



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**A Service for the Worship of God**  
*All Saints Day*  
November 1, 2020

***We Gather in God's Word***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Steve Kuhl**

This is the day the Lord has made,  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will 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 God's name together.

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn #476**

**"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"**

LYONS

*O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

## Call to Confession

United in our need for God's grace, we confess our sins.

**Glorious God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help them. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown us, we are slow to show mercy.**

*Silent Confession.*

Reunited by our redemption in Jesus Christ we continue to pray together.

**Forgive us, O God, wash us clean, that we may humbly serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*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.*

### \*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## *We Hear God's Word*

### Prayer for Illumination

### First Scripture Reading

**Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory

and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## Second Scripture Reading

**Matthew 23:1-12**

**23** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,<sup>[a]</sup> and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Meditation

Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

**“Days that Count: All Saints Day”**

*All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

*Matthew 23:12*

*We Respond to God’s Word*

**Moment for Discipleship**

**“A Cheerful Giver”**

Lynn Bornemann

**Call to Offering**

**\*Hymn 526**

**“For All the Saints”**

SINE NOMINE

*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 fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

*4 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!*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of GOD, begotten of the Father before all worlds. GOD of GOD, Light of Light, very GOD of very GOD, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made: who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Invitation**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**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.**

### **Communion of the People**

### **Prayer after Communion**

#### **\*Hymn**

#### **“When the Saints Go Marching In”**

*Oh when the saints go marching in, Oh when the saints go marching in!  
Lord, I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in!*

*And when the sun refuse to shine, Oh when the sun refuse to shine.  
Lord, I want to be in that number, When the sun refuse to shine.*

*Oh when the trumpet sounds its call, Oh when the trumpet sounds its call.  
Lord, I want to be in that number, When the trumpet sounds its call!*

*Oh when the saints go marching in Oh when the saints go marching in  
How I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in!!*

#### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Keyboards: Claire Kuhl

Trumpet: Aaron Acord

Percussion: Phillip Dennis

## Announcements:

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### 2021 Officer Nominating Committee Report

The 2021 Officer Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations: Elder Class of 2021 (to fill the unexpired terms of Nancy Dozier and Deb Jones): David Hammond and Steve Kuhl, Elder Class of 2023: Paula Bourne and Jennifer Sholar, 2022 Officer Nominating Committee: Kathy Gillespie, Bill Jacobs, Kathy West. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on November 8, 2020 in the Sanctuary, to receive the Committee's report and vote on these nominations.

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given today by Larry and Licia Duncan to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Lucile and O.C. Duncan and Lily and Eliseo Flores.

### Special Offering

On Sunday, November 15th, you have the opportunity to support the many powerful programs provided by Thornwell Home. This is their traditional Thanksgiving offering, and it supplies a significant portion of their annual income. Please share abundantly.

### Looking ahead to Christmas

Throughout the month of November, as you find yourself purchasing personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies, why not **BOGO for God**? Buy yours *and* buy one to donate to our joint Christmas missions project with our partners at New Faith. Together, we will make a difference for those in need at places such as Thornwell Home, Beyond Abuse, Meg's House, and Pathway House. Bring your gifts each week and deposit them in the area provided in the narthex.

### November Sermon Topics and Lectionary Readings

#### Days that Count

It was poet, mathematician, and physician, Oliver Wendel Holmes, Sr., who said, "Some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good." Our scriptures this month seem pretty heavenly minded but they have everything to say about the earthly good we are to do here and now. Let's make these days count, and let God take care of the days ahead.

#### November 8: Wedding Day

Revelation 19:6-9

Matthew 25:1-13

#### November 15: Adoption Day

Ephesians 1:1-14

Matthew 25: 14-30

#### November 22: Thanksgiving Day (Christ the King/Dedication Day)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

### Sunday, November 1

Quest: Youth - Lunch, leisure, and learning at noon.

### **Tuesday, November 3**

U.S. Election Day: Your Vote Matters! Visit your assigned polling place at your convenience. Prayerfully consider every candidate and vote your conscience.

U.S. Election 48-Hour Prayer Vigil: Pray for our nation and its citizens as we exercise our right to vote. Vigil begins today at 6:00 a.m. on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. See suggested prayers in the October Newsletter. The sanctuary will be open for prayer on Tuesday from noon until 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 4**

Bell Choir Rehearsal: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (in Sanctuary). To make friends and to make music.

Evening Study Group: 7:00 p.m. Facilitated discussion LIVE or via Zoom. Topic Matthew – Spiritual Disciplines. Continue exploring Spiritual Disciplines by looking at compassion.

### **Thursday, November 5**

Pop Up Prayers: 8:30 a.m. LIVE under the Porte Cochere. Bring a Bible, a lawn chair and an open heart!

### **Every Sunday, Every Day**

One Can Donations: drop off non-perishable food in the narthex or in the entry way by the Porte Cochere.