

All Saints Sunday



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance
November 5, 2023 - All Saints Sunday
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***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Defiance.
As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday & Thursday: Coat sorting at 10 am.

This Month is WeKirk Food Drive: Please bring your gifts to the craft room or food basket.

Wednesday, Nov. 8: Evening Fellowship Meal, serving begins at 5:30 pm. WeKirk and Youth meet. Finance Committee meets after dinner.

Sunday, Nov. 12: Thank Offering Sunday. Plan to stay for coffee hour and PW&F bazaar.

Monday, Nov. 13, 12:30 pm: Presbyterian Women and Friends

Sunday, Nov. 19: Stewardship Sunday. Please send in your pledge card as soon as possible if you haven't already.

GATHER

PRELUDE

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Blessed are those who know their need for God,

P: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: Blessed are those who mourn,

P: they shall be comforted.

L: Blessed are the pure in heart,

P: they shall see God!

L: We are the salt of the earth!

P: We are light for the world!

L: Let us celebrate our faith and proclaim it!

***HYMN 326**

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we can be 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.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Please share Christ's peace with one another

***HYMN 582**

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

HEAR

WeKIRK WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12

SERMON

BLESSED ARE...

RESPOND

HYMN 172

BLEST ARE THEY

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**JUDY ROCHESTER, TIM HUTCHINSON,
VIC DUNLAP, NANCY JEHANYAR, FLOYD CULVER**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Thank you for your gifts to the church. Please remember to return your pledge card to the church this month. Reminder, on communion Sundays, 1/2 of the loose offering is received for the work of the Deacons.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

As you come forward to receive communion, take time to light a candle in remembrance of your saints in light.

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYER

SCATTER TO SERVE

HYMN 852

WHEN THE LORD REDEEMS THE VERY LEAST

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

God be in your head and in your understanding. God be in your eyes and in your looking, in your ears and in your hearing, in your mouth and in your speaking. God be in your heart and in your thinking. God be at your end, and at your departing. And today, as you go forward in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Liturgy adapted from the Book of Common Worship and Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Craig Richards, Marty Retcher, Larry Bates, Joy Reid, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler and her daughter, Helen, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Nancy Black, Karen Barber, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Liat & Aviv and all who are missing out of Israel, and all those seeking refuge in/from Gaza.