

All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen

J. Brahms

The Call to Worship

God has poured his love into our lives and he lovingly calls us to worship him today.

We enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

His faithfulness continues through all generations. Praise be to God!

*The Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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*The Call to Confession

Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners and we are all sinners. Confident in God's love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

*The Prayer of Confession

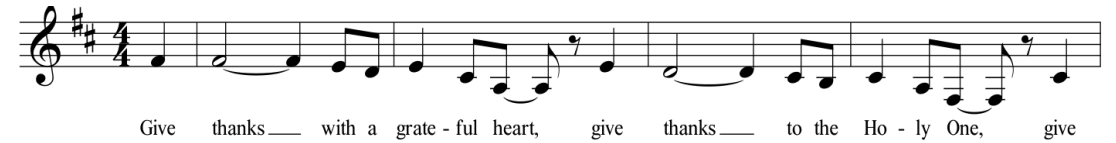
God of grace, you love us with a love that is beyond our comprehension and you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We confess that our love for you is often diluted; the loyalties of our hearts are often divided; our affections are so easily drawn away from you. Forgive us. You also call us to love our neighbor. Rather than love, we confess that too often our hearts are filled with resentment, prejudice, judgement, or unkindness. Forgive us. [Silent confession.] Loving God, purify our hearts, fill us with your love, and teach us to walk in your way of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response

Give Thanks



The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

page 197 OT

The Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

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The Sermon

Always Remember: Love

Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn

For All the Saints, verses 1-3

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Remembering the Saints

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
 The Offertory Well Done, Faithful Servants J. Martin
 *The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
 all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
 *The Prayer of Dedication
 *The Hymn *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* 366
 *The Charge and Benediction
 *The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
 that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**
 *Postlude Postlude in Canon on "Sine Nomine" T. Crawford
 * Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist: Peggy Knutson
Ushers: Ginny & Pete Brucker, Tom Poole, and Anne Schmidt
Greeter: Beverly Briggs
Fellowship Hour: Anne & Wally Schmidt
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir



Office hours for the week of November 4-7 will be **Monday through Thursday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

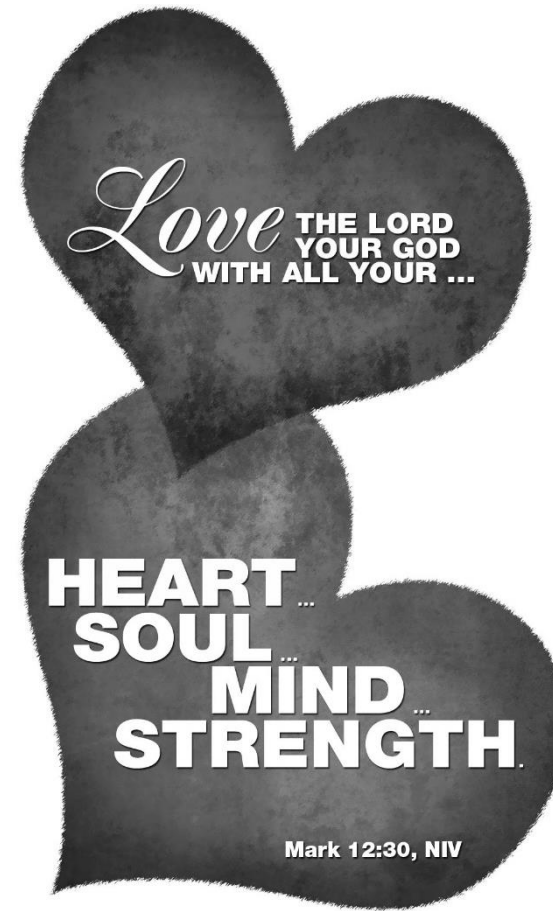
***** Second will resume today at 10:15 in the library.*****

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

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Celebrating All Saints' Day

November 2023 – October 31, 2024

Congregation Members

Helen Hellman
Shirley Bidwell-Schiffer
Richard (Dick) Brown
Mary Jo Mundell
Ruth Patzick

Family and Friends of Members

Nancy Awishes – Mary Smith
Dennis Brucker – Nephew of Pete & Ginny Brucker
Brad Seymore – Nephew of Chuck & Diane Kemerer
Carol Hatton Greenough – Sister of Susie Williams



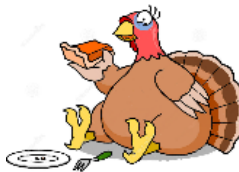
A HUGE thank you to all who helped make the recent fish fry a success. Your support helped serve 394 meals and netted a profit of \$3,600! The funds earned through this endeavor support various maintenance projects throughout the church. **Our next Fish Fry is**

Friday, April 11, 2024. We hope you'll help at the next one – we have a wonderful time getting to know each other!

Thank you for your support!

Harvest Potluck

Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck **NEXT Sunday, November 10**, at 5:00 p.m. The church supplies turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Signup sheets are in the gathering area. Please contact Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-792-1023 or 989-781-0542 if you have any questions. **If you signed up to cook a turkey, they are in the chest freezer in the storage room off the kitchen.**



Boy Scouts Greens Sale

November 3 & 10, the Boy Scout troop from Second Presbyterian Church will be in the gathering area after worship to take orders for Christmas greens. The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. **Delivery to the church will be November 24.** Additional information and order forms are available on the table in the vestibule. Please support our Boy Scouts.



Stockings are on the table in the entry hall to fill for the "I Support the 1%" Veterans' Food Pantry. A list of item ideas that may be included in the stockings is also available. **The stockings will be collected through Sunday, November 10.**

Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy Hands meets the **FIRST** Monday of the month. November meeting will be **Monday, November 4** beginning at 1:00 p.m. You do not need to knit or sew to come! Please come and share with us your ideas so we can create items to share with others in our community. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran 989-792-7388.



A Book Group for Christmas

"The 13th Gift" by Joanne Huist Smith

This true story about the power of random acts of kindness will warm the heart, a beautiful reminder of the miracles of Christmas and the gift of family during the holiday season. Sonia will place a bulk book order on **Tuesday, November 5. If you would like a copy of the book, please let her know by that date.** The group will meet to discuss the book, enjoy some fellowship, and eat some treats on **Sunday, December 8 @ 1:30 p.m.** No need to sign up, just show up!



Deuteronomy 6:1-9

6 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **2** so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. **3** Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. **33** To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.