

November 7, 2021 ~ All Saint's Day

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

L: Great Creator, You made us in Your image.

P: Help us to live into the fullness of Your image in our lives.

L: Holy Spirit, You reflect Your image in us.

P: Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

L: Loving Christ, You teach us that Your image is within us.

P: Keep us to Your ways of love, justice, and faithfulness.

L: In this time of worship, may we rejoice that You are always present.

P: You are here, now and forever, with us. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Amazing and Wondrous God, You continue to shed new light on the vision for our lives, the vision that guides us into a life of hope and joy. Draw us out of the darkness where all we see are shadows that confuse us. Keep us to the hope of vision and to trust in Your faithfulness when the world seems dark and bound to disorient us. Guide us away from the world's false light that shines around us but doesn't help us move forward, that holds us to where we are; instead, help us to grow and journey with You in Your light, for You are the Light of the World, the Life of All People, and Your light will always shine in the darkness to guide our way. In the name of Jesus, who is the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #730**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

1 *I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.*

2 *They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.*

3 *They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.*

***Call of Confession**

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. God is close to all who call on Him in truth, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation. So, let's bring our confession to God, knowing that He will hear our prayers and forgive.

***Prayer of Confession**

Spirit of Life, we come acknowledging that we have turned away from the lives of others to our own selfish gain. We have abandoned a future together for quick successes here and now. We have become shortsighted, looking to our own desires and ignoring the needs of others. Call us away from the temptation of the world and bring us back to a fulfilling life, a life in which we live for others, for You, and live out Your call on our lives. In the name of Jesus, the Life who is the Light of all people.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Know that if you must fall, fall on the side of love. Open your hearts to others and receive grace and forgiveness, knowing that God loves you, and you are important and needed by God. God will continue to fall on the side of love for you, as Christ went to the cross with the love of the world. You are forgiven. You are beloved by God.

P: Amen.

***Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV version)

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a (NRSV version)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home[a] of God is among mortals. He will dwell[b] with them; they will be his peoples,[c] and God himself will be with them;[d] 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Lesson: John 11:32-44 (NRSV version)

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Sermon

Remembering Loved Ones from our church family that have gone to their heavenly home since the last All Saint's Day. Bob Brown, Tim Davis, Maynard Nolting and Betty Peterson

I will say the person's name. The bell will be rung. We will have a moment of silence.

I will thank God for sharing the person with us. The congregation will respond by saying. "Amen."

***Hymn #326**

"For All the Saints"

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2** Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3** O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our Vision Stat

is each of us to



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Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Elaine Hagen ***Doxology Hymn #606**

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.

***Offertory Prayer**

God of steadfast love, we praise You, for You abundantly provide for every living thing! Thank You for listening when we call to You in times of need. You guide us in Your good path where we will find all You give us. You alone do

wonders: You bring transformation, creating new life out of death. Enable us by Your Spirit to live as people of gratitude who help others to experience Your love and grace. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #521**

"In Remembrance of Me"

- 1** *In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.*
- 2** *In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in. Take eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.*
- 3** *In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart, look in your heart for God, do this in remembrance of me.*

Holy Communion

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

***Please stand in body or spirit.**

Year of Equality

Did you know? Minnesota (Mni Sota) is Dakota homeland. The Dakota have lived in this region for countless generations; according to oral history the confluence of the Minnesota River (Mnisota Wakpa) and the Mississippi River (Haha Wakpa) is the place where the Dakota people were created.

Equality Library

"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15

It can be hard to understand the complexities of racism in 21st century America, and even harder to know what to do about it. Thankfully, God has provided us with many guides for the journey! Please check out a book from the "Equality Library" and read up. The books are located in the narthex, at the top of the stairs.

-The Matthew 25 Committee

Turkey Dinner... Mark your calendars... WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 4:30-7 pm, at the Redwood Area Community Center. Reminder that this year we will have a drive-thru/pick-up ONLY dinner!

Imagination Library ~ Are you an "Imagination Angel"?! It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading. You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with "Imagination Library" in the memo line. Thank you!

Mittens & More Trees ~ We are collecting items for Share the Spirit with our Mittens & More Trees in the Narthex. Please donate new items including; toys, arts/crafts supplies, games, puzzles, quilts, blankets, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. The trees will be up until December 5! Thank you!

November Ushers: Head Usher Fred Bloedow, Jenny Bloedow, Shaun & Becky Bruns, Kevin Zaske, Shannon Sweetman, Nicole VanderLinden, Dave Gertsema

November Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Michael Joldersma, Lois Davis, Molly Miller, Scott Kohler, Sonya Alexander, Shawn Corder, Karen Speros

December Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Scott Kohler, Fred & Jenny Bloedow, Nathan Stephens, Karen Speros, Leon King, Kathy Peterson

December Ushers: Head Usher Dan Fuhr, Ella & Max Fuhr, Randy & Lynn Juell, Brent Prouty, Aaron Rohlik, Paige Paplow, Keegan, Shellie & Kyron Mammen, Pete Fuhr

Deacon of the Month: Kathy Peterson, **Today's Greeters:** Lois Davis, Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, November 7: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship - All Saint's Day
Following Worship: Nadia Meyers Packing Weekend Food Bags

Monday, November 8-21: Pastor Scott will be on vacation. Rev. Anna Williamson will cover in case of any pastoral emergencies. Cell Phone Number: 320-305-3046

Monday, November 8: Evening: Elaine Hagen Use of Church

Wednesday, November 10: 3:45-5:45 pm: Youth Club
4:30-7:00 pm: Turkey Dinner

Thursday, November 11: Church Office Closed - Veterans Day
5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting

Sunday, November 14: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

Pray for The Following:

Pray for Members of our Church Family that are hospitalized: Bob Nolting; Bob is hospitalized in the St. Cloud hospital following a stroke. Please keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers.

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for those seeking employment.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: 8th - Julia Prouty, AJ Miller, 11th - Shaun Bruns, 12th - Patty Rohne, Briana Rohlik

Anniversaries: 9th - Kevin & Candy Zaske

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Millie Bunting, Jeanette Kotval, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Ardis Alexander, Dorothy Symes, Lucille Byram, Joyce McKay, Janean McKay

All Those Fighting Cancer: Julie Fiala's sister, Jill Nelson

Pray for all those fighting other diseases: Shellie Mammen (lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis), Tripp Meyers (epilepsy)

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.