

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Day

November 5, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of all,
Lamb of salvation and Shepherd of your people,
We long for the day when trials are ended,
When hunger and thirst will cease,
And when sorrow and suffering will be no more.
Until that day,
Guide us by your Word and Spirit,
That we may find our place among the saints,
Whose very lives proclaim your promise;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Saints

David Thorne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

O magnify the lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

**Salvation belongs to our God,
Who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happiness comes to those
who take refuge in the Lord.

**Salvation belongs to our God,
Who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

The Lord redeems the life of the faithful;
none who take refuge in God will see punishment.

**Salvation belongs to our God,
Who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

**Gathered in the presence of all the saints,
let us worship the God of our salvation.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

For All the Saints

Hymnal, No. 326

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us offer our prayer of confession.

**God of eternal life,
we gather in gratitude
for all the saints of the ages and our lives.**

**We also confess our sorrow
as we ache from their absence.**

**We hear you call us blessed when we mourn,
but we do not find the comfort you promise.**

**Be with us in our remembrance
and strengthen us until the day we join them,
singing your praises in the great multitude.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Julie Forthman

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

ANTHEM

His Eye is on the Sparrow

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Page No. 785

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In Memory and in Hope

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Hymnal, No. 727

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith
are set right with God
and commissioned to serve
as God's reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.**

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Joining all the saints, **we lift our prayer before your throne.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm Hymnal, No. 731

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Postlude on Sine Nomine Paul L. Wright

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **October are laundry soap and towels (used is fine). Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Next Sunday, Nov. 12 we will have our annual Thanksgiving Potluck. You may sign up for the food to bring in the hallway or just bring something to share. All are welcome!

For All the Saints



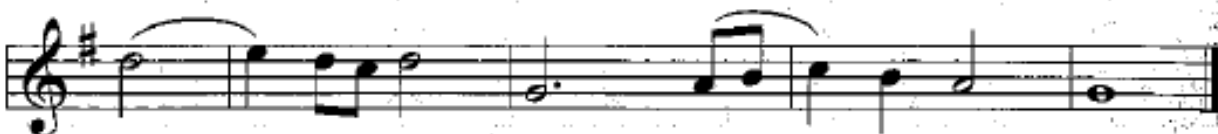
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feeble struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, 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

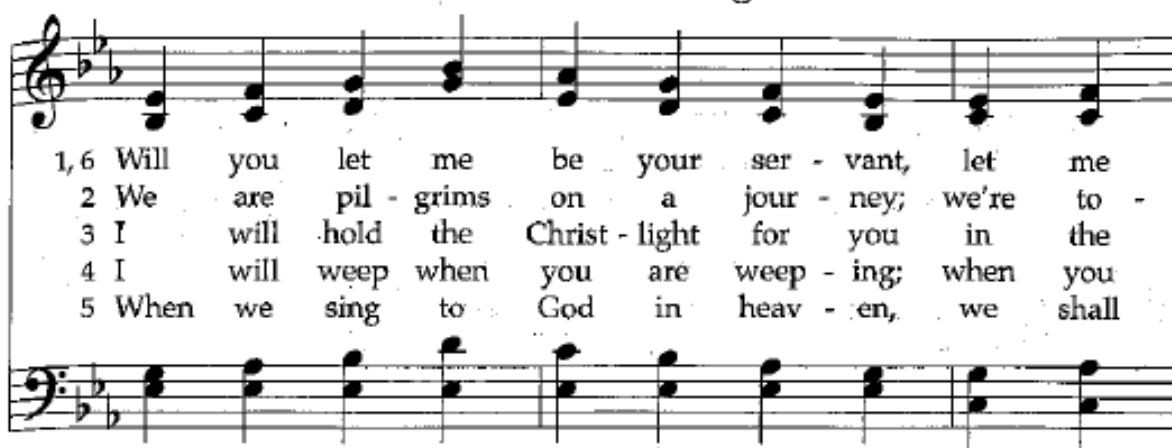
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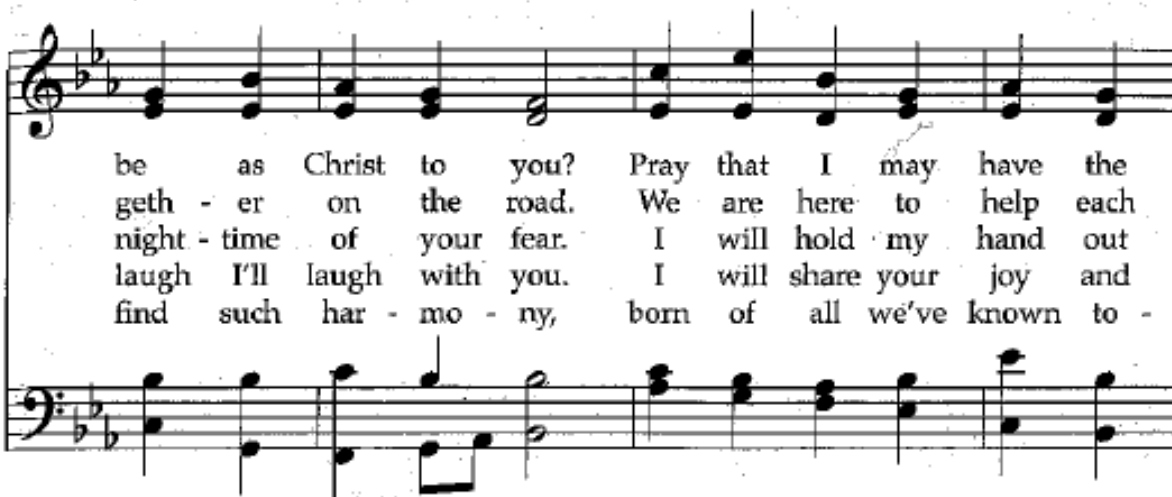
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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D)

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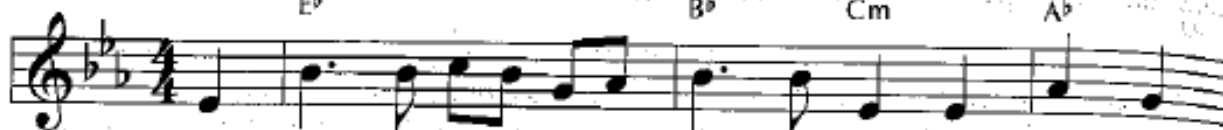
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(Bm)

Cm

(G)

A^b

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D)

E^b

(A)

B^b

(D)

E^b

(G)

A^b

(Em)

Fm

(A)

(F#m)

Gm



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm)

Cm

(G)

A^b

(Em)

Fm

(A7)

B^b7

(D)

E^b

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7)

B^b7

(B)

C

(Em)

Fm

(G) (A7)

A^bB^b7

(D)

E^b

ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a Bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.