



All Saints' Sunday

November 6, 2023
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In baptism, we are united with the saints of every time and place. As we join our hearts in worship, let us remember those who have completed their baptism in death.

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom you have received into your presence. Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Ben Goodwin, Cello

You are invited to come forward to light a candle to remember saints who have gone before us.

LITURGY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

For all the high and holy ones, who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world, we give you thanks. For all the meek and lowly ones, who have earnestly sought you in darkness, held fast to their faith in times of trial, and done good as they have had opportunity, we give you thanks.

Especially we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved, who, by their patient obedience and self-denial, steadfast hope and helpfulness in trouble, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The members of our church who have died in the past year are named:

JANE STEVENSON
CATHY COWAN
CINDY LITTLE

FERRY ANNE NEAL
ELEANOR SUTTON
JERRY NAIL

LORRAINE CORKRAN
RICK SEARS
BURLA NEELEY

You are invited to share, aloud or silently, the names of others you are remembering today.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

At the end of the hymn, children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

It is hard to believe that a day will come when there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more tears or death. As we remember our loved ones, we cannot help but doubt. God is big enough to handle that doubt, so let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ps. 99:1-4

God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives. We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence. We hear you call us blessed when we mourn, but we do not find the comfort you promise. Be with us in our remembrance and strengthen us until the day we join them, singing your praises in the great multitude.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

See what love our Creator has given us: we are children of God. Our heavenly Parent loves us, forgives us, and is with us through every trial. **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 366)

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1 Thess. 1:5

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.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Matthew 5:1-12 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Turning the World Upside Down”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Linda Cole

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"
From *A German Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they praise thy name evermore. (Psalm 84)

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all:

**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!** *The prayer continues.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry* | Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Patti Price* | Worship & Wonder: *Ashley Johnson*

The Life of the Church

Our Youth Group is returning today from Camp Loucon and the Presbytery of Western Kentucky Fall Retreat. We pray for a safe return and give thanks for this time of refreshment and growing in faith.

An Interfaith Justice Organizing Info Session will be held at our church next Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 P.M. Keith Sanders of the Public Life Foundation will facilitate a conversation with Yvonne Martin, the lead organizer for CAJE, Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment, an Evansville organization that brings together religious groups to work together on community concerns. Discussion will be held about how a similar effort might take place in Owensboro-Daviess County.

An Inurnment Service for Burla Neeley will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 10:00 A.M. at the columbarium.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

About All Saints' Sunday



All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated on or around November 1 since the ninth century.

In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis of the festival is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks for members of the community of faith who have died in the past year, and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

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