

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Anthem**    *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*    Benson/Stainer

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *For All the Saints*                      Bouman

**If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.**

A special thank you to our ushers!

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Betsy Conzelman, Bill Harris, Pat K. Rowlett,  
David Taylor



*"Eschatological symbols - sheep," c. 527, Basilica dei Santi Cosma e Damiano, Rome, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*

1 November 2020

All Saints Day

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*

# Order of Worship

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## Prayer of Preparation

*O God, in the cross you moved us from believing that the temple building was the only place of worship to accepting that our hearts and lives are your temple of true worship. We praise you, Lord. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

## Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude** *Blest Are They* Lenz

## \*Call to Worship

Let us who seek the Lord gather in this house to worship!

**Let us keep our eyes focused upon the cross and all that it calls us to be.**

Let us see in the cross the price paid to show us God's love.

**Let us walk without fear and share God's love today.**

Let us give thanks and praise for God's mercy and grace.

Together let us pray.

**Merciful God, you have set the heavens above us as a sign of your splendor; you water the earth and cause it to bloom.**

**Wherever we look we see the radiance of your love and glory. Wherever we look we see your benevolence; with the dawn comes a new life because of your grace. With Christ as the vine and we as the branches, our lives can reflect the radiance of your love and glory. We gather to worship, praise, and adore you, God of all mercy and joy.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

## Remembrance of the Saints

*Archie Portis, Sr. Dec. 12, 2019* *Hattie Lane May Aug. 3, 2020*

*Oliver Gray Wheeler, Jr Mar. 29, 2020* *Richard Taber Sept. 18, 2020*

*Edna Ruth Watjen Apr. 22, 2020* *Joyce Riggs Sept. 26, 2020*

*Donna Fleck June 25, 2020* *Debbie Wellington Oct. 5, 2020*

**Anthem** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Watts/Croft

## Prayer of Confession

**O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making. When temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Yet, you promise that you will not test us beyond endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature and restore us to communion with you. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

## Summary of the Law

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”** **Matthew 22:37-39**

## Prayer of Illumination

**Lesson** Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Tears Are Liquid Prayers* The Rev. Edward Bellis

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**