



Bethany Presbyterian Church

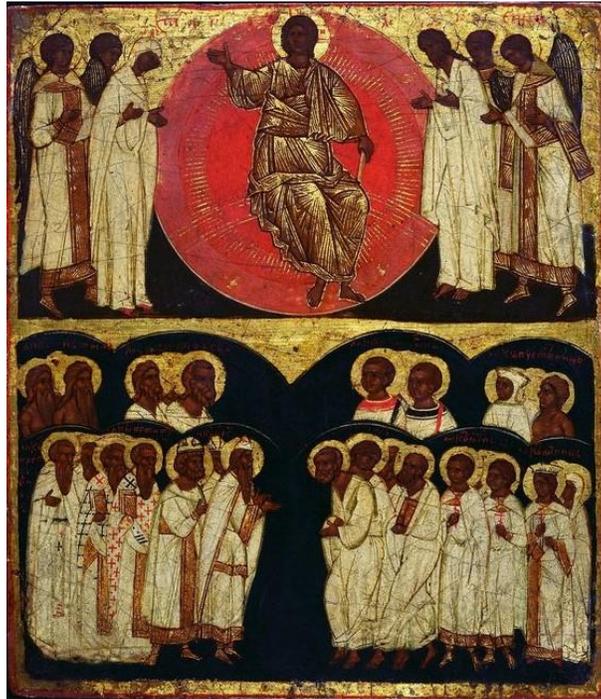
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November 7, 2021 – 11:00 am

All Saints and Souls



“Remembering the Saints”

“I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:3-4 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time.

Today we commemorate all the saints and souls, rejoicing not only in the memories of those we love who we have lost, but also in all the faithful throughout the ages who have died. We are reminded that we too “are part of one continuing, living communion of saints” (Presbyterian Mission Agency). We will remember the lives our nation has lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic with a time of silence.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Sing Praise to God*

LANI SMITH (TUNE: MIT FREUNDEN ZART)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. 21:6

Then the Lord said: It is finished!
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. *Hear us, O God.*

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world. *Hear us, O God.*

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven and was born of the virgin Mary; who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world and has washed us from our sins; who on the third day rose from the dead and has given us the victory; who ascended on high and intercedes for us at the right hand of God. *Great is your love.*

For the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the one holy catholic and apostolic church. For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized. *Thanks be to God.*

For all holy people, our parents and grandparents in faith. For the noble band of the prophets. For the glorious company of the apostles. For the white-robed army of martyrs. For the cherubim and seraphim, Michael and the holy angels. *Thanks be to God.*

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. *Hear us, O God.*

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life. *Hear us, O God.*

A KYRIE #565: *Lord, Have Mercy*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God of all the faithful, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. Work out your good purpose in us and help us in our weakness as we await, with eager longing, the redemption of all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

* OPENING HYMN #364: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

LESBIA SCOTT

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 25:6-9

REVELATION 21:1-6

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 861

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1509

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves.

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You all 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, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen.

* RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: "ALLELUIA"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord We Thank You

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

* A Doxology : *Thank You, Lord*

Thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord.
I just want to thank you, Lord

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Goin' Home*

ANTONIN DVORAK-ADAPTED AND ARRANGED BY ROBERT LEHMAN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Homily: *"Remembering the Saints"*

REV. PHILLIPS

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

A READING

"No [one] is an island entire of itself; every[one] is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were. Any[one's] death diminishes me, because I am involved in [hu]mankind, and therefore never send to know from whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." ADAPTED FROM JOHN DONNE'S MEDITATION XVIII IN *DEVOTIONS UPON EMERGENT OCCASIONS*.

REMEMBERING THE SAINT

The names of each of the Saints given to the office will be named. After each name is read, a bell will toll, and a candle will be lit.

COMMEMORATING IN SILENCE

We will hold silence to commemorate all who have died in this country from COVID-19. Each minute of silence corresponds to the lost lives of 100,000 people.

A PRAYER

In life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever. **Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #526:** *For All the Saints*

WILLIAM W. HOW

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest..
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, Their one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight at the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!

* **SENDING**

The God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever!

Amen.

* **POSTLUDE:** *God is Our Refuge and Strength*

FRANKLIN RITTER

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041.

You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypreschurch.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

As the threat of the pandemic does ease somewhat, we are still not completely out of the woods. Recently the CDC adjusted the guidelines for wearing masks, suggesting that all persons - vaccinated or not - wear masks indoors in areas that are experiencing more infections. We will continue to urge our congregation to use their own best judgment in whether to wear a mask in worship, always remembering our hope to keep all worshippers healthy and free from infection.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bethany Members

Linda Abplanalp
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Shelvia Russell
The Family of Eleanor Thompson

Christopher Bagley
Sylvia Donley
Ruby Martin
Mike Sutton

Katherine Bayliff
Henry Flythe
Joyce & Norman Mize
Nancy Sutton
Ida Whitney

Friends of Bethany

Carol Brooks
Bill Faucette
Christy Lutterloh
Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Alex Thomas
Deborah & Larry

Janie Holt Clapp
Ben Johnson
Gaynell McCollum
Norma Proctor
John & Ann Sutton
Randy Thompson

Jack Cook
Grace Johnson
Anne McDaniels
Shannon Russell
Tiffany Tauchren
Teresa Wilborn
Frank Wrenn

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

Children (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

Youth (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for November are **Nancy Purcell** and **Shelby Smith**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Helen & Bill Brown – November 25th

- Randy Cousins – November 2nd
- Regis Smith – November 7th
- Pat Kennedy – November 9th
- Susie Hunley – November 11th
- Joyce Mize – November 15th
- Becky Eatmon – November 19th
- Nancy Sutton – November 21st
- Karen Maxwell – November 22nd
- John Snyder – November 26th
- Brandon Troxler – November 28th

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-person and Live Stream)

Sunday, November 14th

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-person and Live Stream)

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Session

Moderator: Rev. Jon Phillips

Clerk: Randy Cousins

Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp

Helen Brown

Tina Patterson

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