

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God who guides us,
you ask us to give our whole selves to you,
but we live in a world
that claims we should hold different priorities.
As we seek faithfulness
amidst all that demands our attention and affection,
teach us what it means
to be centered in your love. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Sine Nomine

Charles Challahan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

A wandering people
wondered what their new life would be like,
and Moses said:

You shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Generations later,
leaders argued over which rules were most important,
and Jesus reminded them:

You shall love the Lord with all your soul.

And in this world that so often feels broken,
we recognize God's call:

You shall love the Lord with all your might.

With heart, soul, and might, let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hymnal, No.730

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

This is the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18

Page No. 210

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

Page No. 825

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Love is the Answer

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Hymnal, No. 833

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor
to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.
His life in behalf of others
led to persecution and death.
He commanded his disciples to live the same way.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives that recognize all people in all cultures
as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us
to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.
It is part of our discipline
to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury
that threaten our neighbor's survival.
We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain
which love involves.**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM See the Bread

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG For All the Saints Hymnal, No. 326

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Fall Festival Albert Eriks

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 10: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

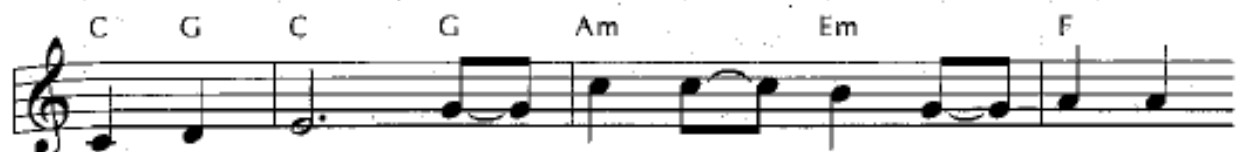
The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are hand warmers and scarves.
Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

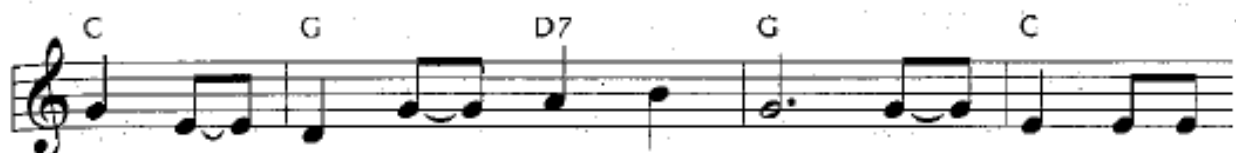
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in




on the green: they were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.


O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feeblely struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



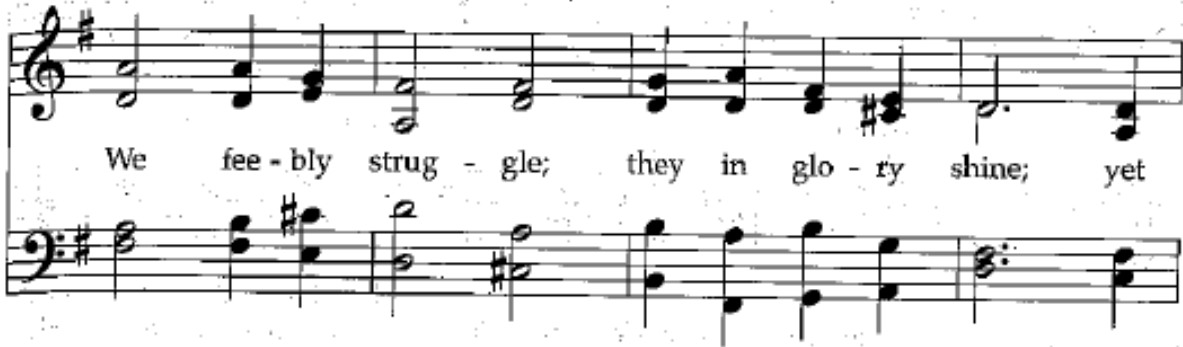
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



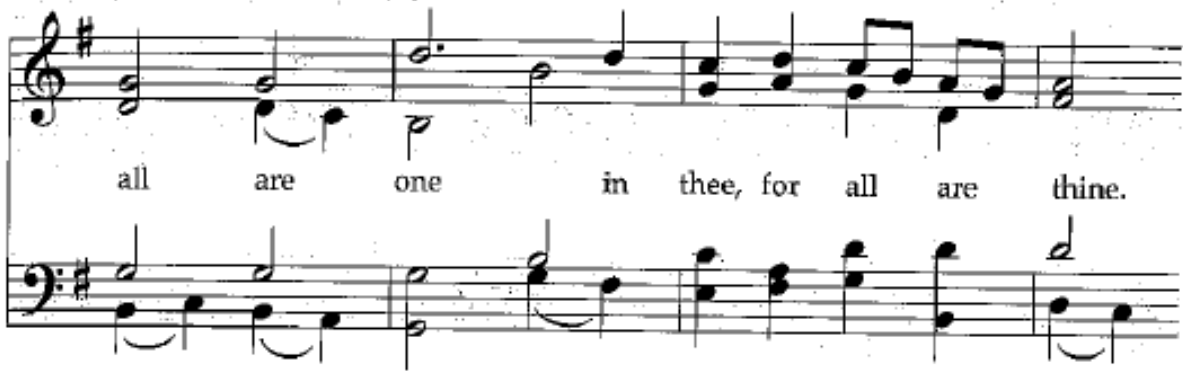
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4.*