Potsdam United Methodist Church



All Saints' Day

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Potsdam United Methodist Church

Large print bulletins and listening assistive devices are available, ***Please stand, whether in body or in spirit.**

At Potsdam UMC, all persons are welcome and celebrated regardless of gender, culture, nationality, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic circumstance, age, physical and mental ability, marital status or family structure.

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

TODAY WE FALL BACK… **All Saints Sunday**

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE ***Nearer, Dear Savior, To Thee ~*** **by William Clayson, arr. by Rebecca Belliston**

As we listen to the prelude, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

INTROIT ***Taste and See ~*** **[TFWS #2267]**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Each morning, God's grace awakens us,
each evening, God's peace cradles us.

**P: Compassion is our constant companion,
as we go through work, school, the day.**

L: In every moment, God is present with us;
God whispers words which can change our lives.

**P: Justice is our faithful teacher,
pointing to where we can carry out fairness.**

L: When we find ourselves groping in the shadows,
God's light will provide a way home.

**P: We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us;
we return home, and find a feast prepared.**

L: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,
God is the Lord of all life.

P: In God we live and move and have our being.

L: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

P: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

All: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. AMEN

***HYMN** **Ye Servants of God** **UMH #181**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH

All: I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.

I am, and always will be, a living member.

The communion of saints — believers one and all — as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members. AMEN



THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG…

CHOIR ANTHEM ***Come, Come, Ye Saints*** **~ arranged by Andrew Hawryluk**

… AND A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

GOD'S WORD – THE NEW TESTAMENT **1 John 3:1-3**

GOD'S WORD - THE GOSPELS **Matthew 5:1-12**

L: The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN** **Cry of My Heart** **TFWS #2165**

MESSAGE **We Bear Witness** **Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart** **UMH #161**

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER **(UMH #270)**

Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OFFERTORY MUSIC ***Behold the Great Redeemer Die*** **~ by George Careless, arr. by Laurel Hunt Pedersen**

***THE DOXOLOGY** **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** **UMH #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. AMEN

A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN **[All Who Hunger TFWS #2126]**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF BENEDICTION** **I Sing a Song of the Saints of God** **UMH #712**

*** BENEDICTION**

L: Beloved, receive this good news: you are children of God, united as family with the saints of every tribe, nation, language, and generation.

Go forth now in the company of the multitude who have put on the life of the Lamb that you may love and live after the imitation of Christ, our Savior. **AMEN**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

POSTLUDE ***Amazing Grace*** **~ by William Walker, arr. by Martin Green**

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



All Saints Day invites reflection
On faith, kindness, courage,
and the lasting example of people
who lived with love.
Let their witness encourage gratitude, hope,
and small acts of goodness
in everyday life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Happy Birthday:** Kathy Demo, November 2.
- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a "cuppa" with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **Cheery'Os:** Next meeting TBD.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** Will not meet in October.
- **Potsdam Holiday Fund Meeting:** Tuesday, November 3, 5-7pm.
- **Helping Hands Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** Last day for donations, Sunday, November 8th.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, November 17, at 10:30.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner

Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish

Counters

Nov. 1:	Tom Ortmeyer, Debby Nikkari
Nov. 8:	Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer
Nov. 15:	Robin Howard, Christa Carroll
Nov. 22:	Debby Nikkari, Carrie Livernois
Nov. 29:	Christa Carroll, Robin Howard

Readers

Nov. 1:	Sharon Hutchinson
Nov. 8:	Collen Gondo
Nov. 15:	Tom Ortmeyer
Nov. 22:	Christa Carroll
Nov. 29:	Kathy Demo

Greeters/Ushers

Nov. 1:	Nancy Matthews
Nov. 8:	Leo Rava
Nov. 15:	Carrie Livernois
Nov. 22:	Norm Gardner
Nov. 29:	Kathy Demo

Fellowship Time Hosts

Nov. 1:	Carol Willmert
Nov. 22:	Greening of the Church: Pizza Party
Dec: 6:	Ashley Fish and Family

PRIDE is celebrated in June… but lived all year through!
Support our siblings… be present, be inclusive, be loving!

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