



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
November 7, 2021  
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
**All Saints' Sunday**

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Ave Verum Corpus (Hail True Body)

Mozart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

**Death has no dominion over them.**

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

**Let us worship the God of love and life!**

\*HYMN No. 138, V. 1-3

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,  
Through 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.

## WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up human beings who live and die in faith. They shine with your light. We confess that we often allow our light to dull – we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

*Silent Prayer*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say – in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

**God's dominion is forever and ever.**

As for us our days are like grass; like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

**But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting.**

The grass withers and the flower fades;

**But the word of the Lord stands forever.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

**God's dominion is forever.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

### SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

### THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

*We read the names of those in the church who have died this past year. After the listed names are read, the congregation is invited to name (aloud or in silence) those in their personal lives who have died in the past year, or those whom they want to remember as significant for passing along the faith. The pastor will invite congregational members to speak. Those watching online may also put names in the comments.*

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

*May everlasting light shine upon them, O Lord,  
in the company of your saints for eternity, for you are full of goodness.*

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine;  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

May God bless you, may God keep you,  
may God be gracious and look kindly on you.  
And may the Lord's face shine upon you,  
and give you peace.

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our sibling, Jesus Christ... In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us, so we might be in communion with you and one another... through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours Almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we praise your name, most holy God. We give you thanks for all your servants who lived for you, departed in the faith, and are now at peace with you. We thank you for all saints of every age and especially those who have been dear to us, beloved parents, siblings and companions in the faith who have led us to you. Believing that we are still at one with them, we pray that we may follow their faith and example until that time when we feast with them in your heavenly kingdom. Hear us heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 526, V. 1-4

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!

**\*DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*The Psalms urge us to give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided. In gratitude, we offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.*

The creator of all life and love has given our earth bountiful blessings. God created humanity to share in the wonder and joy of these blessings. All thanks to God, giver and receiver of all that is good.

**We return to God portions of what God has given us: our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.**

May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in God's sight. May the gifts we bring show that God's reign is at hand – both now and to come.

**\*RESPONSE**

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**CHARGE**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ.

**BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May God's face shine with delight and look upon you with favor. And may you rest forever in God's peace.

**POSTLUDE**

Sine Nomine (For All the Saints, Hymn 526)

arr. Callahan

**Notes on Worship**

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. All Saints' Day in the Reformed tradition is a time to give thanks for the lives of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

*The flowers on the Communion Table are a gift from the Board of Deacons in memory of the following members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Easton who joined the Church Triumphant during the past year.*

*Gladys Millheim, member of First Presbyterian Church  
Judith Sample, member of First Presbyterian Church  
Madeline Worley, member of First Presbyterian Church  
George Owens, member of First Presbyterian Church  
Nancy Wilson, member of First Presbyterian Church  
Erich Goodnough, husband of Jacquie Goodnough  
Mabel Follet, former member of First Presbyterian Church  
Chauncey Howell, former member of First Presbyterian Church  
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Hans-Jurgen Becker, brother of Peter Becker  
Warren S. Frankenfield, husband of Nola Frankenfield  
Martha Isler, friend of the Schroeher Family  
Rex Kaup, father of Candice, Bill and Carol Schroeher's daughter-in-law  
Alice Charlton Heaton, aunt of Art Charlton  
Nancy Doner Salmon, cousin of Art Charlton  
Donald Jay Heaton, cousin of Art Charlton  
Gilda Pulsinelli, great-aunt of Art Charlton  
Nadine L. Snyder, daughter of Gloria Snyder  
Eleanor E. Focht, friend of Gloria Snyder  
Nanette Madden, wife of Robert Madden  
Albina (Valincus) Bartlett, great-aunt of Phyllis Finger*

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel  
Gloria Snyder, Organist  
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director  
The Chancel Choir  
Linda Martin, Liturgist

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**Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.