

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 1, 2015

Ten o'clock

All Saints' Day

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING

REFLECTION

If I see a gift as mine alone to give, I might give hesitantly, even grudgingly, considering my options, then giving from a sense of ought. If I see the gift as God's, who allows me to use it for a time, then the gift can flow more freely, as I join with others to be a channel for God's love and mercy.

Roberta Porter, *Grace in Giving*

PRELUDE

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Arr. Cathy Moklebust

Chancel Handbell Choir and First Church Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come here as a people of faith,

Thankful for all those who have gone before us.

We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully and shared and lived the good news.

May their example and their courage be a guide and model for our living.

We are surrounded by the past yet looking toward the future.

A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God with us in joy as well as in sorrow.

And a future filled with promises.

A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."

Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.

OPENING PRAYER

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: *Preschool children, Kindergartners and 1st Graders will head down to Rooms A4 and A5 following the Time with the Children to participate in the Young Children and Worship Program.*

*HYMN NO. 326

"For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine

Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Ian Flanagan.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

"Saints of God"

Max Exner

Blaze Choir

†The Feast of All Saints falls each year on November 1st and serves to commemorate all Christian people of every time and place. The *saints* in the New Testament refers to Christians collectively, and it is this understanding of All Saints that has spread among Protestants. This morning we remember those sisters and brothers of our congregation who have died during the past twelve months. We affirm their ministry with us and rejoice in their triumph over death: William G. Boales, Jr., Althea Boyer, Doris Dusinberre, Jeanne Fuller, Arthur Grey, Roger Jones, David Millison, Olga Muller, Robert Neff, Frances Schneider, Shirley Starkey and Janet Summers.

† Thank you to Anthony Mattern & Hayat Pryor for preparing the table for the Lord's Supper. Our Communion servers this week are: Brian and Jeannine Archibald, Paul Califf, Donna Heun, Bob Hodge, Nancy McCarthy, Liz Moore, Mark Mulick, Stephen Urban and Dave Schmertz.

†The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God in memory of...
...Mark R. Reynolds by Richard H Reynolds.

†The white rose on the communion table celebrates the life of First Presbyterian Church Member, Jim Tucker, and remembers the promise of the resurrection in his death on October 29, 2015. Our sympathy is extended to Barbara Romaine, MaryBeth Lentine and Sue Ellen Purcell, and the rest of the Tucker family.

†The red rose this morning celebrates the birth of...
... Cecil Bea Lanza on October 12, 2015 to Jeff Lanza and Claire Hudson. Paternal grandparents are John and Diana Lanza.

†We express our sincere sympathy as a Christian Family to Joanne LaBrunda on the death of her mother; Tony Ramsden on the death of his mother; Dave Schmertz on the death of his brother; Kelli Magnier on the death of her mother, Sandy Schaefer (former member and secretary at First Pres).

†Your prayers of intercession are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently* hospitalized or who continue to need our prayers and support:

...Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Marilyn O'Connell, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Laura Winter and Clarence and Helena Wispelwey. The church office will be happy to verify their home addresses for you should you wish to send them words of encouragement or get well wishes.



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GOING FORTH

LET GOD LEAD

Leader: You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground...and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. (*Deuteronomy 16:2*)

People: We come to this holy place this day with our first fruits in hand. As an act of faithfulness we offer them to God.

Leader: Know this, brothers and sisters, the grace of God is offered to us that we might abound in joy.

People: In joyful response to God's grace our hearts overflow in a wealth of generosity.

Leader: Do as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

People: We freely bring our gifts with glad and grateful hearts.

*PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to come forward and place their 2016 pledge on the communion table.

*HYMN NO. 714 "*God of the Fertile Fields*" Italian Hymn

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 543 "*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*"

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

†If you are new to the church...**Welcome!** We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher's closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00am service today, we hope you will join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120 located through the door to the left of the choir loft and left to the end of the hall.

PARISH LIFE

Members, friends and visitors, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns.** *Please place the cards in the offering plate and the staff will include them with their prayers this week.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Give Me the Wings of Faith"

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,

whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

pg. 163, NT

SERMON

"In Service...Let God Lead"

Dr. Sommers

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

The names of the members/friends of the congregation who have died within the past year will be read. A moment of silence will follow, during which a bell will ring for each person named.

*HYMN NO. 519 "*You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*" Jernigan

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION