



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### *All Saints' Day*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor  
Jan Roth, liturgist

November 3, 2024

Andrew Morris, organist

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Friendship Pads:** Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

**Cards of Encouragement:** Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

#### Introit

*Rejoice in God's Saints*  
OLD 104TH

Chancel Choir  
Adrian Hartsough, director  
Andrew Morris, organist

#### Call to Worship

One: God, what are we doing here? Why do we get up early on a day off, get dressed up and come to a place where people are going to ask us for money?

**All: If that weren't enough, they make us feel guilty for all we've done and should be doing.**

One: Lord, why?

**All: We were taught that coming to church on Sunday is what you desire, but sometimes we just don't feel like it. Too many things are pulling at our attention and distracting us.**

One: God, help us rediscover why we come to church.

**All: We know deep down what really matters: to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind, and to love and serve others in the name of Christ.**

One: During this time, help us tear down whatever is keeping us from meeting this calling.

**All: Help us rediscover who we are and what you've called us to do.**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*  
NATIONAL HYMN

*Glory to God* #331

#### \* Call To Confession

Jan Roth, liturgist

One: When we are called saints the idea jars us, for we are not saintly people. But we are seekers after God's will, who have been powerfully claimed by Jesus Christ. Remembering who we are intended to be, let us come to God's holy place to find forgiveness, healing and empowerment. Please join me in the Prayer of Confession.

#### \* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jan Roth, liturgist

**Lord, we are strange people. We bellow aloud the latest hit single, but we won't open our mouths to sing hymns of praise. We eagerly sign a note for thirty-six or forty-eight car payments, but we hesitate to commit ourselves to a pledge to the church. We can sit comfortably two hours in a theater seat, but an hour in a pew is confining. We can become absolutely ecstatic about the Kansas City Chiefs, but we muster scant enthusiasm for the work of Christ and our local church team. We shed tears over the make-believe plight of made-up characters on soaps, but we are untouched by the anguish of real people around the world.**

**Quick to condemn and slow to commend, strong in willfulness and weak in your will, generous with ourselves and stingy with you, we are a strange people. We are not who we ought to be. We are not who we want to be. Help us, O God, to be changed today into your likeness, that through the power of Christ we may enlighten your world with your Light.**

#### \* Silent Prayers of Confession

#### \* Pouring the Water

- \* **Words of Forgiveness** Jan Roth, liturgist  
 God says, "There is nothing you can do to make me stop loving you." When the truth of these words breaks through, we are transformed. God loves and forgives you. God says, "You are accepted and loved as you are. You don't have to carry around the burdens of the past." Forgiveness is yours. We are a new creation through the powerful presence of God's constant love. Amen.
- \* **Passing the Peace** Jan Roth, liturgist  
 One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.  
 The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
*(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*
- \* **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory Be to the Father*  
*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*
- Children's Moment** Judy Wilson
- Prayer of Illumination** Jan Roth, liturgist  
**Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**
- A Reading of the Hebrew Bible** Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Jan Roth, liturgist
- Gospel Reading** Mark 12:28-34
- Sermon** *"Back to the Basics"* Pastor Helen
- Recognition of the Saints**  
 The enclosed list includes those who were members of First Presbyterian Church.  
*At the end of the list Helen will ask you to share other names in your family and community who have died this past year..*
- Anthem** *Sine Nomine* Chancel Choir  
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Adrian Hartsough, director  
Andrew Morris, organist
- Prayer of the People**
- Moment for Mission** *Sharing God's Love with Everyone* Jeff Southard
- Offering** Andrew Morris, organist
- \* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*  
*Praise God all creatures here below.*  
*Praise God above ye heav'nly host.*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*
- \* **Prayer of Dedication**
- Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
 Invitation to the Lord's Table  
 Words of institution  
 Communion of the People  
*As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup. We have two stations in front, you will be given a piece of bread and invited to dip the bread into the cup. For those who prefer there will be the availability of an individual cup with the juice. You will partake of communion at the front and then return to your seats by the south side.*  
*Bread and cup will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.*

## 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)

**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**

## \* Hymn

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*  
BEECHER

**Glory to God #761**

## \* Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

\* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

### Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at [firstpreslawrence@gmail.com](mailto:firstpreslawrence@gmail.com)** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership please talk to Pastor Helen.

### Prayer List

#### *Cares, Concerns and Celebrations*

- **Dave Livingood** who was hospitalized with complications from lymphoma.
- **Jim Woelfel** for the death of his daughter, Allegra Dalton.
- **John Hughes** for health concerns.
- **Tim Dutcher, son of Lois and David Dutcher**, has found a kidney donor and we celebrate! The surgery will be November 15th at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN.
- **Susan and Pat** who have health concerns.
- **Kelly Grube** will be at the Mayo Clinic this week having tests and meeting with specialists.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- **Tanja Rounds** is dealing with a brain tumor and is looking at treatment options. Prayers appreciated.

- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for her parents and sister who are dealing with the effects of long covid.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Jane Golden**, a teacher in First 5 Years, is being treated for cancer.
- **Linda Wilson, Carol Fleeger's sister-in-law**, is healing following cancer surgery.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.
- **Prayer for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- **Prayers for those** quietly and privately in need. Those facing surgery or treatments, waiting for more information, living with addiction or mental health issues, and for the caregivers supporting them.

### Sunday Helpers

**Ushers:** Trevor and Claire Lindemyer

**Greeters:** Jan Poulsen, Cherie Elo, Marin Hoover, Hayley Lindemyer

**Securing the Offering:** Jan Roth and Jeff Southard

**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson

**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Margie Dyck

**Communion Servers:** bobbie frances mcdonald, Mark Shiflett, Jeff Southard, Jim Rumsey, Joan Golden, Melinda Fischer

## Deacon Family Groups - 2024

A-Ca Charles Tuttle N-Q Peggy Southard  
Ce-Do Janet Adams Mc-Mz Becky May  
Dr-F Diana Schoneweis R-Si Linda Longino  
G-Ha Larry Schlosser SI-T Russ Heikes  
He-Ko Mary Warren U-Z Allen Macfarlane  
Kr-Ma Lois Dutcher

3:30 pm PW Eve Circle  
6:00 pm Cub Scout Den - Schwaller  
6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting

### November 5

6:00 am General Election Polling Place  
9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
1:00 pm Small World Classes  
4:00 pm Adult Ministry Meeting

## Birthdays in the Congregation

### November 5

Betty Graham  
Larry Cloutman  
Larry Schlosser

### November 8

Roger Carroll  
Jill Bradney

### November 10

Mary Kaye Chandler  
Asa Morrison

### November 6

Vernis Flottman  
Madison McKinney

### November 6

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### November 7

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
1:00 pm Small World Classes

## Calendar

### November 3

9:15 am Children and Youth Sunday School  
9:15 am Kerygma Class on Mark  
10:30 am Worship  
3:30 pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 5621

### November 4

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
1:15 pm Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class

### November 8

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes  
10:00 am Men's Group

### November 9

5:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor

### November 10

9:15 am Sunday School for Children and Youth  
9:15 am Kerygma Study  
10:30 am Worship

## Children and Youth

### • Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 11

## Youth Activities

Friends, we have some wonderful plans for 6-12 grades. Please add to your calendars and invite your friends to join us.

### • November

- MISSION on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will serve lunch at LINKS
- MISSION: the youth will be shopping to provide Christmas gifts for families in need - November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### • December

- SERVICE: The youth will be the readers for the Advent Candle lighting in worship. After worship stay and help Deck the Halls of FPC! Snacks will be provided.
- FUN: youth Christmas Party at the Hoover-Elo house on December 7th

### • January

- Youth Mission project over Winter break
- Winter Youth Retreat – January 19<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am to 6 pm – Watch for more information

## Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of Mark.** The Kerygma study of Mark will be the text. The class will be facilitated by Rod Nitz. Thanks to Rod for being willing to lead the study.
- **Adult Offerings during the week**
  - **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at [cftuttle@gmail.com](mailto:cftuttle@gmail.com).
  - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** - For November 4<sup>th</sup> be talking about "A Family Affair" focused on the story of Hagar and Sarah Genesis 16, 17, and 21 (if you want to put these events in context read Genesis 13-21). The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.