First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Introduction to All Saints' Day

Opening words

Reading from Bambi, A Life in the Forest by Felix Salten

I Thessalonians 4:13-14

Revelation 21:1-4; 22:3-5

Call to Worship:

See how God the Father loves us!

God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

See how Christ the Son loves us!

Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.
See how the Spirit, the presence of God within us, loves us!
The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words.

The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

*Praise Medley Insert

Prayer of Confession: We bow before You, Eternal Father in Heaven, with our hands soiled with the pain we have caused, with our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely, with our hearts stained with those lusts and hungers we would rather hide. Forgive us and have mercy on us.

As we seek to journey from the baptismal waters towards the feast you prepare in glory, may we turn our faces toward You in every moment, listen to Your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

Lift up your heads, saints of God! Your sin is forgiven, your hands once full of foolishness are now empty. God has clothed you with garments of joy that you will wear at the eternal banquet.

Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. All things are new - including us! Thanks be to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri (Avery & Marsh)

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men.

A-men. A---men. Amen! CCLI License #875928

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23, 35-38, 42-44, 50-54, 57

(JB Philips NT) Pg. 961, Pew Bible

Affirmation of Faith: Romans 8:38-39 (JB Philips NT)

I have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither messenger of Heaven nor monarch of earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

The Offering

Choral Anthem: Feed Me, Lord Patrick M. Liebergen

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

May the God of all saints be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to God, all you who seek God's face.

We offer them to the One whose heart weeps with ours.

Lift up your heads, O people, make a joyful noise of praise to God. With joy in our hearts, with words of truth and life on our lips, we give thanks to our God.

With a simple Word, with a gentle Breath of life, Wondrous God of glory... So, with that community of faith from every place and time - with saints and sinners, with apostles and angels, with those who know how deeply you love us, we forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, Lord God, strong and gentle. As they await their renewal, heaven and earth glorify you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to call us from death. Hosanna in the highest!

Gracious are you, Creator of suns and saints, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Sharer in our lives...As we wait to come to this gracious feast, as we remember the spirit in which Jesus lived, served, died, and was raised, we speak of that mystery we call faith.

In Christ, the shroud of death has been destroyed. In Christ, all creation is given new life. In Christ, we will be God's people forever when he returns.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of the Table...

The Lord's Prayer

--Crystal Hogan

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Communion is received by the method of intinction. Receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and partake.)

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

Remembrance of the Saints

Betty Burgess, Bob Christy, Paul Elliott, Judy Engstrom, Jack Fortier, Bill Hyde, Judy Ann Larson, Francis Miller, Pat Quick, William Trudell

*Hymn: For All the Saints No. 767, vv. 1-5

*Benediction

*Response: For All the Saints v. 6

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

(The prayers in this service were written and copyrighted by Thom M Shuman, a transitional minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA) living near Columbus, OH)

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Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob

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Chorus

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Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *chorus*

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *chorus*

Verse 3

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *chorus 2x*

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