FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Traditional Service
All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude on "*Wie wohl is mir, O Freund der Seelen*", op. 65 Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What is our mission?
All: To welcome an inclusive and joyful community of Christ's followers
One: into actively exploring how God's gracious love
All: gives meaning to our lives and faith and inspires us to address the needs of our changing world.
One: Through our learning, service, and grateful worship,
All: God fills us with purpose, compassion, courage, and love.
One: Let us worship a living, loving God with gratitude and generosity!
All: Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN #526
For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Please stand if you are able.

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who provides, we confess that we are captive to greed, mistrust, and despair. We cannot free ourselves from habits of hoarding and complaining. God who remembers, we fear our neighbor's need and forget our dependence on you. We spoil the gift of daily bread. God who delivers, we repent of seeing only scarcity and worrying about what we lack. We plead for your presence: forgive us, set us free, and teach us your generous ways.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-21 Linda Filipovits
Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton
"A Future with Hope: Promise of Guidance"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN #210
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

2 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

3 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

4 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

5 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STEWARDSHIP STORY

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory The Morning Star — Paul Sjolund

Chancel Choir

You speak to our times, O Lord,
As one who knows the longings, the sorrows,
The temptations of this world.
You reach for us across the pages of your word;
You beckon in the still silent loneliness of night.

You call thru' the whirling pace of day;
And to those who will hear, you will fill with
the power of your spirit.
And make strong like the towers of steel.

You will comfort like a mother caressing her
child,
You will guide like a father directing his son.
You share with us the laughter and the joy of
our youth,
And the quiet thoughts of age

And to those who will come,
And to those who listen, who will follow,
Who will walk in faith.
You will give them the Morning Star!

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise…

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music Interlude on "*O Gott, Du frommer Gott*" arr. Flor Peeters

*SENDING HYMN #554

Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BuxWV 139 Dietrich Buxtehude

Flowers given by Jane Masters in remembrance of Don Masters