

Grace Presbyterian Church

30 October 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 26

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Person, Filled with the
Spirit, We Worship God.
Welcome!*



A Mezuzah

Prayer Candles
**Before worship, offer a prayer and light a
candle at the communion table.**
Celebrating All Saints Day

We Gather

PRELUDE

Vince Di Mura Music Director

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voice 1: Jesus traveled to many places.

Voice 2: Some made him welcome. Others did not.

Voice 1: Yet, in all places, Jesus tried to make others feel welcomed.

Voice 2: Jesus seldom missed a chance to tell someone that they were a beloved child of God.

Voice 1: And so in Jesus' name, we welcome you here,

Voice 2: beloved children of our Creator.

Voice 1: When we welcome one another, indeed, we welcome Jesus Christ into our midst as well.

Voice 2: Community of Christ, let us worship God.

HYMN* The Lord is God

No. 63

Opening prayer.

We welcome you, Spirit of Christ, to pass by this way and call us into your justice. We welcome you, Spirit of Christ, to challenge our ways and renew our living. We welcome you, Spirit of Christ, to call our names and inform us in your community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION¹

God of forgiveness and grace, today we know that salvation has come to our house and that we, too, are your children because of your forgiveness and grace. May we live in the generosity of your love.

We ask you to forgive us.

May we dwell in your presence

where each person and everyone reflects your love for one another and are satisfied. Amen.

Words of Affirmation

(Based on Psalm 65)

God's promise to every generation is to know that God is there for us, and we shall never be put to shame.

Receive God's grace and offer it to one another.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made to love one another in unity and grace.

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(Raise your hand in a sign of peace and blessings)

We Reflect

A time for Children and the Young in heart

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- October 231, 2022

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read,
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may receive with confidence and joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

HYMN Men/Women of Faith, Rise Up and Sing No. 319

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22: 34-40

SERMON

The G.O.A.T.

Rev. Donald M. Pitches

**We Respond
A Moment or Two for Stewardship
Worship and Music, and Hospitality Committees**

**MISSION STATEMENT
To Know, Love and Serve God**

VISION STATEMENT

**As an open and affirming congregation, we
genuinely welcome people of all ages, ethnicities,
genders, sexual orientations, beliefs, and those
who are cognitively and/or physically challenged.
Our vision is that each of us is a minister seeking to
know Christ, grow in discipleship, and**

² Seasons of the Spirit- October 23, 2022

embody God's love for the world.

HYMN *Though I May Speak*

No. 693

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Lord, In Your Mercy/Thanksgiving R+, **Hear Our Prayer**

We Acknowledge The Saints of God

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we give thanks for this church and for the communities of people who live in faith in all their diversities.

We pray that faith will grow abundantly.

We lift the brokenness that both diminishes and increases our understanding of faith.

We especially pray for those growing their faith in times of trial.

We give thanks for the love that is ever-increasing between people in our midst.

We lift the celebrations of life and love in our community.

We remember before you those saints who dwell in the perpetual light of your love.

We lift the reconciliations that are happening around us and abroad.

Help us fulfill the work of faith so that the good Creator, the loving Redeemer, and the sustaining Spirit are glorified.

Loving God, we, with all your saints, gather to worship and praise you this day. We celebrate the saints who have served you and been an example for us throughout the past. We give you thanks for the joy of being a part of the communion of saints

with those who have gone before and those scattered around the globe. Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints you have called us to be. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise For All The Saints No.326

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

Offertory invitation

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance – everlasting life.

As an act of praise and thanksgiving, let us share our gifts with and through the Body of Christ.

Ushers, please come forward to receive the offering plates. Thank you to all those whose gifts and offerings sustain the church. You can also give online by visiting the church website or through your online banking.

Musical Meditation

Vince DiMura

*Doxology**

No. 711 v.1

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

Prayer of Dedication^{*3}

**We offer our whole selves to you,
O God, creator of everything.**

³ Seasons of the Spirit-October 30, 2022

**It is a joy and a blessing
to share our gifts with one another.
As we offer these things
for your church's work,
help us be mindful of all
that we can do together
as the Body of Christ. Amen.
We Are Sent**

CLOSING HYMN* *We Are One in the Spirit* No. 300

BENEDICTION*

Go out into the world in courage and peace,
holding lightly to the things of this world
and tightly to God's love.

POSTLUDE

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

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October 30 Reformation Sunday

October 31 All Hallowed Eve

November 1 All Saints Day

November 2 All Souls Day