

## The Worship of God

All Saints Day – November 3, 2024 – 9:00 Morning Worship

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

WELCOME

### GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**Happy are those whose help is in God.**

Praise God who cares for the oppressed and provides enough for all.

**Happy are those whose help is in God.**

Praise God who watches over those who feel included and those who feel left behind.

**Happy are those whose help is in God.**

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, Mother, Father, Parent of all people, we open our hearts to you and the life you give.

**Help us to breathe in deeply of your wild and wonderful spirit**

**and inspire us with your presence so that we might be at peace with all of who we are,**

**and more fully become the people you have called us to be.**

SING

“For All the Saints”

#326

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of each unfolding moment, you bring all of creation into being.

Again and again, we receive your gifts of

love and friendship in family and community.

**O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with which we are blessed.**

We trust that you are with us always and everywhere.

**Yet we often act as if we do not trust you.**

**We try to keep ourselves safe rather than reaching out to others.**

O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with which we are blessed.

**Sometimes, we do not even care for ourselves and unable to care for others.**

**We let fear inhibit our courage.**

**We find it difficult to love.**

O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with which we are blessed.

**Forgive us, O God, and help us to find your lifegiving presence**

**in every moment we live and every person we meet.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thanks be to God for the Spirit who lives in us.

Praise be to God who is always working things together for good.

We are loved.

We are forgiven.

**God is beyond us.**

**God is between us.**

**God is within us.  
Thanks be to God!**

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

Ruth 1:1-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

SING

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

#523

REMEMBERING ALL SAINTS WITH CANDLE LIGHTING

Carolyn Oxtoby, Jane Running

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Margie Palmatier

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

#609

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 God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

It is always right and good to praise God,  
who created us and never stops loving us.

God has such great love for us  
that we can call ourselves the children of God,  
and indeed, that is what we are: **we are God's children.**

And so we say:

**Thanks be to God.**

God lived among us as Jesus, sharing our lives and journeys,  
showing us how to live as God wants.

Through reading the Bible, prayer,  
acts of justice and kindness, and this holy meal,  
we seek to be more like Jesus each day.

**We are followers of Jesus.**

And so we say:

**Thanks be to God.**

With words and actions Jesus taught us that the ways of God  
are sometimes different from the ways of the world.

We are called to love God with our hearts, souls, and minds,  
and our neighbors as ourselves.

When we do these things, we are holy, we are saints.

Thanks be to God.

We give thanks for the many people who have gone before us,  
and are with us even now:

a great cloud of witnesses who have tried to live God's love every day,  
and with their lives, have shown us how to be followers of Jesus.

**We are part of the communion of saints.**

And so we say:

**Thanks be to God.**

Jesus invited saints and sinners  
to dine with him and be his friends.

And Jesus invites us to this sacred meal,  
in which we can taste and see,  
experience and remember the goodness of our God.

THE 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

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

#203

SENDING

Renewed and refreshed  
we step out into the world,  
ready to turn towards God in every moment.

**And may God's blessings shower upon us  
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.**

POSTLUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Johann Pachelbel