

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

All Saints Day

Digital Traditional Service

November 1, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

setting Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,
Delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
A little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
All creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Jesus taught his disciples, “blessed are the poor in spirit.” But when we are poor in spirit, we often try to make our own blessings by being rich in things, or busyness, or entertainment, or even denial. Help us to hear and believe Christ’s promise that when we are poor in spirit, we are blessed not by anything we do, but by the power of your grace and love that find us and fill us when we need them most. And when we are found and filled, give us the strength and courage to share your grace and love with others in need, so we may help build your kingdom as your servants.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC God So Loved the World

John Stainer

FPCB Chancel Choir - Our First “Virtual Choir” Anthem!

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Hardly Getting Over It”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#505

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

2 There sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "O Rest in the Lord", from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn
Lauren Curnow Madigan, Mezzo-soprano

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy hearts desires.
Commit thy way to Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 now we pray:

COMMUNION PRAYER

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

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

Communio

Sigfried Karg-Elert

CLOSING HYMN

#540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

1 God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Strike death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in D

Healey Willan