

10:30 am Worship Service November 3rd, 2024 All Saints Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

"Near the end of the long season of Ordinary Time, there comes a remarkable day: November 1, All Saints' Day. Some churches mark the day on the Sunday following; others take the opportunity to worship midweek. In any case, it is a day not to be missed. On this day, we not only remember those who have gone on before us, but we anticipate the life promised to us all in Jesus Christ. It is a day when we remember that the line that separates life and death is not as stark as we sometimes assume." - Presbyterian Church, USA

Prelude

Communion, Op. 15, No. 1 Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

- Leader: We praise you, O God, for the saints who have blazed a trail of faith and courage through time:
- People: We praise you for those set apart in the world by their faith in you, and their lives that stand for you. Leader: For all the saints who now worship forever in your presence, we praise you!
- People: Surrounded by such witnesses, nurtured in worship and work, let us joyfully give our praise to God!

Opening Hymn* 326

For All the Saints stanzas 1, 3, & 5

Prayer of Confession*

Faithful God, you have called us all to be saints, reflections of your grace. Forgive us for the times when we have preferred the darkness of our sin to the brightness of your glory. When we are tempted to forget our calling, remind us once again of the stories of your faithful people, who now surround us in this great communion of saints.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession...(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayers. Amen. People:

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Thanksgiving* 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 20:17-24,32-38

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

Tell Us Our Story – Third Grade Bibles

Catherine Anne Thomas

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 120 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday, all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the Chapel narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

Litany of Remembrance (responsively)

Eternal God, not bound by time, we give you heartfelt thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, who work beside us, who live beyond us.

Open us to their presence among us: the words of prophets on our lips,

the sweat of the saints coursing through our veins, the visions of mystics before our eyes,

the love of those who embraced poverty moving our muscles to acts of compassion.

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

Rosemary Cox	Gary Phipps
Rose Mary Dennis	Cathy Ray
Will Fadel	Iris Reily
John Massey	Fran Ryan
Dick Miller	Jerry Smith

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

May we be so caught up in their Alleluia, our lives vibrating, like theirs, with the pulse of eternity, until the very foundations of this old world begin to rumble and give way to your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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	We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace arr. Moses Hogan	Chancel Choir	
Moment for Commitment		Daryl & Nancy Moore	
The Offering	Reckless Love Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, & Ran Jackson	Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss, Cooper Waller, Wells Waller	
All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways: 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed. 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving. 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.			
Closing Hymn* 730	l Sing a Song of the Saints of God		
Benediction*			
Choral Amen*			
Postlude*	How Great Thou Art		

After worship, all are invited to visit the church columbarium outside, to greet some of the church family saints! The columbarium is just behind the sanctuary chancel, between the sanctuary and Mount Vernon Road.

arr. Dan Miller

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!