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November 6, 2016
All Saints' Sunday


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Today we celebrate All Saints Day. We praise our God for all those who have faithfully served our Savior through the ages. We claim our kinship with the glorious company of apostles, the noble fellowship of prophets, and the white-robed army of martyrs. This day expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own circumstances and the discouragements of the present. Knowing that others persevered through difficulty inspires us to imitate them.

On this day, we express our gratitude to God:

- For those who in ages of darkness kept the faith,
- For those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth,
- For those prophetic voices who have called the church to faithfulness in life and doctrine,
- For those who have witnessed and worked to “bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.”

Why not make this All Saints’ Day very personal — take a moment to thank the Lord for someone in your past who is now with the Lord who impacted you during their earthly life.

*Adapted from Peter Bower,
The Companion to the Book of Common Worship*

CONFIDENTLY SET YOUR HOPE ON THE LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “A Mighty Fortress” Martin Luther

*Peter Bowman, trumpet
Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL MEDITATION: “My Song Shall Be Always” Gary Davison
Text from Psalm 89:1, 5

My song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord.
With my mouth will I ever be shewing Thy truth from one generation to another.
O Lord, the very heavens shall praise Thy wondrous works,
And thy truth in the congregation of Thy saints.
My song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord.

“Psalm 67” Eriks Esenvalds

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And show us the light of His countenance,
And be merciful unto us; that Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise Thee,
O God, let the people praise Thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise Thee;
Let all the people praise Thee, O God, praise Thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing,
God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And show us the light of His countenance.

“Psalm 57” John Tebay

*Awake, awake! The lute and harp, awaken now the dawn!
Awake, awake my glory rise to praise the king of Heav’n!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

And in the shadow of Thy wing, I will find refuge for my soul.
O, God be gracious unto me; send Thy loving kindness.
I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord. I will sing praises to Thy name.
Be thou exalted far above the heav’ns.
My heart is steadfast, O my God;
And I will sing praises unto You.
I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord.
I will sing praises to Thy name.
Be Thou exalted far above the heav’ns.

*The Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIPRichard G. Cain

♣HYMN OF HOPE: No. 521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

LOVINGLY REMEMBER THE SAINTS OF THE LORD

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE..... Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,
“Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

**“Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit,
“that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them!”**

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

These saints have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year:

Richard Franklin Jones	Sue Nettleton Douglass
Elizabeth Moore Stout	Walterine Mayerhoff Flanagan
Judith Massengill Hearn	Jeannine Sullivan Hanley
Lida Willey Black Kimbrough	Edward Lee Powell, Sr.
Margaret Gravett Giusti	Mildred Ely Barnett
Richard Hill Bodine	Nada Elizabeth Cook
George Hampton Efird, Sr.	Alvin Williams Wunderlich, Jr.
Marilyn Taylor Heppel	Thomas Marion Jackson
Richard Warren Lowry	Bradford F. Baker
Victor Frank Giusti	Frances James Avery Stahl
Robert James Rier, Sr.	June Bedi Crowe
Thomas Milton Batchelor	Berna Dean McCarter Bradley
Alice Spitzer Quenichet	Eleanor Bratten
Dorothy Elizabeth Bryce Morton	Lillian Nowlin Prewitt Jones
Mary Tisdale Wells	Earl Wilson Cooper
Lillian Dobson Dunavant	Thomas G. Prindle

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Eternal God,
Your Word declares that the life that is laid down in faith
will be raised and produce a great harvest.
This we celebrate as we proclaim:

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

We remember and praise You
for the saints and martyrs of this and every age.
We name them before You now in silence.
These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground,
yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

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

We pray for Your Church throughout the world
and for that part to which we belong,
that it may be ready to spend and to be spent in Your service,
that the love of self-preservation may be set aside,
that the deaths You demand of it may be embraced joyfully,
and that through all it may proclaim:

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

We surrender to Your will and purpose
ourselves and all that we count important.
For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection
if we do not have the fellowship of sufferings.
And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest
if we do not sow the kingdom's seed.
In us and through us, may Your Spirit proclaim:

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

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,
We lament that we want Your crown before Your cross.
Forgive us for embracing the fellowship of Jesus' resurrection
while refusing to participate in His sufferings.
Your Word says that we are blessed
when we are persecuted because of righteousness.
Yet we acknowledge that our lives seldom challenge
the ways, priorities, and values of this world.
Your Son declares that we are blessed when people insult us
and falsely say all kinds of evil against us because of Him.
Yet we confess that we often blush to speak Your name,
to make known that we are Yours.
We beseech Your pardoning, transforming grace
that comes only through our crucified and risen Savior, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Create in Me, O God" Johannes Brahms
Text from Psalm 51

Create in me, O God, a pure heart,
And grant a right spirit within me.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✠HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 247 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"PASSION CHORALE
stanzas 1 & 2

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Blow Ye the Trumpet" Kirke Mechem

Blow ye the trumpet, blow.
Sweet is Thy work, my God, my King.
I'll praise my Maker with all my breath.
O happy the man who hears.
Why should we start and fear to die?
With songs and honors sounding loud.
Lovely appearance of death.

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PASSION CHORALE

**What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH DIRECTOR KEVIN MCQUILLEN

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP Tread Thompson
Stewardship Chair

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Peggy Stephens

WILLINGLY ENDURE SUFFERING FOR THE LORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES: I Peter 3:8-22 Shelley Hill (8:15)
(page 1015 in the pew Bible) Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Set Apart Christ As Lord* T. Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF CHRIST’S EXULTATION:
No. 295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA
stanzas 1 & 4

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIADEMATA

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE:
“Toccata on “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” Christopher Pardini

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