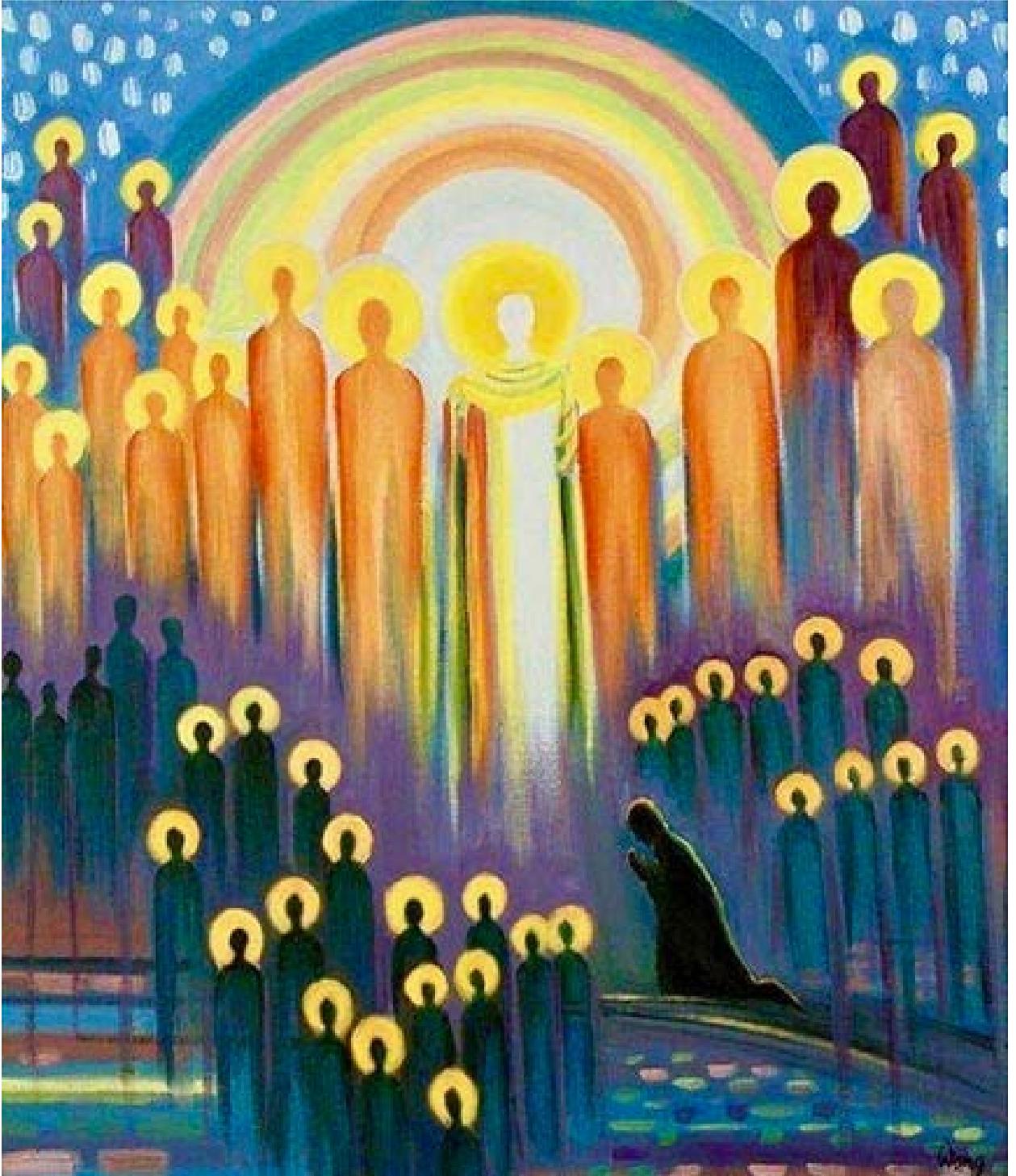


ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2021 • 9:30 a.m.



All Saints
Elizabeth Wang



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Ann Arbor | Michigan

Making God's Love Visible

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

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.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Nimrod from Enigma Variations*

Sir Edward Elgar

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."

* 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.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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 from *Requiem*

G. Fauré

Chancel Choir

*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*

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Commemoration and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story*, "Speak Up, Jeremiah," is found on page 148.

Worship Lab, a hands-on experience for our youngest disciples, is a place where children can ask questions and dig deeper into the various parts of Presbyterian Worship. Children will learn what they have to offer to worship as they discover and understand their place in the Body of Christ on Sunday mornings. Worship Lab immediately follows A Conversation with Young Disciples.

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

Ways to give: click [online at our First Pres website...](#) via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty. . . . We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember as we stand before you now.

Sue Smith Aiken	Beverly Frommert	Eugene W. Nissen *
Albert F. Anderson	Obed Gaytan	Robert Nissley
Kathy Ashton-Miller *	Deena Giriappa	Marc Olson
Kathryn Baird *	Richard E. Glidden	Jane Zylstra Ophoff *
Timothy Baker	Michelle Grambeau	Lucienne Osborn *
Alice Ilene Beery	James Haag	Linda Mason Pace *
Suzanne Irene Beery	Alice Haidostian	John Panning
Katrina (Katie) Beery *	Marilyn E. Harris	Lynn Parker *
Charlene R. Bentley	Candace K. Hiller	Ann Pawloski
Luis Bernal	Arthur Clark Hodgson	Evelyn Pickard *
Kevin Binkley	Susan Humphrey	Alexander Pierce
Rob Boehnke	Sara Jane Humphries	Zachary R. Podkul
Robert Brandon	Meredyth Jones *	Stan Pyett *
Marjorie Brumitt	Barbara Jane Kansteiner	Claude S. Rebeck
Richard Buchanan	Mary Karr	Charles "Chuck" Reinhart *
David Burns *	Ivy Pearl Knibbs	Alice Rembacki
Eden Castellanos	Martha Krehbiel *	Lenore Rhodes
Priscilla Chance *	Robert Kunec	Eugene Rigotti
Ronda Claar	Elizabeth Langford *	Elga Rohrer
Joan Clauss *	Bob Larson *	Claudia Ruiz
Susan Jones Collins	Mary Layher *	Gregory Rummel
Dorothy Irene Colvin	Julie R. Lewis	Stephen Schifano
Rev. Paul Cross *	Julian R. Livingston	Rose Scott
Martha (Marti) Dalley *	Mary Patt Livingston	Joel Shepherd
John Davenport	James Lombard *	Zona Smaltz
Julie Deacon	Cheryl MacKrell	Vernett Smith
Peg DeMint	Anne Marshall *	Dick Snyder
Laura Detwyler	Judith Moran Martin	Betty Nixon Spurway
Charles Rogers Doering *	Helen J. Martz	Jan Stephens *
Father Timothy Dombrowski	April Mather	Ruth Stoeffler
Lee Driscoll	Arthur McCall	Arline Johnson Taylor
Barbara Edwards	Trudy Medwed-Keizer	John August "Jack" Tomtishen
Fred Ellicott	Jesse D. Michalak	Diane Warner
Frank Oliver Emig	Leslie Franklin Mills	James Arthur Weeks
Helen Emmons *	Charles Edward Morgan	Margot C. Wei
Marion Enners	David Thompson Morgan	Marian S. West *
Thomas Files	Glenn Curtis Morrison	Joseph Derek Wilhelm
Peggy Fisher *	Clarence Dorsey Mount, Jr.	Zachary Stockwell Wilson
Ruth Chapin Fort	Richard Peter Mueller	Brock Charles Wolf

* First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor Member

Prayer of Commemoration and the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Light, Immortal Love, we bless your name for these and all your servants who have kept the faith and finished the race. Help us abide in their fellowship and follow their example of faithfulness, that, with them, we may share the feast that Christ has prepared. This we pray in the name of our risen Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying: 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem* G. Fauré
Imani Mchunu, soloist
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem Merciful Jesus, Lord, give them rest,
dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem. give them rest, eternal rest.

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, thank you for uniting us with one another and feeding us in this meal. You call us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, to be faithful through the years, and to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love, trusting wholly in you. We ask it through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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 *Organ Fantasy on "Sine Nomine"*
R. Vaughan-Williams, arr. Howard Thatcher

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the closing voluntary.

Children's Choir will rehearse today at 10:30. Please meet Ms. Powell at the pulpit door.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are worshiping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, either click <https://bit.ly/2Rlig2l> to let us know that you joined us for worship today or sign the pad on our website.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Hannah Lundberg; Liturgists – Matthew Warfield and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Maverick Musser; Children's Message – Hannah Lundberg; Preacher – Melissa Anne Rogers; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Greeters – Barbara DeLancey, Betsy McCallister, and Nelly Petrock; Ushers – Len Rezmierski (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Clem Gill, Keith Molin, Beth Sanderford, and Joe Schmidt

Chancel flowers are given by Nancy Fox on this All Saints' Sunday in loving memory of all the Loved Ones Lost.

Today our Chancel is filled with beautiful yellow mums as we recognize our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past twelve months. Following the service, these flowers will be distributed by our Deacons to members who are grieving.

First Sundays: All Saints' Community Celebration is today, Sunday, November 7. Join us in the Social Hall immediately following the Closing Voluntary of the worship service for an extended Social Hour where we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday with two community events. We invite congregation members to add a name to our wall of Saints, and light a candle in remembrance and prayer. Cookie bakers are Anne Andrus, Eleonora Charlson, Ginny Horan, and Nancy Tena. Cookies are packaged to take with you.

Today is Communion Sunday. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Financial contributions and food donations throughout the month of November will be overseen by Campus Ministry. Monetary donations will be sent to Washtenaw Community College Student Emergency Fund which provides food cards to needy students. Donated foodstuffs will be given to Community Action Network (C.A.N.).

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Jeanette Kibler and Betsy McCallister. "Real prayer comes not from gritting our teeth but from falling in love." — Richard Foster

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES 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

Youth Group meets this evening. Contact Rev. Mares for more information (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

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.

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>.

Greetings, College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

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, ext. 340.

Journeys, a Bible Study for women, meets via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>) 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 is hosting the ever-popular 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 address details and a schedule of this year's inspiring study.

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

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

We have an opportunity for ministry at Alpha House! During the week of November 8–14, First Pres will support guests at Alpha House, a shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness. Sign up is available online and a sign-up board is available during Coffee Hour. Direct questions to Ruth Jensen (ruthannjensen@gmail.com), Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com), or Anne Gere (argere@umich.edu).

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. For those in worship today, to share a prayer today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

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. If you want to learn more about the event, check out this page on Hope Clinic's webpage: <https://thehopeclinic.org/thanksgiving-2021>.



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