

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude: *Draw Me Close*

--Praise Band

*Praise Medley

--Insert

***Prayer of Confession: O God, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, look in mercy upon us, thy sinful and wayward children. Direct the eyes of our faith unto thee that we may receive a heavenly illumination through thy Word and Spirit, and walk securely amid the shadows of this mortal life. Pardon our sins and give us such a vision of the truth in Jesus that darkness may be driven from our hearts, and we may render unto thee songs of praise; through Christ, our Lord.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

--Larry Olkkonen

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1–6

--Page 1041, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

--Page 458, Pew Bible

Choral Anthem: *In Remembrance*

Sermon Text: John 11:32–44

--Page 898, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Beyond the Sunset*

No. 775

*Creed: The Second Helvetic Confession (1566)

L: What is the Church?

P: The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion, I say, of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ...The article of the Creed, "I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints," is to be understood wholly as concerning these saints.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Almighty Father, Creator and Sustainer of life, your majesty and power, your continued blessing, and your great goodness fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon you have in mercy given. We can only bring our thanks, putting our trust in your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore in joy, we join in giving you praise:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him. God of mercy, in thanks we remember how Jesus invites us to his table, imprinting on our hearts his sacrifice on the cross. In gratitude we bow before him, declaring his resurrection and glory, and knowing that his prayers alone make us worthy to partake of his spiritual meal. Believing in Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Kay Lorge, Geri Anderson, Mary Rushford,
Alan Wall, Karyn Daft

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn: *For All the Saints* No. 767, vv. 1-4

*Benediction:

*Response: *For All the Saints* vv. 5-6

CHURCH NOTES

Today: 10:00a.m. Deacon Meeting

6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)

5:00p.m. Session

Tuesday: 10:00a.m., 5:15p.m. Bible Study

11:30a.m. High School Pizza Lunch

1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB (*4 years old – 4th grade*)

3:30p.m. 5th/6th Grade Youth Group

5:00p.m. Kid's Xmas Rehearsal

6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group

As we celebrate All Saints' Day, we remember those saints in our Church family who have died during the past year: Marge Schmutzler, John W. Jamar, Jerry Kelly, Rose Laufer, Donnie Hamby, Kenny Kasten, Peter Johnson, Scott Christy, Gwen Menghini, Marcia McGregor, Barb Rank, Steve Lorge, Ray Burgess, Evelyn Thunell, Naomi Blockland, Fran Jamar.

CHURCH NOTES (*Cont.*)

Children's/Youth Christmas Pageant: December 19th

Rehearsals for the Christmas Program have begun on Wednesdays from 5:00–6:00p.m., immediately following KID'S CLUB. Children 3-years through 6th Grade are invited to participate! Please email Lorna (Irmarch@sbcglobal.net) today if you have not already signed up your child.

Cookies and Carols: Saturday, December 4th, 9:00-11:00a.m. Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy some fresh baked Christmas cookies and coffee while listening to Christmas Carols performed by the students of Major 10th School of Music. Many of the students are members of FPC. If you can help make cookies, please join us Friday, December 3rd, in the kitchen at 9:00a.m. Let Lorna(Irmarch@sbcglobal.net) know that you are coming and thank you!

Operation Christmas Child: Pick up a box or two to fill and return by next Sunday, November 14th. They are by the sign-up table in the Fireside Room.

Christmas Meal Coordinator(s) Wanted! If you are interested in overseeing the meal prep and cooking on Christmas day, please call the office. We have lots of notes and a simplified meal plan to help things run smoothly.

Soup Kitchen: We continue to serve our Monday night community meal as a drive-thru only. Between 160-170 meals are given out every week. If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up on the sheet in the Fireside Room. If we have enough volunteers, we will go back to having 1st Monday, 2nd Monday, etc. groups again. Also, if you are interested in being a coordinator for a specific Monday, you can sign up for that too. We have lots of notes and will mentor anyone who is interested in helping with this ministry.

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come!

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you.

All of my days, I want to praise,
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing.

Power and majesty praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,

Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide thee,

Tho' the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.

Only thou art holy – there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

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