

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

All Saints Day

November 1, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Pie Jesu"

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Call to Worship

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Let all the faithful praise the Lord.

Hymn 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad
Christ's wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

2 Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have.

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,

all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

We confess that 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. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Welcome of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

A Moment with Our Children

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

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.”

Sermon: “Those Who Endure”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 326

"For All the Saints"

1 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!

- 2 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!
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 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!

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Sam Batt Owens

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 612

"We Praise You, O God"

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
 in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
 we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
 through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
 When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
 and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
 and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
 With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
 To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“For All the Saints”

arr. Michale Helman

The flowers have been given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Karen White.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William Carter |
| Liturgist | Rev. James Thyren |
| Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Usher | Bill Farrell |

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Church Family Announcements

We welcome all to our worship today. **Please sign in at the Welcome Table.** (In the event of an infection, you will be contacted.)

Our congregation intends to worship God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

For those of us in the sanctuary today, there are some details to review in the hope that no virus will be spread due to this gathering.

- All are required to wear face masks, sit only in designated pews, and maintain six feet of distance from people of other households.
- You may participate in the spoken segments of the service, but please do not sing.
- If you would like to visit with other worshippers, do so after exiting the building.
- At present, seating is limited to 50 people in the sanctuary, including worship leaders. Notify the church office (office@fpccs.org or 570-586-6306) by Friday noon when you plan to attend.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews. They may be dropped in the offering plates as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

Christian Education for children, youth and adults continues virtually in spite of virus.

See below for offerings. Contact Jana Schillinger for additional information at ce@fpccs.org.

For kids and teens, we offer:

- **Grace & Faith:** children age 4 to grade 5 will have a weekly lesson from our *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* curriculum. We will post a short video, downloadable worksheets, and more at fpccsway-grace.blogspot.com for you to enjoy whenever fits best in your schedule.
- **We Believe:** youth grade 6 and up can visit fpccsway-believe.blogspot.com for a weekly post featuring a Bible passage, reflection, and questions to ponder.

For adults, you will find:

- Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman is leading a Zoom-based class on **Civility: A Christian Discipline**. It will conclude this Wednesday (November 4) at 7:15 p.m. *Has our society become uncivil? Have we become so polarized that discourse over political, social, economic, and scientific issues quickly become shouting*

matches and filled with ad hominem attacks? This discussion has been examining the roots of our incivility and ways that the church and its memberships can be advocates for civil discourse and debate.

Additional information can be found in the monthly newsletter and on our website, fpccs.org

Managing Stress and Cultivating Resilience in Challenging Times

A presentation by the Rev. Dr. Joanne G. Weiss, MSW, M.Div., M.A., D.Arts

Sunday, November 8 after worship (both in-person and online)

The Coronavirus pandemic impacts all aspects of our lives, with the prospect of it continuing for an unknown period of time. We need to stay as healthy as possible at all levels of our being: body, mind, and spirit. This presentation walks us through the most effective, short, in-the-moment tools and practices used to manage our stress. It will also highlight how to cultivate resilience by strengthening core qualities of strength, courage and love so we can embrace the challenges of these times and deepen and grow through them. Her program will be presented in the sanctuary and live-streamed on YouTube.



ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET – 2020

The Mission and Justice Committee in past years has sponsored the Alternative Gift Market, usually held on a Sunday in late November. The Alternative Gift Market provides the opportunity for the congregation and the greater community to purchase fair trade items produced internationally, and also to support efforts to assist disadvantaged people throughout the world.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we are unable this year to have the market displays and personal interaction we have previously enjoyed. Nonetheless, we still intend to have the market using a somewhat diminished and different format. Products and services for SERRV International and Heifer International will still be offered for purchase. From November 1 through November 22, catalogs from these entities will be available in the church narthex. You will then be able to purchase your items directly. Please return the catalogs to the narthex upon completion of your order(s).

For those of you who do not plan to be in the church building, on-line catalogs are also available for your benefit as follows:

SERRV International – serrv.org

Heifer International – heifer.org

In addition, as has been done in the past to support more local projects, it will be possible to purchase candy (\$8.00 per 1 lb. box) supporting Appalachian Service Project (ASP). Forms, with ordering directions, will also be available in the church narthex during the above referenced dates, or you may contact Sue Whitman, ASP coordinator, at (570) 510-1356.

Thank you for your continued support of these important missions.

This Week at a Glance

Today

10:00AM * Morning Worship Sanctuary

Monday, November 2

7:00PM (Z) Mission Zoom

Wednesday, November 4

5:30PM Boomwacker Choir rehearsal Sanctuary

7:15 (Z) Brent Eelman leads a class on Civility: A Christian Discipline. Zoom

Thursday, November 5

8:30AM * Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall

7:00PM (Z) CE Zoom

7:30 * Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, November 6

9:30 AM * Immerse Study Group - Poets Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 7

Sunday, November 8

10:00AM * Worship Sanctuary

11:00 * Presentation of "Managing Stress and Cultivating Resilience
During Challenging Times" (See description previous page) Sanctuary

Please reserve your seat: office@fpccs.org or 570-586-6306.

* denotes gathering is face-to-face, with masks and socially-distant seating.

(Z) denotes gathering is online using ZOOM. Check website or call office for the link.

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