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Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

November 3, 2024

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – November 3rd, 2024

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Prayer for Peace by Curtis*

Welcome

Call to Worship –

We remember,

Teachers and storytellers who made God’s stories come alive for us and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays and lived out their faith all week long and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Our church families and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. For our sisters and brothers in the faith whose names are remember only by God,

We give thanks!

Opening Hymn #172 “Blest Are They”

Call to Confession —

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God’s forgiveness and grace.

Prayer of Confession —

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don’t share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God’s ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love!

Amen.

Song of Assurance #583 “Gloria, Gloria”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: Divine Spirit, surround us with the wisdom of your word that we might dance in your love and be messengers of your truth in this world. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading – Psalm 20 RSV

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion!

May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*

May he grant you your heart’s desire,
and fulfil all your plans!

May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!

May the LORD fulfil all your petitions!

Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

Some boast of chariots, and some of horses;
but we boast of the name of the LORD our God.
They will collapse and fall;
but we shall rise and stand upright.
Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.

Choir Anthem #457 *“How Happy are the Saints of God”*

Scripture Reading: Gospel – John 11:17-27 RSV

Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz’arus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.”

Sermon

I AM!

Litany for All Saint’s Sunday

All Saint’s Sunday is celebrated today to give thanks for members, family, and friends of Grace Presbyterian Church who have died in the past year, and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Be gracious to us; deliver your people.
Hear us, O God.

You love us before the world was made.
You rescued the people of your promise.
You spoke through your prophets.
You gave your only Son for the life of the world.
Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
and was born of the virgin Mary;
who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world
and has washed us from our sins;
who on the third day rose from the dead
and has given us the victory;
who ascended on high
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.
Great is your love.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
For the great cloud of witnesses
into which we were baptized.

Thanks be to God.

This year we light candles in remembrance of those who have come before us, who have changed our lives forever, and who live on in our hearts. Let us give thanks to those names and faces that have impacted and shaped our lives forever.

Deloris Cattin. Donald Bosse. Glenda Bragalone. Connie Stucky. Margaret Gail Bellis.

We light candles to remember the names and faces of those who are not named individually including for victims of natural disasters, those who gave their lives so that others may live, those who were victims of violence around the world, and those individuals not read aloud today, but still in our memories and in our hearts.

(You are invited to come forward to light a candle as you wish.)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #326 “For All the Saints”

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Offering

Jesus, Son of the Most High God, you have done great things for us. Let these offerings show your mercy to all people and proclaim all that you have done for us, O Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory *There's Just Something About That Name* by Gaither

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray together. **God Most High, you give us all good things and call us to serve you everywhere. Receive what we return to you, because it already belongs to you, and it exists to do your will. We pray in Jesus’ name.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, today as we remember those who are now in the Light of your eternal presence, let us also remember our needs are already heard by you and in Faith we pray...

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.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #548 *"God Support You All Your Days"*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *For All the Saints* by Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter: The November Newsletter is in the narthex.

Thanks for Fall Congregation Meeting: Grace's annual Fall Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, November 17th, 2024.

Pledge Drive: Thank you to everyone who pledged on October 20th. The Finance Team is very appreciative of all the pledges that we received. Almost half of the pledges given were increased for 2025. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us make a positive impact.

Peacemaking Offering: The MOE team would like to thank everyone who donated to this special offering. We raised \$120 towards this project.

East Wayne Street Thanksgiving Dive: The MOE team is collecting food and cash donations for the East Wayne Street Center, to provide for their food bank clients Thanksgiving dinners. This ministry has been serving the central city since 1965; they focus on strengthening families and individuals in order to help them become self-sufficient. The center has gratefully received our help for many years. The items needed are: instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, canned fruits & vegetables, cranberry sauce, Jell-O, muffin mixes. Additionally, we will be collecting cash donations are accepted to help purchase turkeys. Checks can be made out to Grace Presbyterian Church and put in offering plate. Please place all food donations in the Narthex by November 17th.

Advent Poinsettias: We are taking orders for our annual Advent poinsettias. Small 6.5 inch flowers are \$12 and the large 8.5 inch flowers are \$30. Orders are due by November 24. If you have any questions please contact the church office or see Jill Werling. Flowers will be part of our Advent decorations and be ready to take home after the Christmas service.

Your Input Requested: We're looking to freshen up our property. If you've noticed any particular places that need some attention or paint, please let us know. We have some funds at our disposal and we are beginning to prioritize our list. If you have ideas, please get in touch with Tammy Menkes.

Grace Hanging of the Greens: Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be following the service on November 24. We'll have more information as we get closer.

Birthdays

Carl Geist - November 7

Nancy Current - 9

Anniversaries

Tom & Pam Callahan

November 10, 2017

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Blest Are They

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1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

Glory to God

583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a canon.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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GLORIA (Taizé)

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee bly strug gle; they in glo ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The asterisk indicates an alternative word, "God", can be used.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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SENDING

548 May God Support You All Your Days

(Psalm 20)

1 May God sup - port you all your days, in times of
2 May God con - firm your heart's de - sire and bring to
3 May God be near you when you pray, to help you
4 Our hope is in the Ho - ly One. The swift and

glad - ness and in need. May God re - mem - ber you with
full - ness all your plans. May God's sus - tain - ing love in -
with a gen - tle hand. May God for - ev - er guide your
strong will sure - ly fall, but you will stand with God a -

grace and bless your ev - ery word and deed.
spire your shouts of praise and joy - ful dance.
way and lead you to the prom - ised land.
lone, who hears and an - swers when you call.

This text is loosely based on Psalm 20, the first of the psalms for the welfare of the king in battle. This royal psalm is here adapted as a sung blessing and prayer for those setting out on any new venture, making it appropriate for ordinations, weddings, or other such services.

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MUSIC: Lee Hastings Bristol Jr., 1962
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