

All Saints Day falls on November 1, but is celebrated on the first Sunday in November. "Saints" in New Testament usage refers to Christians collectively, all people in every time and place who have called upon the Lord.



“By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy name O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!”

Service for the Lord’s Day

November 3, 2018

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Heather Kirkconnell

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

If Thou Art Near

J. S. Bach

Our confession is that we want to live as true “saints.”

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love.

Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints.

Your saints ceaselessly proclaim your glory.

And we join voices with them.

We come from east and west, from north and south, to eat at your table.

With all your saints, we will gather at the kingdom communion table.

Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Call to Confession

We are not perfect people but we pray to be among the saints, always being sanctified.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Eternal God, you have raised up women and men in every age to live in faith. We want to be counted among those saints! And yet, we have often been indifferent to you. 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, so that, as we are joined with saints from ages past, we may inherit the kingdom you have promised in Jesus Christ.

Please Observe A Silence for Personal Confession Before Turning the Page

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 750 *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil* **GOODNESS IS STRONGER**

Passing of the Peace

By words and gestures, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Psaltery Reading

Psalm 146

Praise for God's Help

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. **The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.** The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **Praise the Lord!**

Anthem

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

MARTYN/arr. David Simmons

Collegiate Ensemble: Autumn Stolle, soprano DiDi Turley, alto

Sam Tuggle, tenor Eric Bigler, bass

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Beatitudes and Woes

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Psalmist rejoices in being heard by God

Jesus often used the teaching method of presenting an ideal, and then saying, "But I say..." In this case: blessings and woes, but I say, "Do unto others..."

All Sit

Sermon

Discovering God in Loving the Neighbor

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Affirmation of Faith

From: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Naming of Church Members Who Joined the Church Triumphant in the Last

Year: Lester Denison Reeves 2/3/2019, Fred Marshall Higgins 4/24/19, Jennifer Bummpp 7/15/19, Barbara Ann Strickler 8/17/19, Carol Haskins Wedge 10/24/19, John Noble Van Ness 9/30/19

Choral Response

Rest Eternal Grant Them, O Lord

Carl Schalk

The Offering

Offertory

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven
(Hymn 511)

LLANFAIR

All Stand

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

Sanctus

Joseph Roff

(congregation and choir)

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.*

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Communion Anthem

In Remembrance

Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

Prayers of the People 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.

We joined with believers in every time and place, saying what we believe.

November's Buck in a Basket offering supports a fund to assist church members in financial need.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue on the KYRIE

François Couperin

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

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Announcements

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NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfrance@msn.com

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, November 10: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Rocky Cooper. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

COFFEE ORDERS Let us help with your upcoming holiday gifts and parties-- Fair Trade Coffee sales will take place this morning at church. The order will be made and received in time for the holidays. Get your order in now!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING We will have a congregational meeting this morning immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Nominated for Elder Class 2022: Bud Schlinker, Jean Harris, Nathan Love, Mike Morse, Wayne Hendrix. Nominated for Deacon Class 2022: Kim Ferguson, Annette Parkerson, Angie Alexieff, Kathleen Gildersleeve, David Muffett, Judy Whitson, Rider Allen. Nominated for a Deacon 2021 class vacancy: Rob Byrd.

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION This afternoon we will be dedicating the newly installed historical marker at Pioneer Cemetery, as part of our 200th year celebrations. Plan to join us at that location (College St. and Sixth Ave.) at 2:00pm today for a special ceremony.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MEETS Sundays at 9:00am. Please make regular attendance a priority. We always welcome new faces and all Kindergarten - 6th grade students welcome.

DID YOU KNOW? Our Sunday School offering has been designated to help Uspiritus (now Centerstone) purchase backpacks and suitcases for the children and youth in their care. Each quarter the CE Ministry will designate a particular non-budget project for the dollars we receive each Sunday. We will collect for Centerstone through December.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? Each Sunday we come together to worship and learn about God. During the Sunday School hour, our children and youth attend class to hear the Bible and learn to apply it to their lives. Parents are needed to follow up! **Preschoolers** learned about The Ten Commandments from Exodus 19:1-20:21. **Our Kindergarten - 3rd grade students** in Godly Play learned about Jacob (Genesis 27-35). Psalm 122 and worship were the focus for **4th and 5th Graders**. **PLEASE READ** the scripture stories at home and ask your children what they heard. Wonder together what God wants you to know and do because of these stories! If you need a good storybook, ask Leslee or visit our Children's Library-we have a good selection. Especially with younger children, a good Bible storybook is important!

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY we were able to bag up 150+ pounds of rice this morning! And probably 25+ pounds of beans. Our Food Pantry sees a steady and high demand for help, and having beans and rice provides good nutrition for a family. We can always use donations of canned fruit, soup (not condensed); vegetables, peanut butter (18oz size only); tuna fish, canned spaghetti sauce (NO JARS please); 1 pound boxes of pasta, etc.

Calendar

Sunday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Congregational Mtg.
11:45 a.m. Christian Ed. Ministry
2:00 p.m. Historical Marker
Dedication- Pioneer Cem.
Youth Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 4

11:00 a.m. Circle 3
5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, November 5

11:00 a.m. Special Care
7:00 p.m. Deacons at HOTEL, INC.

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, November 8

Departure for Youth
Tri-Presbytery Conf.

COMING UP:

CHRISTMAS MARKET HELP! We are ONE month from our second Christmas Market and Brunch! Help will be needed that day and before our event. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-christmas1> Greeters, floaters, kitchen folk (to sell brunch items) cashiers, church vendors (to sell donated items) clean up, more. Most shifts are two hours or less. So plenty of time to shop and enjoy brunch also!

CASSEROLES NEEDED! Brunch for our Christmas Market relies on casseroles. We have the recipe and the pans. We just need YOU to make them - bake, freeze and bring to the church by December 6. Recipes/pans are available in the office. See Shannon Dyche or Leslee Kirkconnell.

SATURDAY MEALS is November 16. HELP IS NEEDED - willing hands to help organize the meals beginning at 6:15am, and drivers to deliver the hot meals and other items beginning at 8:30am. Find out how to help by contacting Judy Clark, judy068clark@outlook.com.

ANGEL TREE BEGINS NOVEMBER 17. Soon the colorful tree will appear outside the office. Please consider choosing one or more ornaments, purchasing the items listed, wrap, and return by December 10. Your help will brighten the holidays for a number of children and youth from our community, as well as young adults in the transition program for Uspiritus.

ROOM IN THE INN signup sheets are located in the 10th Street Parlor. We will be hosting every Thursday starting in mid-November, and need volunteers for many different tasks. Please check the lists and see if you can help (people can sign up for a one-time shift). Helpers for setup, cleanup, dinner hosts, innkeepers, and food providers are all appreciated and necessary for this outreach.

OTHER NEWS:

ART EXHIBIT Our current exhibit in Fellowship Hall features the Sunny 16 Camera Club. Please stop by to see this photography show soon! The exhibit will run until December 5th.

SEEKING YOUR STORIES FOR OUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL!

This year's Advent Devotions will be about remembering. During Advent we wait and prepare-for the arrival of our Lord. We also remember – Christmases past, and in particular our church as we have celebrated and remembered our first 200 years. The scripture includes readings from the Gospel of Matthew, and the Prophet Isaiah, and form an arch from Sunday to Sunday of Watch! Prepare! Recognize! Receive! (If you wish to use a particular scripture, feel free. A list of daily readings is available <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/>)

The Theme: Remembering

December 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

December 8: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

December 15: Lessons and Carols Isaiah 35:1-19; Matthew 11:2-11; Luke 1:46b-55

December 22: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

Advent begins December 1. Devotions need to be submitted by Nov. 26 to Diane Simmons via email. dsimmonsbg1@mac.com