



November 1, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good

People: happy are those who take refuge in God.

Leader: With hearts and hands and voices,

People: let us praise the Lord.

Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom

People: and thanksgiving and honor

Leader: and power and might

People: be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life.

You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your kingdom to come when Christ makes all things new. In the mighty name of our Savior we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" Hymnal 299

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages

past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

SCRIPTURES

Joshua 3:7-17

Matthew 5:1-12

1 John 3:1-3

Revelation 7:9-17

MESSAGE **Thriving in Spite of Everything ~ Remembering Our Saints**

Rev. Piper Cartland

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Leader: On All Saints Day we remember our beloved dead, lost to COVID-19 and so many from other causes.

People: We are reminded on this All Saints Sunday that each one who died was a beloved human soul with a name, a story, friends, and family. As Christians, it is right to communally remember their lives and grieve their deaths.

Leader: O God, today we remember all your saints and servants, all the high and holy ones who have been shining lights in the world.

People: We give you thanks for them.

Leader: We remember the meek and lowly ones who held fast to their faith in times of trial.

People: We give you thanks for them.

Leader: We remember those who died alone in quarantine, unable to say final goodbyes to loved ones.

People: We give you thanks for them. May they find peace among the great cloud of saints.

Leader: We remember the elderly for whom this plague was simply too great to overcome.

People: We give you thanks for their faithfulness, wisdom, and care throughout all the seasons of their lives.

Leader: We remember the young who were in their prime, and who have left so much work undone.

People: We give you thanks for all they were; mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and friends.

Leader: We remember those health care workers who paid the ultimate price while caring for others.

People: There is no greater love than this: that a person would lay down their life for the sake of others.

Leader: Finally, we remember those whom we have known and loved and lost this year, who we now name before you:

People: We give you thanks for their love and obedience, their steadfast hope and patience.

All: On this All Saints Sunday we name, honor, and remember. Grant us grace, O God, to follow in their footsteps that we may at last share with them in the inheritance of all the saints in light. Pour out your healing on our bodies, minds, and souls. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN "For All the Saints" Hymnal 326 v.1-3

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S

PRAYER (we say *sin*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

GOING INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

"For All the Saints"

Hymnal 326 v.4,5

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The **prayer deacon** this week is Abbie Spencer. You can email or text her any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will meet this week at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

We are collecting gravy packets and boxes of stuffing for the **Thanksgiving blessing**. So far, we have 31 boxes of stuffing and 41 gravy packets. Our goal is 100 of each. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Items can be dropped off during office hours, M-F, 9-1.

The **Mail for Our Military** campaign is underway. Each year we contribute uplifting Christmas cards that will be sent to our military members stationed overseas. We have a limited amount here in the office (most are in storage right now), but you are welcome to come and take some home to write messages. Or you can buy your own box of cards--no glitter please! The deadline to return cards to the office is November 13.

Lay leaders are needed to read the Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and the Psalm. Please let Piper know if you can record readings for the online service.

We are still collecting warm clothing for **Hiland Mountain Correctional Center** for women who are in the process of being released from incarceration. Thanks to all who have donated so far-we have been able to take 6 bags of clothing to the prison!

The trustees need volunteers for several mini-projects in the church building. Visit www.erpresbyterian.org and go to the Construction Update tab to see the requests. If you are able to help, please contact the office or Dale Berry.

Please remember to visit the **“Ways to Give”** tab on the church website: www.erpresbyterian.org

- 1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website.
- 2) Visit your local bank or your bank’s website and set up a recurring electronic payment.
- 3) Checks can be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.