THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024

10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Service



GATHER

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer. Words in **bold** are read by the congregation. * Please stand if you are able

Please remember to turn your cell phones to silent.

This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

For our online congregation - Let us know you are here! Post a greeting! And remember that you can place a request in the Prayer Journal in the comments on both You Tube and Facebook Live.

Prelude

Elegy

William Walton

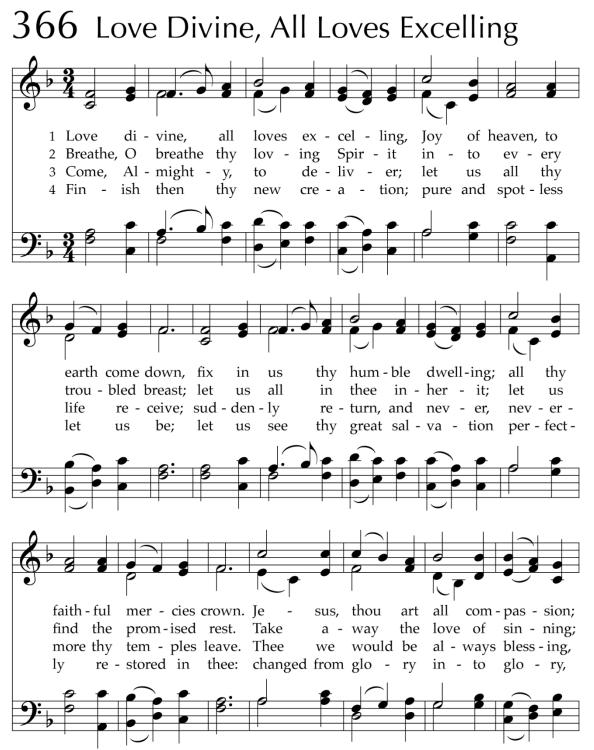
Lighting the Christ Candle

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim: Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

Call to Worship

We remember, O God... The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time, We remember, O God... The tender touch of loved ones. the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones. We remember, O God... The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents. We thank you, O God . . . For Your saints who have shown us the Lord.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT





This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

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TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt. MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Beloved God,

who was known to our mothers and fathers,

have mercy on us.

We do not always love as you would have us love.

We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness,

we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear One -

comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,

and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.

We praise you for the grace you shower on us,

constantly forgiving our errors,

especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

(A time of silence is kept during which individual confessions may be offered.)

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Assurance of Grace

* **Response of Praise 390** (singing together)

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat 4x) Louez le Seigneur! Louez son saint nom. Alleluia! (repeat 2x) Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Louez son saint nom. Alleluia! Louez son saint nom. Alleluia! (repeat 2x)

* Sharing the Peace

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

> (We share peace with a nod or a bow, perhaps with hand on heart or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace. If worshiping from home, greet each other by sending a text, a wave or comment on Facebook or YouTube.)

* Response of Praise 752 (singing together) Dona nobis pacem



Words of Welcome

Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information! Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jonah 1:1-17a

1Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²"Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

⁴But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish." ⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹"I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. ¹⁷But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play. Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113. (It is the church's policy to not put images of children on the livestream.)

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.

Dan Forrest

Anthem:

No Night There God is with us. God is for us. Do not be afraid. There shall be no night there, no crying there; God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

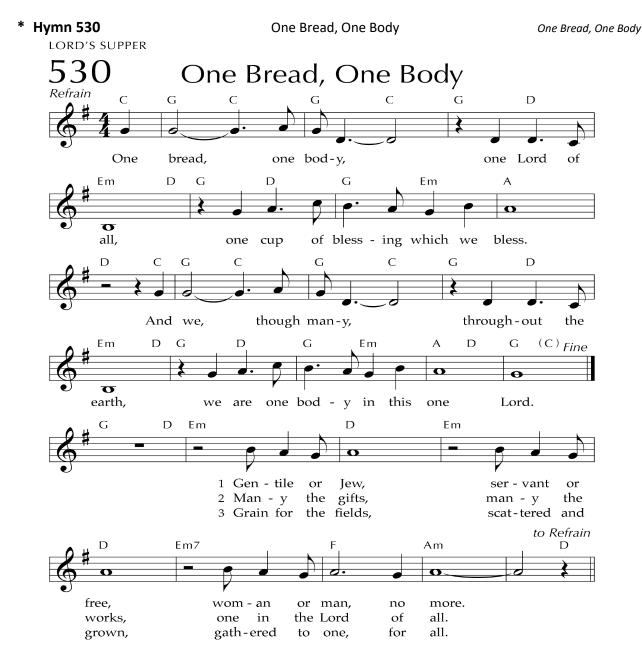
For the Word of God within us:

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Detangling Your Triangles (after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer) Laura Hollister

Respond and Serve



This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

TEXT and MUSIC: John B. Foley, SJ, 1978 Text and Music © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ (Published by OCP) ONE BREAD, ONE BODY Irregular

Concerns and Remembrances

The Offering

Offertory

A Flower Remembered

John Rutter

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The prayer continues and concludes with this prayer:] God in heaven, your name is to be honored. May your new community of hope be realized on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the essentials of life. Release us from our wrongdoing as we also release those who wrong us. Do not test us beyond our enduring; save us from all that is evil. For you embrace justice, love and peace, now and to the end of time. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Communion Music

For All the Saints

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. P. Choplin

Communion of the People

We will receive communion this morning by passing the bread and cup to one another in the pew. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the bread tray. The trays will have red wine and white grape juice. Our tradition is to eat the bread as it comes to you,

and then to hold the cup so we may commune together.

Prayer After Communion

SEND AND BLESS

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

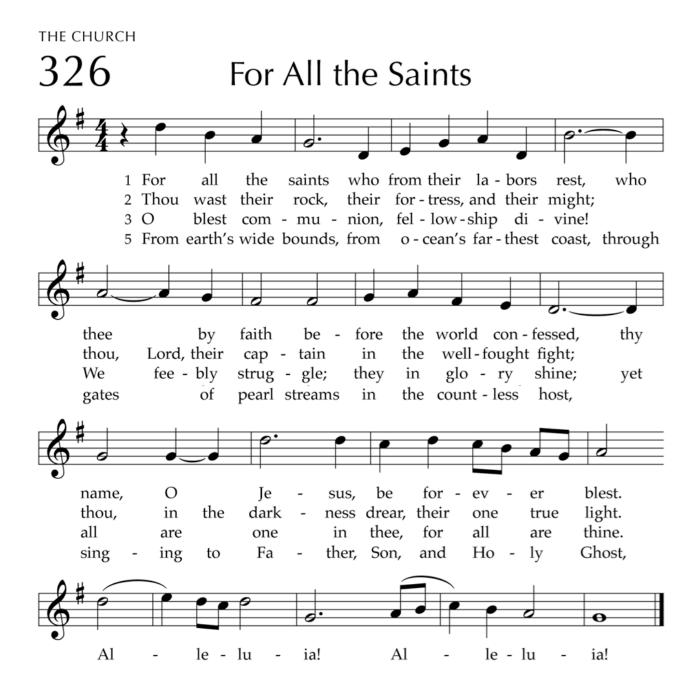
Necrology

* Hymn 326

For All the Saints (see next page for hymn)

Sine Nomine

Laura Hollister





Turn the page for verse 3

Harmony, stanza 3



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

* Benediction



Postlude

Toccata on Ein feste Burg

Gordon Young

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

If your infant or child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Flash photography during worship is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If you are new to First Church

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Disabled persons entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to become a member of First Church. Please speak with Pastor Ken or call the church office to set a time to meet.

Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, <u>www.firstpreshc.org</u> for more info.

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