

The Worship of God

24th Sunday after Pentecost – November 7, 2021 – 10:30 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with questions.

Who can climb the mountain of our God, and dwell in a holy place?

Come, people of God –

God is here in our midst, inviting us into a new place.

Who can climb the mountain of our God, and dwell in a holy place?

The God who offered a land flowing with milk and honey,

offers a new heaven and a new earth,

a holy city, a place of God's presence.

Who can climb the mountain of our God, and dwell in a holy place?

God calls us to cleanse our hearts,

to offer ourselves to God with all our beings.

Let us climb the mountain of our God, and dwell in a holy place!

Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

We come into this sacred space mindful

of the generations of faith who have come before us:

adults and children, certain and questioning,

men and women, hopeful and despairing.

We give thanks for the welcome all receive from you, Divine Beloved,

and for the ways we continue to be enfolded into community.

With grateful hearts, we mention now

the names of those who have shaped our faith,

making us to be saints in your realm...

SING

"All Who Hunger"

#509 VS 1, 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mick: In our worry and despair, for you, O God, we wait...

Becky: We wait...

Troy: We wait...

Tim: We wait...

Mick: When tears threaten to overwhelm us, we wait...

Becky: We wait...

Troy: We wait...

Tim: We wait...

Mick: When we long for a fresh start and newness of heart, we wait...

Becky: We wait...

Troy: We wait...

Tim: We wait...

Mick: When we consider the state of our world, we wait...

Becky: We wait...

Troy: We wait...

Tim: We wait...

Mick: When we have done all that we can, for you, O God, we wait...

Becky: We wait...

Troy: We wait...

Tim: We wait...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the day we have waited

for;

God's presence is among us
and our salvation is at hand.

**God has wiped away the tears from our faces
and disgrace and shame are no more.**

Let us rejoice.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON 1

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

LESSON 2

Mark 12:38-44

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Linda Johnson

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"More Precious than Silver"

#2065

REMEMBERING ALL SAINTS WITH CANDLE LIGHTING

Nancy Chapin, Christina Cunningham, Carolyn MacDonna, Shirley May, Brian Piersma,
Linda Rakers, Janet Von Behren, Rudy Zuiderveld

Centennial of John Francis Macpherson's death on November 1, 2021

SING

"For All the Saints"

#326

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

It is always right and good to praise God,
who created us and never stops loving us.

God has such great love for us
that we can call ourselves the children of God,
and indeed, that is what we are: we are God's children.

And so we say:

Thanks be to God.

God sent Jesus to share our life and journey with us,
to show us how to live as God wants.

Through reading the Bible, prayer,
acts of justice and kindness, and this holy meal,
we seek to be more like Jesus each day.

We are followers of Jesus.

And so we say:

Thanks be to God.

With words and actions Jesus taught us that the ways of God
are sometimes different from the ways of the world.

We are called to love God with our hearts, souls, and minds,
and our neighbors as ourselves.

When we do these things, we are holy, we are saints.

Thanks be to God.

We give thanks for the many people who have gone before us,
and are with us even now:

a great cloud of witnesses who have tried to live God's love every day,
and with their lives, have shown us how to be followers of Jesus.

We are part of the communion of saints.

And so we say:

Thanks be to God.

Jesus invited saints and sinners
to dine with him and be his friends.

And Jesus invites us to this sacred meal,
in which we can taste and see,
experience and remember the goodness of our God.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Holy Ground"

#406

SENDING FORTH

Go from this place to continue the work

of making our world new with the Spirit of Christ.

Where there is hurt, and tears are falling, we will be God's comfort.

Where there is anger, and violence reigns supreme, we will be God's peace.

Where there is neglect, and loneliness abides, we will be God's love.

Go as saints of this generation who are the love of God,

the incarnation of Christ, and the friendship of the Spirit.

Amen.

POSTLUDE