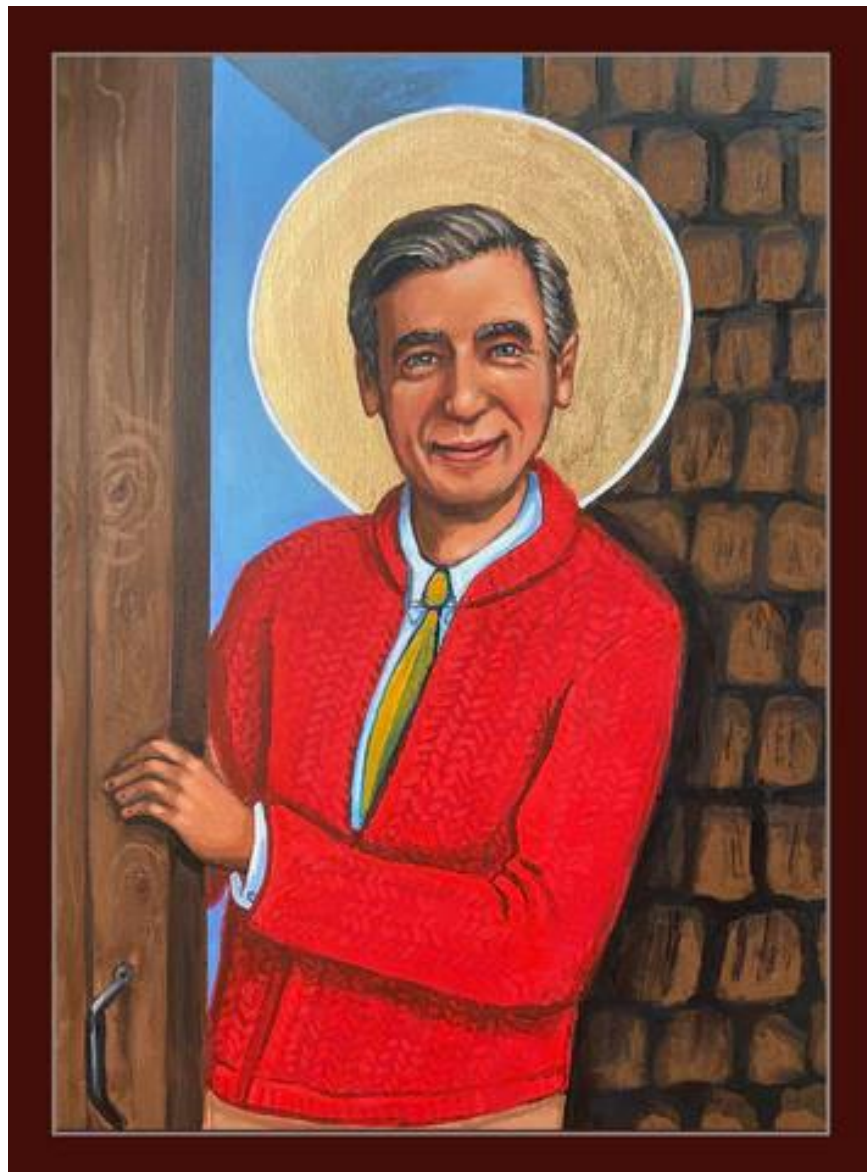




The Center  
for Christian Spirituality



"Fred Rogers" by Kelly Latimore Icons

## *Celebrating the Saints*

8:45 a.m. + November 19, 2023

*There are three ways to ultimate success:*

*The first way is to be kind.*

*The second way is to be kind.*

*The third way is to be kind.*

*Imagine what our neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course,  
just one kind word to another person.*

Fred Rogers

Singing with the Saints

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee.  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee.  
Which were and art and evermore shall be.*

Litany of the Saints

*Let Your priests, O Eternal God, dress themselves in salvation.  
Let Your saints rejoice in goodness.*

2 Chronicles 6:41

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.*

Psalm 30:4

*Love the LORD, all you his saints!  
The LORD preserves the faithful*

Psalm 31:23

*Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.*

Psalm 85:8

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!*

Psalm 145: 10

*As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.*

Psalm 16:3

*Revere the Eternal, you His saints,  
for those who worship Him will possess everything important in life.*

Psalm 34:9

Song of Response

**"Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed trinity.*

Contemplating Scripture

**1 Corinthians 1:2-3**

*To the church of God that is in Corinth,  
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints,  
with all that invoke the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Meditation

## Song of Response

*"The Summons"*

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found, to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

## Guide to Prayer

### Opening Ourselves

*"Enneagram Chant 8"*

*My open heart,  
Releases kindness through me.*

### Resting in the Silence

During these 5 minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. Descend into this Silence. There is nothing you need to do. Just relax. Sense your body. Breathe more deeply than usual. It can help to focus on the region of the heart. You might use a breath prayer to help you descend into this silence at the level of the heart, such as "May I be kind" (inhale), "as You are Kind" (exhale), or use a sacred word (such as Love, Peace, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit).

### Holy Communion

### Receiving a Good Word

## Our Staff

Haley Brown – Ministry Assistant & Director of gastrochurch  
Peter Johns – Associate Director

Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please register your attendance.  
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*Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.*



## Centering Prayer

Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

*If you would like to linger in silence as centering prayer for a bit longer after Contemplative Worship, join the group that gathers near the organ to be led in an additional 10 minutes of silence.*

## Worship Response

Today | The Anchor House | 10:00 a.m.

## Advent Guided Silent Retreat

Monday December 4 | Villa de Matel | 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*For December's guided silent retreat, we will explore themes related to the season of Advent. There will be plenty of time for reading and reflection, prayerful walking, and space for prayerful art. Participants will receive handouts with readings, prayers and Advent songs, for use as lectio divina as well as reflective questions. A hot lunch is provided. The cost of the Retreat is \$20 and includes the price of lunch. Register online. We don't want anyone to miss out because of pricing. Contact Haley for information about scholarships at [hbrown@chapelwood.org](mailto:hbrown@chapelwood.org).*

## Giving to The Center

*All of us are part of a never-ending process of giving and receiving. Life is not possible without this organic flow. What we co-create together here at The Center for Christian Spirituality is not possible without our conscious participation in this holy activity of freely receiving and freely giving. In this light, we invite you to financially give to The Center in response to what you have received today or throughout our contemplative offerings. Using the QR code will take you to a page where you can make a one-time offering or recurring gift. Thank you for your contribution and investment.*

