

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 1, 2020

All Saints Sunday

In the sanctuary and live streaming

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible 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.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up saints 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 call 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 and grant us courage to follow your way.

Joined with those from ages past

who have served you with faith, hope and love,

may we inherit the kingdom you promise in Jesus Christ ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 34:1-10,18,22

Unison

I will bless the Lord at all times.

God's praise shall 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.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord

and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him

and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, God's holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

no one taking refuge in God shall be condemned.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 145 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Marion

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:23-12:2

Sermon

Hearing the Cheering

Mike Krech

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Hebrews 12:1

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 530 O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be Gelobt Sei Gott

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory There Is a Balm in Gilead African-American spiritual

Rickie Cooke, Baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano arr. James Michael Stevens

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Prayers for All Saints Day, remembering church members and

those buried through the ministry of the church:

Martha Jeanne Brasher Krech (January 26, 1930 – January 2, 2020)

William Jackson Byrd (January 8, 1927 – February 17, 2020)

Alma Ruth Hankla Bucovaz (December 9, 1930 – March 26, 2020)

Evelyn Frances Ferrell Kitterman (January 30, 1936 – June 2, 2020)

Sandra Oates Bane (July 15, 1947 – July 27, 2020)

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Recessional Hymn 526 For All the Saints Sine Nomine

(We will sing the four stanzas numbered 1,2,3,4.)

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

Postlude I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord arr. Gayden Sikes

Welcome to worship at **Grace Presbyterian Church** as we observe All Saints Day.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

Text: Psalm 90:1-5; Isaac Watts, 1719; alt;

Tune: ST. ANNE; attr. William Croft, 1708

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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.

Text: Lesbia Scott, 1929; adapted;

Tune: GRAND ISLE; John Henry Hopkins, 1940; as in *The Hymnal 1940*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! (continued next page)

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones find rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865;

Tune: MARION; Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

O Lord, of Life, Where'er They Be

O Lord, of life, where'er they be, Safe in Your own eternity,
Now live Your children gloriously, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All souls You call, both here and there, Do rest within Your sheltering care;
One providence alike they share: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word is true, Your ways are just; Above the chanted "Dust to dust"
Shall rise our song of grateful trust: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are they in God who rest, No more by fear and doubt oppressed;
Living or dying, they are blest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1888; alt.

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT; Melchior Vulpius, 1609; as in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

For All the Saints

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!

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!

Text: William Walsham How, 1864;

Tune: SINE NOMINE; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906