

First Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

11:00 am

All Saints' Sunday



Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

I Stand All Amazed / Be Still My Soul
arr. Kevin G. Pace

Teresa de Freitas

Welcome

Dr. Randy Kirby

* Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth,
worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs,
for it is God who made us, and we are his.

We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Hymn 326

For All the Saints

* Confession of Sin

**God our Father,
if we are honest, we do not always want to pray.
Nor do we want to be still and to listen for your voice.
We see only the here and now
and idolize the powers of this world.
We prefer to pursue our own will,
secure our own resources,
and glorify our own ability.
Open our ears, living one, and teach us to pray.
Not so that we have the right words,
but so that you may encounter us
and transform our lives.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response 583

Glory to God
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message

Meredith Honeycutt

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 6:11-17

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Sermon

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

When We All Get to Heaven
arr. Carol Tornquist

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice
and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Remembrance of Saints

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Be Not

Afraid
Craig Courtney

* Hymn 497

Bread of Life from Heaven
vv 1 and 5

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

"The body of Christ, given for you."

"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Music during Communion

Like a River Glorious
arr. Chris Rice

* Prayer after Communion

Sending to share the Word

* Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Postlude

A Might Fortress is Our God
Gordon Young

The living Christ encounters us in the ordinary elements of Communion. Christ extends the invitation to the Lord's Supper and is open to all – believers and doubters, young children and adults, members and non-members. To highlight this gracious welcome, only non-alcoholic juice is served, and gluten-free bread is available. If you would like to refrain from the feast, you may cross your arms, and a blessing will be offered. If you cannot come forward, a minister will serve you in your seat. If you feel so moved to respond, people often reply with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Jo Ann Franklin
by Richard Franklin.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Everyone affected by Hurricane Helene, Ed Lewis and family, Atticus Hampton (Kathy Sanborn's friend), John Laughlin, John Smith, Jean Wurster, Richard Franklin, Anna Mead

Glenda Askew on the death of her sister, Patsy Hawkins.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Fred Aggers, Bill Baker, Daniel and Amy De Graaf (Dan and Karen De Graaf's son and daughter-in-law), Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Richard Hudson, Tricia Johnson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Doug Lynch (Roxanne Myer's brother-in-law), John McLaughlin, Andy Rowland (Jared Rowland's father), Ryan Snyder, Ebbie Whisenant, Sharon Whittington

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Eric Nianouris, Melody Lee, Jackson Bowden, James Fisher, Randy Kirby, Ryan Snyder, Cristi Musser, Jack Creamer, Bob Coleman, Mary Frances Edens, Joyce Durkee, Jeff Richard, Jesse Tart, Janet Cagle, Sara Lee, Stewart Adams

Anniversaries: Steve and Melissa Butler, Chris and Meredith Poor

Church Life

MINISTRY FOCUS – DEEPLY ROOTED

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers. Children are always welcome in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to wiggle or play, a nursery is available for infants-4 Pre-K. Please see an usher for more information.

Communion Elder: Savannah Lucas

Music: We now have childcare for Sanctuary Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays! Contact Teresa de Freitas at 704-636-1321 to join!

Grow in Friendship: JOY Lunch – Our Just Older Youth group will have lunch at Morgan Ridge Winery on Saturday, November 9, at 12:00, with a wine tasting at 1:00. Please let the church office know you will be attending.

CORE

Staff: Don't assume we know! Your pastors and congregation want to care for you through prayer, visitation, letters, and more, but we can't do that unless you tell us something is going on. Let us love you.

Giving: As of October 31, we have received 142 pledges for a total of \$739,800.00.

BRANCHING OUT

Hurricane Helene Relief: You may still donate monetarily by writing a check to First Pres and noting at the bottom, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Showing Up: The packing party for Christmas Shoeboxes will be held next Sunday, November 10, at 5:00, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun, fellowship, and some pizza! Everyone is invited.

Share: We need church members to join us on the trolley for a fun time in the Salisbury Christmas parade on Wednesday, November 27. Blaine Smith will lead carols. We will need some young people (6 to 8) to walk beside the trolley to hand out goodies and two people to carry our banner. Please contact David Carmichael (704-640-4417).

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Nov 3	8:30	Contemporary Worship: Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
	5:00	Youth
	7:00	RJM Book Study
Nov 4	9:30	MomCo
	10:15	PW Coordinating Team
	11:00	PW Bible Study
	5:30	Showing Up Team
Nov 5	6:00	Youth Team
	10:00	Staff
	7:00	EHD Group
Nov 6	9:00	Yoga
	11:00	Prof Eppheimer's Study
	5:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	5:30	First Kids
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal, RJM Book Study
Nov 7	6:30	Life Center Worship Rehearsal
Nov 9	12:00	JOY @ Morgan Ridge
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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY—2024

*“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me,
even though they die, will live, and everyone
who lives and believes in Me will never die.”*

All Saints' Day celebrates martyrs and saints,
and all God's people, living and dead, who together
form the body of Christ. Below are the names of First Pres members who
have died since All Saints' Day 2023.
We remember them in our prayers today,
and we give thanks for their lives.

Harriet Powell Murphy
March 21, 1933- January 11, 2024

Tim Harper Waugh
March 30, 1954- February 8, 2024

Mary Helen Barnes Repsher
January 2, 1944- February 19, 2024

Rev. Malcolm McLeod Bullock
September 16, 1930- June 19, 2024

Kevin Alexander McKenzie
March 8, 1957- June 13, 2024

Frances Sue Crow Hayworth
December 18, 1931- July 28, 2024

Steven C Hunter
May 6, 1950-August 9, 2024

Dellene Lyerly Markey Gudger
May 19, 1937- September 24, 2024
former Elder

David Robert Midgley
December 17, 1944- October 15, 2024

**Members of First Presbyterian who lost family
from Nov 2023-October 2024**

Donna Ashley, mother, Shirley Sifford
Steve Ashley, brother, Donnie Ashley
Glenda Askew, sister Patsy Hawkins
Tom Bost, brother, Jim Bost
Stephen Bullock, father, Malcolm Bullock
Melissa Butler, brother, Mike Wilson
Billie Bryant, granddaughter, Wendy Gar
Janet Cagle, brother-in-law, Keith Eichhorn
Lauren Fisher, grandmother, Maxine Thomas
Jennifer Flynn, father, Lloyd Baucom
Teresa de Freitas, father, Orlando Barbosa de Freitas
Julie Fuller, mother, Ann Daniels
Cindi Graham, sister, Leigh Graham
Margaret Graham, daughter, Leigh Graham
Ellie Grover, mother, Lois Boyd
Guy Hoskins, mother, Beulah Hoskins Rogers
Jim Hunter, brother, Steve Hunter
Tricia Johnson, father, Jack Hobson
Howard Kessler, sister, Terry Kessler
Nancy Linn, nephew, Charles Wilson
Anne Maxey, mother, Margaret Lewis
Ann Marie Martin, grandfather, Henry W. Mathieu, Jr.
Denise McKenzie, husband, Kevin McKenzie
Libby Moore, mother, Libby Moore
Adriane Morris, father, Kevin McKenzie
Will Paul, grandmother, Harriet Murphy
Carl Repsher, wife, Mary Repsher
Mandi Repsher, mother, Mary Repsher
Tootie Ross, brother, Wesley Boyer
Meredith Rowland, mother, Connie Bridgewater
Kathy Sanborn, brother-in-law, Henry McDuffie
Carol Sayers, daughter, Kelly Vecchio
Joe Sember, brother, John Sember
Jenny Steinman, father, Rodger Lewis Ritter
Andy Storey, mother, Shully Storey
Bekah Summitt, grandmother, Lenda Westmoreland
Brian Taylor, father, Andy Taylor
Glenn Thomason, brother, Royce Van Thomason
Sue Weddington, brother, John Weddington
Lynn Weisler, mother, Shirley Hodge
Dan Williams, sister, Claudette Williams
Carol Worthy, cousins, Ronnie, Dave, and Wayne Boyer