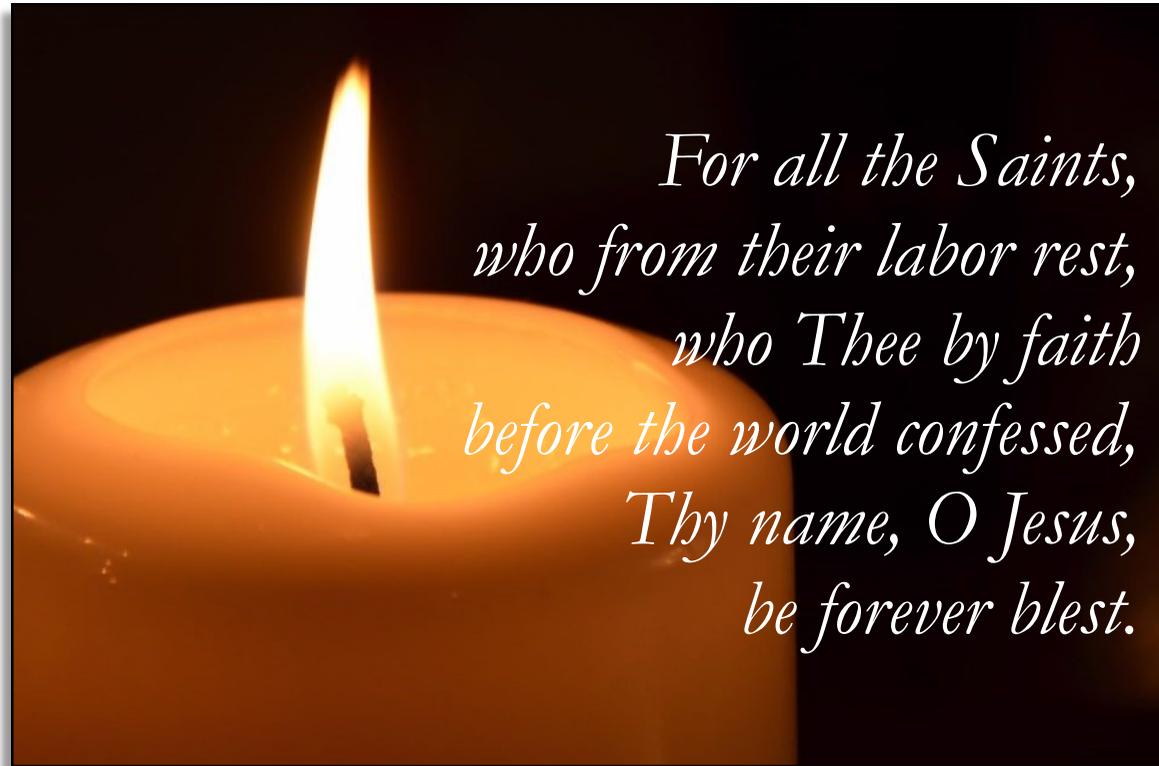


WELCOME ALL
TO
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



NOVEMBER 1, 2020
ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
November 1, 2020
All Saints Day

Prelude Gloria from the "Twelfth Mass"

- W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791

Welcome and Announcements

* **Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you!

Call to Worship

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.
All: With hearts and hands and voices,
let us praise the Lord.

Prayer of the Day *unison*

In life and in death you bless us, O God.
When trouble overwhelms us, you save us.
When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us.
When death overcomes us, you overcome death
and raise us to new life.
You promise us joy everlasting
and, even now, give us glad hope
and glimpses of your realm, which is to come
when Christ makes all things new.
For calling us your children
and bestowing upon us such great love,
we give you thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Hymn (*silently singing*): "For All the Saints"

No. 526

Invitation to Confession

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings.
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 (*unison*)

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.

Kyrie Eleison (*silently singing*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers,
no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned.
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri (*silently singing*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

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.

- H.W. Greatorex, 1851

First Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

P.P. 249-250 in the New Testament

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

P. 240 in the New Testament

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Sermon: Legacy

Rev. Jim DeMent

1 John 3:2 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.

Silence and stillness

Anthem “The Trinity”

- Billie Echols/Robert J. Powell, 1976

Solo by Dawn Neel

All Saints Remembrance (*unison*)

Gracious God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of life,
we praise you for apostles, prophets, saints and martyrs,
for all the humble believers,
for all the faithful in every age
who have followed your Son
and witnessed to his resurrection.
From every race and tongue,
from every people and nation,
you have gathered them into your kingdom.
You have shown them the path of life
and filled them with the joy of your presence.
How glorious is your heavenly realm
where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

A bell is tolled; a candle is lit.

Congregational Hymn: "I Sing the Song of the Saints of God"

No. 364

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

We magnify your name, O God,
and together exalt your name,
for you are so good to us
and gracious beyond measure.
In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us,
and redeem us in countless ways.
In death you usher us to even greater blessing,
bringing us through the great ordeal,
embracing us in your endless light,
and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty.
The gifts we offer are but a token of our thanks,
seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom,
in which we have sure and certain hope.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Doxology (*silently singing*)

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

- *Genevan Psalter, 1551*

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed) (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

It is truly right and just to give you thanks
in every time and in every place, almighty God.

We give you thanks for the gift of creation
and especially for the gift of our life.

We are grateful that you have made us in your image
and that you pardon us when we act
as though you have no authority over our lives.

We are grateful that you sustain us in your great love.

And so, with all your people,
with angels, archangels,
and with all the company of heaven
we praise and magnify your glorious name,
joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS (UNISON):

**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.**

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ,
who was born of Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of the life that we know.
You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit
to preach good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed,
proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor.

In his baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

Remembering the grace of your Son Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine,
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming,
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: (*unison*)

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
so that the bread we share and the cup we bless
will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with Christ,
one with our neighbors,
and one in service to all the world.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

One: God of glory, in this holy feast
you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful—
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.

All: **Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the redeemed,
singing: Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Closing Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 466

*** Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Sing, O Heavens"

- *Alice A. Braynard, 1944*



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns selected for this morning’s worship service. All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). If you are worshipping with us from home, we encourage you to sing along. If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary, we invite you to contemplate the lyrics as Robert Wyatt, our Choirmaster, plays the melodies. Under our current Health Protocols, we must refrain from singing out loud, but that does prevent us from finding comfort, hope, strength, and courage in these familiar hymns. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

For All the Saints

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!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
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!

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!

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus’ will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And God’s love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake,
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there’s not any reason, no, not the least,
Why I shouldn’t be one too.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God’s grace!

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ’s blood availed for me.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Choirmaster’s Notes

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” was written in 1749 by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of his Christian conversion experience. The lyrics are sung to the tune, “Azmon,” which was composed by Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829) and arranged by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Charles’s inspiration for this hymn is believed to have come from a chance remark he overheard by Peter Bohler, an influential leader of the contemporary Moravian moment at the time that Charles and his brother, John, were leading their Methodist movement. Bohler exclaimed, “Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ Jesus with all of them!”

Charles’s hymn originally had nineteen stanzas and when published was entitled, “For the Anniversary Day of One’s Conversion.” Most of the verses, no longer used, dealt in a very personal way with his own conversion experience. For over a century now, however, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” has been sung by faithful Christians to mark the occasion of All Saints Day when we pause to remember and commemorate all of the saints of the faith who have preceded us into the Church Triumphant and who, while among us, lead us by their teaching, their conduct, and the example of their lives into our own embrace of “Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease . . .” (verse 2).

*In Remembrance
of those dearly beloved of the
First Presbyterian Church family and community
who have joined the Church Triumphant
in the past twelve months.*

November 201 – October 2020

*Claire C. Heger
Kathryn (Kay) Kerr Walker*

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Leonard “Mac” McCameron	Kathleen McCameron
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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Sunday, November 10

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

*Members and visitors on our premises
will want first to familiarize themselves
with our
“COVID-19 Pandemic
Public Health and Safety Protocols
for In-Person Gatherings
at the Church.”*

*A copy of these
Health and Safety Protocols
can be obtained as you enter the church
or at our website:
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Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,
Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School

Pastor’s Notes

The name “John” appears in the title of five books in the New Testament: the Gospel According to John; the three Epistles of John (1 John, 2 John, and 3 John); and the Revelation to John. Bible scholars have long acknowledged separate authors for the Gospel According to John and the Revelation to John, generally attributed to the Apostle John and John of Patmos, respectively. There is a legend that John the Baptist, having actually been banished by the Roman authorities to the Island of Patmos, wrote the book of Revelation. Careful Biblical and historical analysis, however, is convincing that this could not have been the case.

The three Epistles bearing the name John were by tradition attributed to the Apostle John, but modern literary analysis suggests they were written by a third “John,” different from the other authors of that name. In fact, in 1 John the author is not named, and in 2 John and 3 John the author identifies himself simply as “the presbyter” (the elder).

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