

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

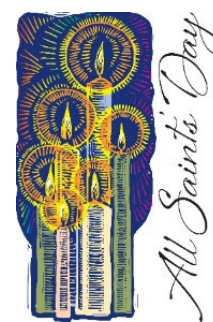
All Saints Sunday

Communion Sunday

November 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. In-person

10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Service



GATHER

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

* Please stand if you are able

Please remember to turn your cell phones to silent.

*This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet,
and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.*

*For our online congregation - Let us know you are here! Post a greeting!
And remember that you can place a request in the Prayer Journal
in the comments on both YouTube and Facebook Live.*

Prelude

Deep River

Trad. Spiritual, arr. M. Hayes

Lighting the Christ Candle

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

Call to Worship

Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John:

I saw a new heaven and a new earth!

The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

**Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God
out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.**

A great voice thundered from heaven:

"See, God is making God's home with mortals!

God will live with them. They will be God's people.

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain.

All of this – gone forever!"

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

* **Hymn 326**

For All the Saints
(see next page for hymn)

Sine Nomine

For All the Saints



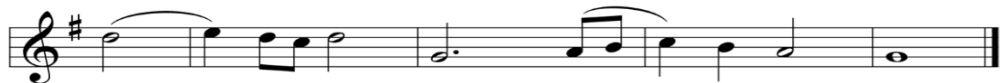
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



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!

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! *to stanza 4*



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.

Call to Confession

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.

(A time of silence is kept during which individual confessions may be offered.)

Assurance of Grace

* Response of Praise 647

Give Thanks

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;
give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give
Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the
poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for
us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*** Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Let us welcome one another in peace.

*(We share peace with a nod or a bow, perhaps with hand on heart
or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace. If worshipping from home,
greet each other by sending a text, a wave or comment on Facebook or YouTube.)*

*** Response of Peace 764**

For the Troubles
and the Sufferings
(chorus only)

Pelas Dores Deste Mundo

We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
We pray for power, the power that will sus -

comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom

1 Em Em A9 2 Em7 A7 D
brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!

Words of Welcome

*Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information on the
Visitor Card in the pew rack! Place the Visitor Card in the offering plate.*

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Rev. 21:1-6 (10:30 Only)

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;

4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6**Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.

Parents can pick up their children following worship.

(It is the church's policy to not put images of children on the livestream.)

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.

Second Lesson: John 11:32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Messages From The Dead

Kenneth Page

(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)

RESPOND AND SERVE

*** Hymn 517**

Here, O Our Lord, We See You
(see next page for hymn)

Morecambe

Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

Concerns and Remembrances

The Offering

8:30am Offertory	Shall We Gather at the River	<i>arr. Joel Raney</i>
10:30 am Offertory	Shall We Gather at the River	arr. John Carter

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table *Kenneth Page*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[The prayer continues and concludes with this prayer:]

God in heaven, your name is to be honored.

**May your new community of hope be realized
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today the essentials of life.

**Release us from our wrongdoing
as we also release those who wrong us.**

**Do not test us beyond our enduring;
save us from all that is evil.**

**For you embrace justice, love and peace,
now and to the end of time.**

Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Communion Music For All the Saints *arr. Pepper Choplin*

Communion of the People

*We will receive communion this morning
by passing the bread and cup to one another in the pew.
Gluten-free crackers are in the center of the bread tray.
The trays will have red wine and white grape juice.*

*Our tradition is to eat the bread as it comes to you,
and then to hold the cup so we may commune together.*

Prayer After Communion

SEND AND BLESS

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Moment for Administration & Facilities

Moment for Stewardship

Moment for Mission

*** Hymn 384**

Soon and Very Soon
(see next page for hymn)

Fire 400 Campaign

Annual Response Program

Warm for Winter

Soon and Very Soon

384 Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

Recessional

Oh When the Saints

Traditional

Korgen Lunt, Evan XXX, Callum McGillivray-Stubbs, *trombones*

*During the hymn the congregation will be recessing
to the Memorial Garden for a rededication.*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

If your infant or child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Flash photography during worship is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If you are new to First Church

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Disabled persons entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. Please speak with Pastor Ken or call the church office to set a time to meet.

Visitors: You may be wondering why we are worshipping cramped into a small hall. We had a fire in July 2025 and the Sanctuary and our Fellowship Hall are being reconstructed. Our worship of God and service of God's people continue and we are delighted to have you join us.

Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, www.firstpreshc.org for more info.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County is a congregation of
the Presbytery of Baltimore in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

✦ We are an Earth Care Congregation ✦

✦ We are a Matthew 25 Congregation ✦

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