

Worship in the Sanctuary

Since the first week in July, we have been fortunate to be able to hold worship outside each Sunday morning. Now that the weather is rapidly cooling, we are making plans to come indoors. Upon the recommendation of our Medical Advisory Team, the Session has approved the start of worship in the sanctuary beginning on All Saints Day, November 1. Of course, we must deal with the reality of the pandemic, so particular restrictions will be observed.

Worshippers will need to send an RSVP, either by email to officescpc@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at the church office (238-2422), preferably by Thursday prior to the Service. The reason for this is that if we have more worshippers than can be accommodated at a single service, we will have to make special arrangements.

Up to thirty worshippers will be widely spaced in the downstairs area of the sanctuary and an overflow of five additional worshippers in the balcony. We ask that anyone with a temperature or any suspicious symptoms not attend and that everyone wear a mask and maintain proper distance from others. As with our outdoor service, the worship will last for thirty minutes. The heat will be on in the sanctuary but also there will be outside air ventilation, so dress accordingly.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Give—Share your financial blessings to help disaster survivors throughout the world.

Act—Get involved with disaster recovery ministry.

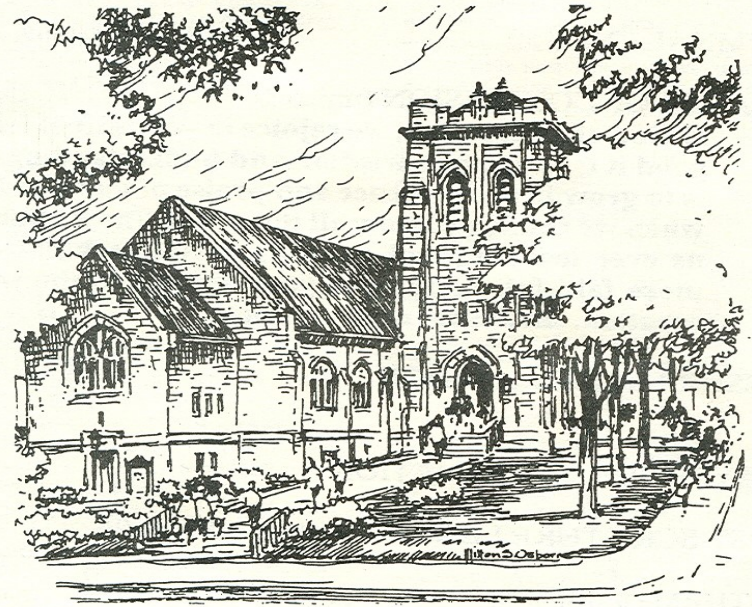
Pray—Our best response is prayer. Seek God's presence on behalf of disaster survivors

Give online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

By mail: Presbyterian Church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

By Phone—call (800)872-3283 to give by credit card.

Text to Give: Text "PDA" to 20222 to give \$25 to our General Relief account



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November 1, 2020

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

PRELUDE Jack Noble White
"Fanfare Fantasy on 'Sine Nomine'"

CALL TO WORSHIP Geckos

HYMN NO. 730 Cantor: Hayden Carpenter
"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 lived 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Michael Ozaki
God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We could be saint like—holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners—full of failures, selfish, and mean.
Perhaps You see us simply as human—as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Prayer by the Rev. Beth Merrill Neal

Centering Prayer—Via Zoom—Mondays at 7:00 pm

The regular weekly Centering Prayer group offering is meeting via Zoom. It will continue to be offered on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to be added to the email invitation list and receive an access code, please contact Mary Boutselis or Mary Jane Kistler.

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study will be starting the book of Ecclesiastes. Now is a good time for men who are interested in studying God's word to join in. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month and we meet at the church when possible or over Zoom. If anyone is interested in our group, please contact Bob Igo at (814)280-0437.

Weekly Congregational Prayer Meeting—Via Zoom
Tuesdays at Noon

The Spiritual Life Team is continuing to offer weekly congregational prayer meetings via Zoom. This short gathering is a time for checking in, sharing congregational joys and concerns, as well as being in prayer together.

Wednesday in the Word

Wednesday in the Word is starting a new study. October 28th we will start "A Deeper Look at the Sermon on the Mount—Living out the Way of Jesus" by John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom Wednesdays at 12:30 for lunch then 12:45 to 1:45 pm for the study and 1:45 to 2:00 for sharing and prayer. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

Meals on Wheels

Are you a person who is homebound and having difficulty preparing meals during the COVID crisis? Or do you have a parent or friend who could use assistance? State College Area Meals on Wheels is ready to help. Please call us at 814-237-8135 or visit www.scmow.org to find out more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am **Worship Service**
 11:00 am Adult Ed—Zoom
 11:00 am High School Sunday School—Zoom
 12:30 pm Deacons—Zoom
 9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation—YouTube

Monday, November 2

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Zoom
 7:30 pm Scouts, Westminster Hall
 8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—Zoom
 9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation—YouTube

Tuesday, November 3

7:00 am—7:00 pm Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary
 9:15 am Staff Meeting—Zoom
 5:30 pm Geckos, “Crazy Socks”
 6:30 pm Chrysalis—Zoom
 7:30 pm Handbell Choir
 9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation—YouTube

Wednesday, November 4

12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom
 6:30 pm FISH
 7:00 pm Racial Reconciliation—Zoom
 9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation—YouTube

Thursday, November 5

9:15 am Staff Meeting—Zoom
 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm Finance—Zoom
 9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation—YouTube

Friday, November 6

9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation—YouTube

Saturday, November 7

9:00 pm Prayers for the Nation, YouTube

Prayers for the Nation

As the election draws near, our church staff will be offering a brief evening prayer and devotional at 9:00 pm, via live stream (YouTube and Facebook), beginning on October 27th. We will pray for our nation, its leaders and its people as we enter into this important and contested moment in our national life. On election day, November 3, we will hold a vigil in the sanctuary while polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Allison Maus and the Spiritual Life Ministry Unit will be arranging one hour shifts for those who will keep the vigil. This also will be live streamed for others to take part from home.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM

Johannes Brahms

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”

Text: From Psalm 84

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
 For my soul longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out for the Living God.
 O blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
 They praise Thy name evermore. They praise Thee.
 How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

Choir:

Hayden Carpenter, Emily-Margaret Ceres,
 Katrina Cole, Connie Curilla, Don Hartzell,
 Bill Lukens, Karen Neff, Shelby Luther,
 Michael West, Ann Wheeler, Jim Wheeler

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 7: 40-48

⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ ‘Teacher,’ he replied, ‘speak.’ ⁴¹‘A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?’ ⁴³Simon answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ ⁴⁴Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ ⁴⁸Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’

SERMON

“Forgiven”

Dean Lindsey

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Bill Lukens

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Allison Maus and Dean Lindsey

During the Prayer of Thanksgiving, we will remember the saints who preceded us in faith while naming those beloved of our congregation who departed from this life over the past year.

Deceased 11/1/2019—10/27/2020

Thomas Brewster	Gilbert Thompson
Beatrice Sullivan	Heather Williams
Carter Freije	Andrea Todd North
Thomas Smyth	Edward Friedman
Patricia Kelley	Marilyn Morehouse
Viola Swope	Charles “Chuck” Wood
Mary “Molly” Whaley	Beverly Brown
Harry Roan	Eleanor Haney
Martha Harbison	Donald Curtis
Laurie Elliott	Alice Burns
Alan Sherritt	Lynn Sebulsky
Roger Sovocool	Jane Becker
Edythe St. Clair	Robert McCarty
David Miller	

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING OF THE CUP

HYMN DURING COMMUNION No. 530

“One Bread, One Body”

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1) Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
- 2) Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

- 3) Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

“Toccatina in D Minor”

Johann Ernst Eberlin

Adult Ed for November 1
via Zoom—11:00 am
Presented by Heather Bruhn

“Those Who Came Before:
Roman, Early Christian and Medieval Tombs”

In the Reformed tradition, All Saints’ Day is a time to reflect on the faithful who have passed away. Join Heather Bruhn on this All Saints’ Day for a (virtual) exploration of Christian tombs and graves.

Let us all be in prayer for our church, our community, and our world, seeking out God’s healing and strength as we move through these days, and please keep in touch with the church and with your neighbors!