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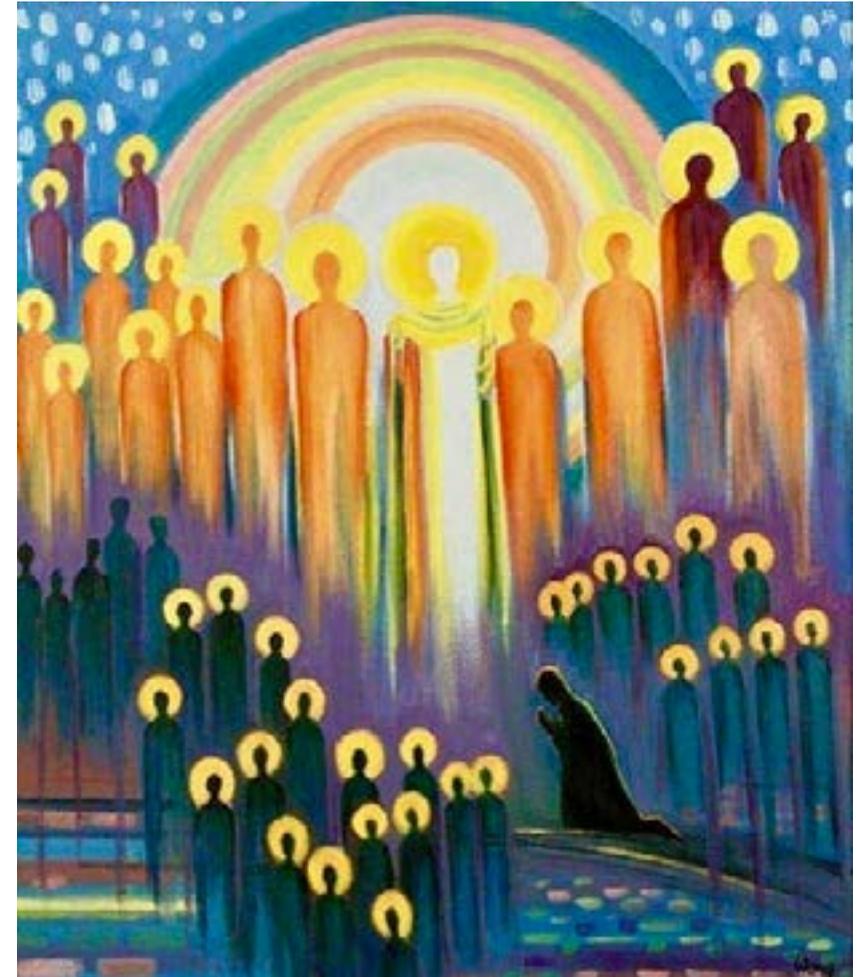
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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
November 7, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



All Saints
Elizabeth Wang



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GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2* Brahms

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: See how God loves us!

All: **God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.**

One: See how Christ loves us!

All: **Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.**

One: See how the Spirit loves us!

All: **The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.**

* HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we have placed our only hope in the things we can see and touch, and have denied ourselves that greater hope in the glory of things unseen, Lord have mercy. If we have chosen to grieve our losses with the bitterness of those who weep without hope or faith, Christ have mercy. If we have put the saints on pious pedestals, and disregarded our own capacity to grow in the love of God, Lord have mercy. Thank you for the many saints you have sent to inspire us. Thank you for the promise that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

Visit the Virtual Art Exhibit, "The Peace of the Earth" by local Ann Arbor Artist, Joan Cohen Jones. The exhibit is found at www.fPCA2art.org.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. Would you like prayer for yourself or others? Use this form by Sunday evening: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-request/>. If you would like to join this group, email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee meets weekly and is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>. We may be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fauré *Requiem* will be presented this afternoon at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.
All are invited.

Resident Minister Megan Berry will be ordained today, Sunday, November 7. All are invited to attend the service as it is live-streamed from Megan's home church in Missouri at 4:00 p.m. EST. You may access the live-stream here: <https://fb.me/e/2qJy0jcb1>.

Mature Singles meet on Friday nights. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

A Hope Clinic and First Pres Thanksgiving. This year for Thanksgiving we are donating bags of food to Hope Clinic. Please visit the Social Hall to get a list of the food that goes into the bags. Your bag is due back to the Social Hall by 3:00 p.m. on November 19.

The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room, for coffee, study, and conversation. This fall, we will read *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466.

Journeys, a Bible Study for women, meets virtually on the first and third Thursdays of the month through December from 11:30 to 1:00. Remaining dates this fall are November 18, December 2, and December 16. We're studying the book of Acts and incorporating art and poetry to tease out fresh modern perspectives about the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. For more details contact Resident Minister and facilitator, Matthew Warfield, at mwarfield@firstpresbyterian.org or Coordinator, Beth Gerwig at bgerwig@comcast.net.

Expand Your Faith with Presbyterian Women. There are several monthly Bible studies that all women of the church are welcome to attend.

Join in one of two Horizons Bible Studies on Thursday, November 11. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room (or on Zoom) and afterward join Mature Ministries expanded Lunch & Learn program. Are evenings better for you? Join Jenna Mares at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room (or on Zoom). Both studies use the book *What My Grandmothers Taught Me - Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Need a book? Contact Peggy Hodgson at peggyhodgson@comcast.net.

Meg Brown hosts a William Barclay Commentary Bible Study in her home every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. This group is studying Paul's "Letters to the Ephesians & Galatians." Contact Meg (lmegbrown@gmail.com) for more information.

Women: Stay Connected! PW sends out timely information in email blasts. Contact Meg Brown (lmegbrown@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 475, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (NETTLETON).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1–6a
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 11:32–44
The grass withers, the flower fades; **the word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis*

Agnus Dei from Requiem
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
give them rest.
Let light eternal shine on them, Lord,
with your saints for eternity,
for you are merciful.
give them eternal rest, Lord,
and let light always shine on them.

G. Fauré

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

Please see the Communion Card.

Communion Music

Free Improvisation

SENDING

* HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...with **Open Hearts!**

Let us Learn...with **Open Minds!**

Let us Serve...with **Open Arms!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Theme from Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

All Saints' Sunday is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, and for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation. We are reminded that God was with the faithful of the past and we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context we commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

The Call to Worship is by Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*. **The Prayer of Confession** is adapted from Bruce D. Prewer.

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Hannah Lundberg; Scripture Reader – Dan Mitas; Preacher – Matthew Warfield; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Deanne Woodruff; Communion Servers – Michele Derr and Cheryl Gulbranson

Use the offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code on the right.



Join us for Coffee Hour on the Monteith Terrace following the Closing Voluntary. Cookie bakers are Anne Andrus, Eleonora Charlson, Ginny Horan, and Nancy Tena.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

The Bible at 11 o'clock

Does not meet this week. Join us next Sunday!

Exploring the Faith

Class does not meet today. Join us next week.

First Friends (Lewis Room)

Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution. Video (second part). In the early 1970s, teenagers with disabilities faced a future shaped by isolation, discrimination and institutionalization. This 2020 documentary tells of a summer camp for teenagers with disabilities that transformed their lives and ignited a landmark movement.

FAITH FORMATION LATER TODAY

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. All in their twenties and thirties are welcome to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, email t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org.