



Detail from *Festival of Lights* by John August Swanson, who died September 23, 2021

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



All Saints' Sunday
Sunday, November 7, 2021
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10; Isaiah 25:9

Fling wide the temple gates!

Open up the ancient doors!

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

Who is this mighty and glorious one?

This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect into 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 lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*Throughout the hymn, all are invited to come forward and light a candle
to remember the saints who have gone before us in death.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rev. 21:1

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, when you saw that Lazarus died, you began to weep. So you weep with us, O Lord, when we are surrounded by death and decay. Unbind us, O Lord, from the destructive forces of this world. Unbind us from greed, power, and shame. Unbind us from solitude, self-righteousness, and self-doubt. Bind us instead to one another and to you. Forgive us when we do not live like your new creations, and, by your grace, free us from all that keeps us bound.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. 21:5-6

Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new. And now it is finished! Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

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 834)

*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit write your word upon our hearts so that we may be your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**
Revelation 21:1-6a The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
John 11:32-44 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Unbound”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Second Helvetic Confession (1536)

**We acknowledge the saints
to be living members of Christ
and friends of God
who have gloriously overcome the flesh and the world.
Hence we love them as brothers and sisters,
and also honor them;
yet not with any kind of worship
but by an honorable opinion of them
and just praises of them.
We also imitate them.
For with ardent longings and supplications
we earnestly desire to be imitators of their faith and virtues,
to share eternal salvation with them,
to dwell eternally with them in the presence of God,
and to rejoice with them in Christ.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Eric Nelson

*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:

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 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that 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

*BLESSING

Benediction

Loonis McGlohon

The Choral Benediction today was given in memory of Esther Jansing. She and Bill had met the composer and she recommended the piece to us. It was purchased in her memory.

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Diane Bowers*

Communion Servers: *Debbie McCoy & Susan Godthaab*

On this All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks to God for those saints from our church family who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year:

BOB SMITH
KEVIN SMEATHERS
NAN ROWE
DAVID MCCRYSTAL

ESTHER JANSING
TOM WADE
DAYTON HEFFELFINGER
VIOLET JACKSON

MONTY WINSTEAD
ED ALMES
ELIZABETH PARIS

The Life of the Church

Fall Pastor's Bible Study continues on Zoom at 6:00pm each Wednesday. This week's discussion will focus on chapters 11-12 of the Gospel of Mark.

Faith and Film Night returns at 7:00pm on Friday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall. We will screen the 2010 documentary film *Freedom Riders*, which chronicles the story of hundreds of civil rights workers who risked their lives to challenge racial segregation. Pastor Matt will moderate a brief discussion on faith and activism and the legacy of the Freedom Riders.

A Fall Youth Retreat is being held at Camp Pyoca in Brownstown, Indiana, and our youth are planning to attend November 19-21. More information is available from pyoca.org or through Stephanie Dube.

The SEEK Museum (Struggles for Emancipation and Equality in Kentucky) in Russellville is the destination of a racial justice pilgrimage we will take on Saturday, Dec. 4. Depart FPC with us at 8:30am or travel on your own and meet us in Russellville at 10am. After a guided museum tour, we will share lunch together and reflect on our experience before traveling back to Owensboro. The cost is \$13 which includes lunch. Contact Jeff Moles to sign up.

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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