The Worship of God
All Saints Day, Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 1, 2026 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP
From the first days of all creation, your presence has been in every action.
May we be open to all things through you
and recognize you in all our achievements.
In our steps together as a community and the steps we take where we feel alone,
may we be open to all things through you
and remember you in times of need.
Throughout life, we are encouraged to look forward
and not dwell on past actions: great or small.
May we be open to all things through you and reveal you, O God, in all we do.

OPENING PRAYER
God, we carry your teaching in our hearts and our minds.
We carry your teaching in our hands and feet in service.
We carry your teaching on our lips.
Carry us now into the joy of new learning.
Carry us with your love.
Amen.

SING "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" #498

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We carry with us Jesus' teaching.
We also carry heavy burdens tied up and laid upon and within us.
We've carried burdens like being someone we are not,
or wanting something we don't have,
or doing things that hurt others or ourselves.

Silent prayer

When we walk alone with our burdens, Jesus' good news
reminds us to reach out and share the command to love and serve.
Take a moment to pray quietly now for your neighbor's burden.
Ask God for new hope in the journey.

Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends in Christ, you never journey alone.
God works joyfully to lift the burdens and renew us with love.
God forgives and calls each of us into greater compassion
for ourselves and our neighbor.
Let us live in the spirit of love.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 34:1-10, 22

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12
…The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING "Rejoice in God's Saints" #732

MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING
Bruce Fenimore, Kathryn Mutman, Larry Shoudel, Douglas Slater

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.
For all the high and holy ones,
who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world,
we give you thanks.

For all the meek and lowly ones, who have earnestly sought you in darkness,
hold fast to their faith in times of trial,
and done good as they have had opportunity, we give you thanks.

Especially we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved,
who, by their patient obedience and self-denial,
steadfast hope and helpfulness in trouble,
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

As they have comforted and upheld our souls,
grant us grace to follow in their steps,
and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the company of friends and in the present memory
of all who have gone before us,
we meet around this table of welcome;
In the grace of Christ, the love of God and the companionship of the Spirit.
Hallelujah!

Gathered by kindness and nurtured in your love, O God,
we gladly enter into this still point of faith and healing.
Attested by time, honored by countless generations,
these symbols of bread and wine continue to be our common hope and unity
with all creation in its yearning for peace, justice, and restoration.

Therefore, the whole realm of nature around us; with earth, sea, and sky,
we enjoin our voices with faithful children, women and men,
past, present and yet to come:

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest!

Risen Christ, present to all generations and here with us now,
for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands are open, yet our hearts are often full of unworthy things.
Your mercy's power to change us remains our hope
and courage for the living.

And so, pour out your Spirit on us and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they become for us your body and soul, healing, forgiving,
and making us whole; and that we become for you, your body and soul;
loving and caring in the world
until at last your reign of peace and justice comes.

For as many grains of wheat went into the making of this one loaf,
and many grapes went into this shared cup,
we who come from diverse origins, are of different ages and genders,
hold varying perspectives on faith and life,
are made one in the love and goodness of Christ.

May we treasure this unity – alive within our diversity –
and seek to be bearers of its hope, friendship, and peace.

And so may the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Friends, let us eat and drink together
in the Spirit of God's enduring love and compassion.
Amen!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING "Gather Us In" #401

SHARED BENEDICTION
Let us go out into God's world in peace;
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING
In the Spirit of the Christ, we are sent out as partners
in service with others in our community and the world.
We are sent out to relieve burdens and live into Jesus' teaching.
We are sent out to lift off the yoke of oppression and sadness
and put on the yoke of love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Scherzo on "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"