

Grace Presbyterian Church

November 5, 2023

9:30 am

Celebrating All Saints Sunday

VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,

we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and

we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

~ from "All Saints Day (Year A)," posted on Seasons Online.

*Hymn #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Confession

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:17-18)

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
In every age you have raised up people to live and
die in faith, who modeled for us a new relationship
with you.
Forgive our indifference to your will, and our
irresponsibility toward others.
You commanded us to speak
and we have been silent.
You have called us to do what is just,
but we are fearful.
Have mercy on us,
your forgetful and foolish servants.
Keep before us faithful people so we may learn
what it is to live with courage and love,
So we also may inherit the kingdom promised in
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

Words of Assurance (Based on Psalm 34:4,22)

I sought the Lord, and God answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
The Lord redeems the life of all beloved servants;
none who take refuge in him will be condemned.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
(verse 1 only)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

Insistent God,
by night and day you summon your slumbering people,
So stir us with your voice
and enlighten our lives with your grace
that we give ourselves fully
to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

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First reading from Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from Romans 16:3-16

SERMON "Don't Call It A List".

*Hymn #644 "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication (Revelation 7:9-17)

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of this church in offering plates during worship and by electronically throughout the month.

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

Remembering the Saints in our Lives

*Hymn #326 "For all the Saints"

*Charge and Benediction

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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