

WELCOME ALL
TO
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



NOVEMBER 6, 2022
ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
November 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
All Saints Remembrance
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

Prelude: Fanfare for the Saints

- Roger C. Wilson, 1976

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: **Rejoice and give thanks,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
Hallelujah!**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community,
who teaches us the way of peace through life together in unity,
who fills us with visions of your eternal reign:
as we now celebrate the communion of saints,
pour into our hearts the power of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 138

Invitation to Confession

For the peace and unity of the saints,
and trusting in the promise of grace,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of the covenant,
 who calls all people to reconciliation,
 you have made us members of the very body of Christ;
 yet we persist in wounding that body
 with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect.
 Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace.
 For the sake of Jesus Christ
 and the world he came to save; Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (*unison*)

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

Assurance of Pardon

In the great compassion of our God,
 the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus have shown us
 God's forgiveness for our sins.

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

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God;
 with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
 that we might live in hope;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 149

Praise the LORD!
 Sing to the LORD a new song,
 his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
 let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
 Let them praise his name with dancing,
 making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
 he adorns the humble with victory.
 Let the faithful exult in glory;
 let them sing for joy on their couches.
 Let the high praises of God be in their throats
 and two-edged swords in their hands,
 to execute vengeance on the nations
 and punishment on the peoples,
 to bind their kings with fetters
 and their nobles with chains of iron,
 to execute on them the judgment decreed.
 This is glory for all his faithful ones.
 Praise the LORD!

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: O Day of Peace

-Carl P. Dan, Jr, 1982 / C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916

Solo by: Becky Richter

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

P. 192 in the New Testament

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Sermon: All the Saints

Rev. Jim DeMent

Ephesians 1:18: . . . so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, . . .

Silence and stillness

Organ Anthem: Air from “Heroic Suite”

George Philipp Telemann, 1667-1740

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: Come, Sweet Peace

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “O Holy City, Seen of John”

- Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

***Doxology** (*unison*)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Holy God, all that we have comes from you.
You bless our lives with the community of your people,
the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin,
the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty.
Turn us toward those in need,
in the name of the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

No. 364

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:** "For All the Saints"

No. 526

***Charge**

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Postlude Voluntary II"

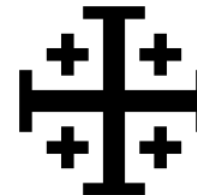
- T. Martin Towne

***Congregational Response** (*unison*)

-Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880

**God be with you until we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you 'till we meet again**

**'Till we meet, 'till we meet
'Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
'Till we meet, till we meet
God be with you 'till we meet again.**



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Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

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.

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!



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LUPITA GARCIA
from Leila Galvan

LARRY ALLEN MCAULEY, MARGARET MANNING, FRIENCH TARKINGTON
from Lynn McAuley

FRIENCH TARKINGTON JR., WILLY MARTHA TARKINGTON
from Martha Tarkington



*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 2021 – October 2022

Kathryn A. Amsler	1944-2022
Laurie Rae Cohen	1945-2022
Susan M. Cohen	1944-2022
Cooper Maxwell Hampton	2022-2022
Leonard A. ‘Mac’ McCameron	1927-2022
Marie S. Mooney	1921-2022
Robert D. Oakley	1934-2022
Rev. Carroll L. ‘Bud’ Pickett	1933-2022
Michael L. Ratcliff	1957-2021

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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Wednesday, November 9

10:00 AM Bible Study with Jim Stokes

Thursday November 10

9:30 AM Adele Carsner Young Circle

Friday November 11

Veterans Day

Sunday, November 13

9:30 AM “The Protestant Reformations”

Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class

10:30 AM Worship Service

FPC Victoria Servant Leadership

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Jim DeMent, Moderator

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John Horadam, Buildings & Grounds

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Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women

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Jim Stokes, Treasurer

Henry Hauschild, Historian

Pastor’s Notes

Not to be confused with All Saints’ Day (celebrated on November 1st), *Día de los Muertos* (celebrated November 1st through 2nd) is nevertheless a time dedicated also to the remembrance of loved ones who have died in years past. The custom of setting aside two days to remember “the dead” started in Mexico where it is still celebrated with lavish decorations, costumes, and tributes to those who, although absent now, are still remembered with humor and love.

As part of their *Día de los Muertos* celebrations, Mexicans create elaborately decorated “altars” which can be found everywhere— in homes, office buildings, restaurants, in the streets, and in the public squares. Many Americans think the altars, with their tombstones and strange dancing skeletons going about the ordinary affairs of life, are some derivation of Halloween, but nothing could be further from the truth. Among the living who stand before these hand-crafted altars, there is a sense of communing with those who have departed this world but are safe in the next.

For those of us not of that culture, at one level we cannot fully understand the depth and significance of this tradition, but, at a higher level, among Christians the *idea* is still the same. There is this great cloud of witnesses, comprised of all the saints who have preceded us in the faith, some of whom we know and love so dearly, others whom we can only understand as our sisters and brothers in faith. We can commune with them not necessarily at a hand-made altar, but always in our hearts and minds.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

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