

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR NOV. 5, 2023

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

**INTROIT 299** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* (VRS1) HANOVER

## Gathering Around The Word

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ps. 34:8*

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in God.

All: **With hearts and hands and voices,  
let us praise the Lord.**

**\*HYMN 299** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)** *from 1 John 3:1*

Gracious God,  
you call us your own children  
and cover us with your love.  
We would seek to be merciful as you are,  
and to show compassion as you do,  
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.  
Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;  
the evil we should shun, we embrace.  
Forgive our sinful ways,  
tame our wayward wills,  
and make us more like Christ,  
until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *from Ps. 34:22*

One: Siblings in Christ, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

**\*RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

## Listening To the Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING** 1 JOHN 3:1-3  
*(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)*

**ANTHEM 172** *Blest Are They (vrs.1,4,5)* BLEST ARE THEY

**SECOND READING** REVELATION 7:9-17

**SERMON** "Visions of Hope" Rev. Darryl Baker

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MATION

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** *See prayer concerns list, back page*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *page 35 in hymnal*

## GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude  
in the face of such wondrous love?  
With glad and generous hearts,  
let us bring our offerings to God.*

## OFFERTORY

## PRESENTING OUR PLEDGES

## **\*THE DOXOLOGY 606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *from Ps. 34:1, Rev. 7:14*

## God Sends Us Forth

**\*HYMN 326** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

## **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

## **\*BLESSING**

**HYMN** *Irish Blessing* *inside back cover  
of hymnal*

## POSTLUDE

**\*Please stop by the Fellowship Hall  
to sign up for Time and Talent!\***

## Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!  
You can scan this QR code with your  
smartphone to fill out our online form.  
We would love to get to know you better!



## This Week

**TODAY!** @ 12:30pm - Congregation Listening Session  
**Tue., Nov. 7** @ 5:00pm - Christian Education Meeting  
**Wed., Nov. 8** @ 11:00am - Pres. Women to The Glitz  
**Wed., Nov. 8** @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP  
**Wed., Nov. 8** @ 4:00pm - A/V Training for all volunteers  
**Wed., Nov. 8** @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting  
**Wed., Nov. 8** @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice  
**Thur., Nov. 9** @ 4:45pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting  
**Thur., Nov. 9** @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer  
**Sat., Nov. 11** @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

## Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist**.....Cathy Wright  
**Ushers**.....Mary Jones & John Wright  
**Audio**.....Terry Randall  
**Video**.....Richard Wright  
**Coffee Plus**.....Cindy Fountain

**First Reading—1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Second Reading—Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition*

**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

The family of Bruce Orwin; The family of Phyllis Gabbard, the grandmother of Alden & Harrison Gabbard; Barbie Cooper; Natalie Brock; Carol Prater's brother, Ken Osbourne; Lynn Cain; Rogelio Castillo; Don Haney; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

**Saints who now rest in God's eternal peace**

- Terry Hatfield
- Guy Jones
- Diane Bonardel Petrassi
- Tana Young
- John Robert Boldrey
- Faustine Norfleet
- Mike Mink
- Paul Wright, Jr.
- Edward Cook
- Phyllis Gabbard
- Bruce Orwin

**Blessing Box Attendant**

- This Week**.....Christie Adams
- Next Week**.....Suzanne Kidd

**Assisting In Worship Today**

- Ministers**.....Every Member
- Liturgist**.....Brenda Wesley
- Ushers**.....Linda Bonardel & Paula Burlew
- Audio**.....Paul Guffey
- Video**.....Sue Guffey
- Coffee Plus**.....Cathy Wright
- Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby
- Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald
- Preacher**.....Rev. Darryl Baker

**Current Giving**

	Rec'd month of Oct.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$12,800	\$13,934	\$127,628	\$139,338
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$7,163	\$3,154	\$45,139	\$31,543

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**First Presbyterian Church**

**November 5th, 2023**

**All Saints Sunday**



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**People of God, Welcome Home!**

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.