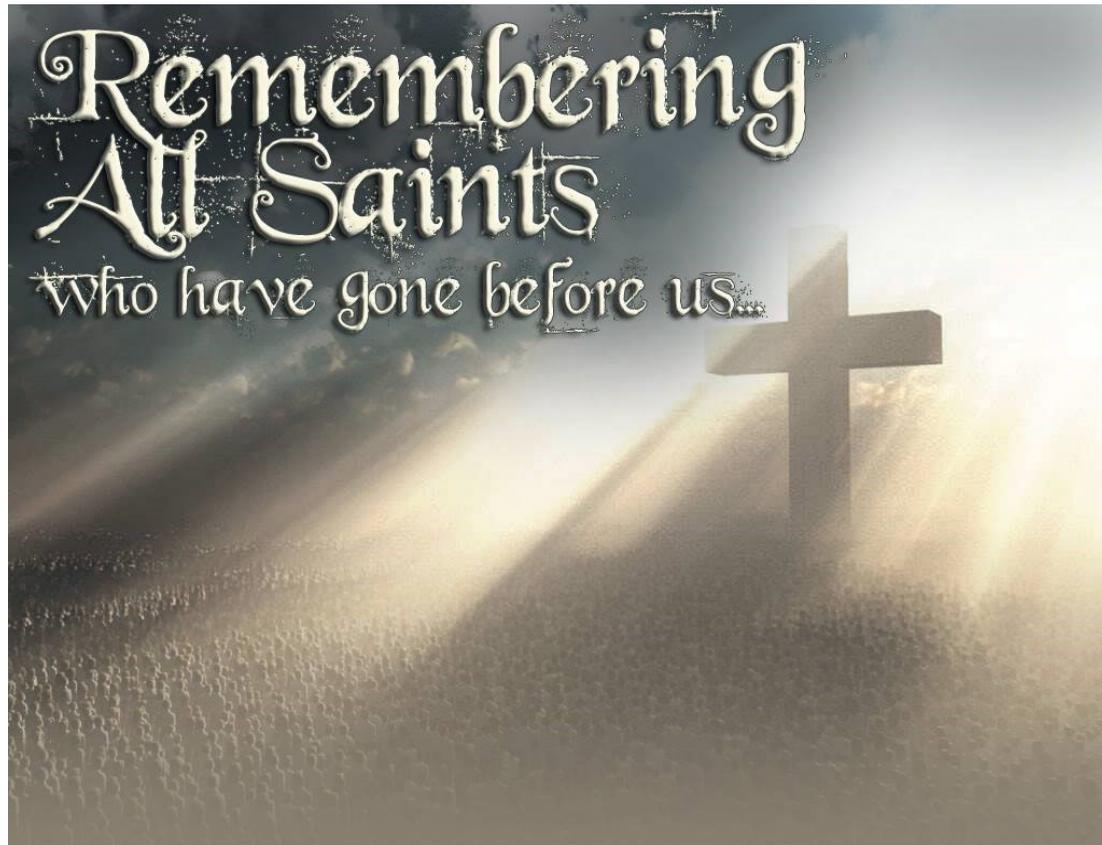


WELCOME ALL
TO
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



NOVEMBER 7, 2021
ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
November 7, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

*Facemasks are optional for those
who have been fully vaccinated, but
you are always welcome to wear your mask
and you will always be respected.
Social distancing is still maintained.*

Prelude: The Holy City

- Stephen Adams, 1958

Welcome and Announcements

*** Passing of the Peace**

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

Call to Worship

One: Fling wide the temple gates!
All: **Open up the ancient doors!**
One: The mighty and glorious one is coming.
All: **Who is this mighty and glorious one?**
One: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.
All: **Let us be glad and rejoice in God.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of all glory, we gather here today
with the saints of every time and place
to honor and praise your holy name.
As you have revealed your mercy and might
to your faithful people in every age,
so let us glimpse—even through our tears—
the mystery of your life-giving grace
and the love that even death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn:** For All the Saints

No. 526

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Invitation to Confession

God has promised to make of us a new creation,
laying to rest the former things, making all things new.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ
you came from heaven to dwell among us,
calling us to be your faithful people.
Yet we remain shrouded in sin—
we hurt and disgrace ourselves;
we abuse and destroy one another;
we dishonor your holy name.
Forgive us; unbind us and let us go
so that we may stand among your saints,
rejoicing in your saving grace;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (*unison*)

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

Assurance of Pardon

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** Gloria Patri**

**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

Almighty God, your word is life
and your promise is trustworthy and true.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
write your word upon our hearts
so that we may be your new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Second Scripture Reading: John 11:32-44

P. 105 in the New Testament

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see. Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God? So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Sermon: The Great Cloud of Witnesses

Rev. Jim DeMent

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1: But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

Silence and stillness

Solo: Oh, How Beautiful

Solo by: Robert Wyatt

John D. Horman, 1997

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.

Remembering: “In Heaven, They Dwelling Place on High, Amen”

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1849
Sir John Stainer, 1840-1901

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “O Holy City, Seen of John”

- Wyenth's Sacred Music, 1813

*** Doxology**

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.

*** Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

The earth belongs to you, O God,
the world and all its people.
For the blessings of this life
and the gift of your salvation
we give you thanks and praise.
As you have sought us out to save us,
help us to seek your face among our neighbors
so that all may know the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** 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

Congregational Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

No. 442

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 Christ's 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.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ
and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

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:** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

No. 346

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "O Lord, You Gave Your Servant John"

- Irish Melody



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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!

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!

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder,
This world see her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

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 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.

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.



*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 2020 – October 2021

<i>Lorraine Carpenter</i>	<i>1924-2021</i>
<i>Roland Merrill</i>	<i>1935-2021</i>
<i>Mavis O'Sullivan</i>	<i>1936-2021</i>
<i>Frances Stuart</i>	<i>1925-2020</i>
<i>Friench Tarkington</i>	<i>1932-2020</i>
<i>Jean Whitaker</i>	<i>1924-2021</i>
<i>Ruth Williams</i>	<i>1927-2020</i>
<i>Jackie Richardson</i>	<i>1928-2021</i>

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Lorraine Carpenter
Kathleen McCameron	Leonard “Mac” McCameron	Maria Pezeshki (Mother of Leila Galvan)
Jere Swoboda (Prior FPC Members)	Carol Wisdom (Daughter of Lea Lenz)	Philip Chang

**For caregiving concerns—please contact
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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Monday November 8, 2021
6:00 PM Session Meeting
Thursday November 11, 2021
Veterans Day
Thursday November 11, 2021
7:00 PM Scouts Drum Practice
Sunday, November 14, 2021
10:30 AM Worship Service

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Public Health and Safety Protocols
for In-Person Gatherings
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FPC Victoria Servant Leadership

Session Members

Jim DeMent, Moderator
John Horadam, Worship
Jack Kleinecke, Clerk of Session
Billy Leske, Building & Grounds
Lynn McAuley, Caregiving & Fellowship
Dawn Neel, Christian Education
Susan Salinas, Worship
Jim Stokes, Treasurer, Finance
Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship
Bonnie Wilkinson, Asst. Clerk, Mission & Outreach

Other

Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
Jim Stokes, Treasurer
Henry Hauschild, Historian

Pastor's Notes

Stories of mortals being “raised from the dead” or “raised to life” appear throughout the Bible, with the story of Jesus’ raising of Lazarus being the most famous. Take some time to read the following instances of folks being raised from the dead: 1 Kings 17:17-24 (Elijah raises a widow’s son); 2 Kings 4:18-37 (Elisha raises the son of a wealthy couple); 2 Kings 13:20-21 (a man is raised after his corpse is thrown in Elisha’s tomb); Luke 7:11-17 (Jesus raises a widow’s son in the village of Nain); Luke 8:49-56 (Jesus raises Jairus’ daughter in Capernaum); Acts 9:36-42 (Peter raises Tabitha in Joppa); Acts 20:7-12 (Paul raises Eutychus in Troas).

Sometimes these miracles are referred to as “resurrections,” but of course that’s a misunderstanding. *Jesus* was resurrected from the dead, and thus all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior may look forward in faith for the same experience for ourselves. But, as the caption in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible puts it: “Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life.” Jesus restored Lazarus to his mortal life (yet Lazarus would die again)-- the resurrections of Jesus, and Lazarus, and all the other saints in the faith, come after Jesus dies on the Cross for the remission of our sins.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster
Erica Colding, Office Administrator

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