordinary God

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Welcome to Perrysburg First!
We are delighted you’ve chosen to worship with us this morning. We offer Children’s Church and a nursery during service. Adult Sunday school is at 9am. We have additional programming for children and youth on Wednesday evenings and adult bible studies throughout the week! Perrysburg First Church is a great place to connect with God and discover community!

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Sanctuary Flowers

Today’s flowers were given in honor of David & Tracey Bowers 29th anniversary!

Connection Cards

Welcome to First! We’re so glad you’ve chosen to worship with us this morning. We’d love to help you get connected here at First. You can fill out the connection card and drop it in the offering plate. We will be sure to follow up. Blessings!

Charge Conference

Perrysburg First Church’s annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 15th at 2pm at Sylvania First UMC in Sylvania. Any church member is welcome to attend.

Team Kid and Youth

Team Kid and Youth meet on Wednesdays, from 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Dinner is included! Team Kid is for children grades K-5 and Youth Group is for children grades 6-12.

Register:



Meal Sign-up:



Ministry Partners Spotlight

Thank you to our Children’s Ministry Partners today: Nursery (ages 0-PreK): George Minkkinen & Laura Wingate Children’s Church (Grades K-5): Charli Sarver & Bonnie Bennion

Bountiful Bags

Please consider picking up a bag from the Upper Narthex and filling a bag(s) for PCU (our local food pantry) with the items on the insert. The food will be used to help restock the pantry for the less fortunate members of the community. The bags will be collected on the Sundays of Nov. 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Bags can be turned in by the mission’s wall in the Lower Narthex. Thank you!

Offering

One of the ways we offer our worship to God is through our giving. When we give, we not only do so as an act of worship, but our gifts are what make ministry possible! To give online, go to www.perrysburgfirst.church, click on the “more” tab, and then click “Give”.

PCU Donations

For the month of November, our church is asked to donate canned fruit, and in December, instant/dry potatoes. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

May this be a space where you encounter Jesus and are at ease in the company of his friends.

Today’s Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn #702

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” (v.1-3)

Response in Worship
(See Screens)

Hymn of Response #73

“O Worship the King” (v.1,2,5)

Greeting/Doxology

Recognition of the Saints
(See screens)

Opening Hymn #711

“For All the Saints” (v.1 & 4)

Prayer/Offering

Special Music

“I’ll Not Want (Psalm 23)”
(by Steven Rudolph)

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2 & 12:1-2

Brady Riston

Message

“A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Jim Jennings

Celebration of Holy Communion

Final Hymn #708

“Rejoice in God’s Saints” (v.1,3,4)

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Organist: Tim Cloeter
Liturgist: Brady Riston
Sound Booth: Dax Rice, Ryan Libstorff