



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
November 5, 2023

### All Saints Sunday

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

A Memorial Prelude on "Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Callahan  
Susan Charlton, flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me;  
**and let us exalt his name together.**  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**  
Look to him and be radiant;  
**so, your faces shall never be ashamed.**  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
**none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**  
**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 138 (V.1-4)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord most holy, we rise early each morning and sing our praises to your mercy and grace. But Lord, we confess this morning that even before our songs of praise fade into the morning mist, we forget that we have been called by you to be your living saints in this world. We ignore that we are to be peacemakers and to be pure in heart. We neglect your call to be humble and meek. And we dismiss the requirement to comfort those who mourn. Forgive us Lord, as we struggle to live out the lives that you have willed for us. Send your Spirit to guide us in your ways today and every day. In Jesus' name we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our most Holy Lord understands that we are less than holy despite our most earnest efforts. In his mercy, he sent us his Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem and save us from ourselves, assuring us of God's grace and forgiveness. Praise the Lord.

\*RESPONSE 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. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

HOMILY

Saints In Our Midst

Rev. Larry Van Hise

HONORING THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

ANTHEM

Lux Aeterna

music: John L. Bell  
The Chancel Choir  
Susan Charlton, flute

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.

May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,  
in the company of your saints for eternity,  
for you are full of goodness.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Susan Charlton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary  
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus of all the saints to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The elements will be served to you at your seat; please hold them and all will partake together.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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 GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 526 (V.1-4)

For All the Saints

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thee We Adore (Hymn 519)

arr. Wood

*The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Kevin Martin, by Bud and Linda Martin.*

*The carnations are a gift from the Board of Deacons in memory of the following members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Easton, who joined the Church Triumphant during the past year.*

*Loretta Young, member of First Presbyterian Church*

*Cindy Koch, member of First Presbyterian Church*

*Fran Dean, member of First Presbyterian Church*

*Harriet Spilman, member of First Presbyterian Church*

*Naomi Smith, member of First Presbyterian Church*

*Betty Minnich, member of First Presbyterian Church*

*Carter Alexander Mayer, member of Susan Mackay's extended family*

*John Clark, cousin of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

*Jean Fiske, aunt of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

*Tom McIver, cousin of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

*Mary Schroeher, aunt of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

*James Coffey, friend of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

*Carl Dolder, friend of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

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*Ed Morris, friend of Bill and Carol Schroeher*

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*Otto J. Betz, friend of Larry and Angie Van Hise*

*David E. Rockhill, friend of Larry and Angie Van Hise*

*Elizabeth Druie, friend of Larry and Angie Van Hise*

*Jeanette Seaman, friend of Larry and Angie Van Hise*

*Michael McCabe, friend of the Charlton Family*

*Bonnie Lee Zbleski, friend of the Charlton Family*

*Faith Shireman, friend and neighbor of the Charlton Family*

*Bernice Manshel, friend of the Charlton Family*

*Michael Pulsinelli, cousin of Art Charlton*

### **Notes on Worship**

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. All Saints' Day in the Reformed tradition is a time to give thanks for the lives of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

#### Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Art Charlton, Liturgist

Art and Susan Charlton, Communion Servers

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