

In Preparation for Worship

“God chooses us, God claims us, to be vessels through whom the light shines.” – *The Very Reverend Sam Candler*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

We Gather Together *arr. Flor Peeters*

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

The Light of the Hour

Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected

Hymn #537*

When at This Table

**Hymn sheets are located at the end of the bulletin.*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your grace calls us toward growth and service in you. Forgive us when we sin against you through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we neglect to think, speak, and do as you have called us to do. Renew and restore us, O God. Help us to live out the good news of Jesus with perseverance, patience, and passion. Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song 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.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ’s peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Stephanie McGoldrick

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

Half-Truths:
A Personal Relationship with Jesus?

David Lower

Moment for Commitment

Joanna Mangum

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Litany of Remembrance

Leader: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have gone before us:

All: **the apostles and evangelists,
the prophets and patriarchs,
the followers of the way,
who have witnessed to your truth.**

Leader: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have gone before us:

All: **the reformers and theologians,
the hymn writers and the preachers,
the pilgrims and pioneers,
who have witnessed to your calling.**

Leader: We praise you, O God, for all the saints of our day and age:

All: **those who take a stand for civil rights,
those who speak out against injustice,
those who live out their compassion for others,
whose life of faith is an inspiration to us.**

Leader: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who are yet to come:

All: **who will witness to your love,
who will pass on the faith we share,
who will inspire future generations to believe in you.**

All: **For all the saints who now worship forever in your presence, we praise you!**

Leader: With all the saints, today we remember especially the members of the Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church family who died in the last year:

Bob Ashworth
Jim Awbrey
Jim Cox
Jack Petrick
Ann Young

After these names are read, you are invited to say aloud the names of deceased family and friends you are remembering this year.

All: **Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth our blessed ones.
Because of their faithful living, may we also live faithfully.
And may all your children help usher forth the kingdom on earth that waits for us all in
heaven. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Meditation on "Nicaea" Charles Callahan

Hymn 326,* stanzas 1, 2 and 5

For All the Saints

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Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

When at This Table

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Capo 1: (D) (Bm) (Em) (G) (A)
 Eb Cm Fm Ab Bb

1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,
 2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,
 3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,
 4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion
 5 What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,

(F#m) (Bm) (G) (A)
 Gm Cm Ab Bb

the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,
 un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,
 the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,
 to give my life in serv - ing what is good,
 what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;

(C) (G) (Am7) (D) (G)
 Db Ab Bbm7 Eb Ab

then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,
 then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,
 then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,
 then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,
 with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,

(A7) (D) (Bm) (Gmaj7) (A7) (D)
 Bb7 Eb Cm Abmaj7 Bb7 Eb

and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.
 and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.
 this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.
 and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.
 the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

Though cast in an individual's voice, this prayerful text shows a strong communal awareness of the people gathered around the Lord's Table, their personal burdens, and matters of both local and global concern. The final two stanzas reflect renewed spiritual strength and resolve.

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.



SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

At-Home Virtual Communion

As part of our normal worship practice on the first Sunday of the month, and because we know that Jesus met people where they were and he continues to meet us where we are, our church family will celebrate At-Home Virtual Communion this Sunday.

During our online worship, the pastors will preside over the elements in their respective homes, offering the Invitation to the Lord's Supper, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Words of Institution. We are asking that each family then share the Lord's Supper together, using whatever elements you may have available, just as we often do on mission trips.

We encourage you to prepare for worship with the following ideas:

- Create a worship space, perhaps at the kitchen table or a coffee table. Feel free to place anything on the table that has special meaning for you, such as a special memento that reminds you of church or witnessing God in the world. Last week in worship, we talked about lighting a candle before worship each week as a reminder that God is with each of us wherever we are, therefore, we are all together through the Spirit.
- Remember how the pastors often say during the Lord's Supper, that Jesus uses ordinary things for extraordinary purposes? Well, this is one of those times that common things can represent God's grace to us. Please do not feel the need to purchase special bread or juice, we do not want to place that burden on you nor is it necessary. Use whatever you have in your home already – sliced bread, crackers, cookies, pretzels, any sort of juice, wine, water, or even a coke. You may consider placing the elements in cups and on a plate that is special to you.
- You may designate one person to serve or gather in a circle to pass the elements to one another. As you share the bread, you may say, "The bread of life" or "The body of Christ." As you share the cup, you may say, "The cup of salvation."

As Presbyterians, we believe that the Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. The Lord's Supper is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace. Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. This is what we celebrate when gather around the table – and in these days, though our tables are in many different places, our hearts and lives are bound together through Jesus's great love for each of us and all of us.

If you have any questions about celebrating the Lord's Supper in your home, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors.